



# City of Philadelphia

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**BILL NO. 250718**

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**Councilmember Young for Council President Johnson**

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**Referred to the  
Committee on Streets and Services**

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## **AN ORDINANCE**

Amending Chapter 12-900 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled “Parking Regulations and Penalties,” to confirm regulations adopted by the Department of Streets that establish and revise time-limited and other rules restricting parking, stopping and standing, including the establishment of time-restricted loading zones, in the Center City area, bounded by Spring Garden street, the Schuylkill River, Bainbridge street and the Delaware River; and to reauthorize changes and additions to such parking rules in the Center City area by the Department of Streets on an ongoing basis; all under certain terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, Center City is characterized by high density, significant pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular activity, and complex traffic patterns, and it is therefore prudent to reestablish the Streets Department’s broad discretion in regulating on-street parking, stopping and standing, including determining the location of loading zones, to ensure safety, accessibility, and operational efficiency; now, therefore,

*THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

SECTION 1. Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

### TITLE 12. TRAFFIC CODE

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### CHAPTER 12-900. PARKING REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES

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*§ 12-926. Center City Parking Regulations.*

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(1) *Definitions.*

(a) *The “Center City Area” is the area bounded by Spring Garden street (extended), the Schuylkill River, Bainbridge street (extended) and the Delaware River, inclusive of both sides of any boundary streets.*

(2) *Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, including Code subsections 12-2711(2) and 12-905(1), all regulations of the Department of Streets for the Center City area, and all amendments to such regulations, which establish and revise time-limited and other rules restricting parking, stopping and standing, including the establishment of loading zones, are hereby confirmed and reestablished hereby.*

(3) *The Department of Streets is hereby re-authorized to revise and amend any of the regulations addressed in subsection 12-926(2) by regulation on an ongoing basis, including changing the type of parking prohibition or restriction at any particular location, establishing restrictions and prohibitions with respect to streets and locations where no previous regulations have existed and establishing new categories or types of parking restriction not already identified in this Code or in existing regulation, all notwithstanding anything in the Code to the contrary. Council has therefore delegated hereby its full authority with respect to making rules concerning on-street parking, stopping and standing in the Center City area to the Department of Streets.*

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance will take effect immediately.