

City of Philadelphia



Philadelphia, September 11, 2003

CERTIFICATION: This is to certify that Bill No. 020760, was presented to the Mayor on the fifth day of June, 2003, and was not returned to the Council with his signature at a meeting held September 11, 2003 (being more than ten days after it has been presented to him).

THEREFORE, Pursuant to the provisions of section 2-202 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, the ordinance becomes effective as if the Mayor had approved it.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Rafferty".

Patricia Rafferty
Chief Clerk of the City Council

(Bill No. 020760)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 14-1600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Miscellaneous," by adding a new section prohibiting the demolition of buildings or other structures located within the area bounded on the north by the south side of Callowhill street, on the west by the west side of Fifth street, on the south by the north side of Walnut street, and on the east by the Delaware River, and within the area bounded on the north by the north side of Wood street, on the east by Fifth street, on the south by the south side of Vine street, and on the east by the west side of Randolph street, and providing that such prohibition shall expire after a specified period of time, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 14-1600 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 14-1600. MISCELLANEOUS

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BILL NO. 020760 continued

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§14-1621. [Reserved.] *Demolition Moratorium in Old City.*

(1) *Definition. For purposes of this Section, "Old City" shall include all properties within the following boundary: beginning at Fifth Street where it intersects with Chestnut Street, continuing north along Fifth Street to Vine Street, then west on Vine Street to Randolph Street, north on Randolph Street to Wood Street, east on Wood Street to Second Street, south on Second Street to Vine Street, east on Vine Street to I-95, south on I-95 to Walnut Street, west on Walnut Street to Second Street, north on Second Street to Chestnut Street, and west on Chestnut Street to the beginning point at Fifth Street.*

(2) *No demolition of any building or other structure within Old City shall be permitted, unless (i) such demolition is necessary to abate an imminently dangerous condition as determined by the Department of Licenses and Inspections, (ii) a building permit for such demolition is obtained in accordance with all provisions of §14-2007(7) and the regulations issued pursuant to that Section, applying those provisions as if Old City were a designated historic district, or (iii) either a zoning and use registration permit for such demolition or a building permit for such demolition was issued prior to December 5, 2002, in which case the provisions of the foregoing clause (ii) shall not apply.*

SECTION 2. The provisions of this Ordinance shall expire at the earlier of (a) six months after this Ordinance became law; or (b) when the Philadelphia Historical Commission has, pursuant to Section 14-2007(6)(b) of The Philadelphia Code, sent written notice to owners of the proposed designation of an historic district that includes at least 50% of the area of "Old City" as defined in Section 1 of this Ordinance.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.