



# City of Philadelphia

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**Councilmember Sanchez**

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**Referred to the  
Committee on Public Property and Public Works**

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## **AN ORDINANCE**

Amending Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Vacant and Surplus Properties," by providing additional requirements for the disposition of properties pursuant to that Chapter, under certain terms and conditions.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 16-400 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

### CHAPTER 16-400. VACANT AND SURPLUS PROPERTIES.

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§16-404. The Vacant Property Review Committee.

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(4) The Vacant Property Review Committee shall determine what City surplus properties are suitable to effectuate the purposes of this Chapter and shall give its recommendation to the Commissioner of Public Property that these properties be made available for disposition in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. *At least thirty (30) days before it makes such determination with respect to any property, the Vacant Property Review Committee shall provide written notice to the Councilmember who represents the district in which the property is located that it is considering whether to recommend that such property be made available for disposition. Such written notice shall include a copy of the application for the property and all other documents relating*

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*to the property in the possession of the Vacant Property Review Committee. The Vacant Property Review Committee shall provide the Commissioner of Public Property with a copy of such notice at the time it gives its recommendation to the Commissioner. If the Vacant Property Review Committee fails to provide such timely notice with respect to any property, then (i) the Vacant Property Review Committee shall not be authorized to make any recommendation to the Commissioner of Public Property with respect to that property; and (ii) the Commissioner of Public Property shall not be authorized to convey such property without the further express authorization of the Council by ordinance or resolution, and nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to constitute such authorization.*

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## §16-405. Transfer of Title.

(1) [The] *Subject to all requirements of this Chapter, including, but not limited to, the notice requirement of §16-404(4),* the Commissioner of Public Property is hereby authorized to transfer title to any property or ground to which he has accepted title under the provisions and conditions of this Chapter or any surplus property or ground made available for distribution in accordance with the terms of this Chapter to the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Philadelphia, with or without consideration. The Commissioner of Public Property shall execute and deliver to the Redevelopment Authority deeds conveying fee simple title to City-owned property for the purpose of rehabilitation and use in accordance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan of the City of Philadelphia providing the Redevelopment Authority shall reimburse the City, upon sale of the property so conveyed, to the extent of the net proceeds thereof and that the property or ground so transferred shall be held by the Redevelopment Authority for a period not to exceed three (3) years after which time it shall be transferred back to the City if the Vacant Property Review Committee determines that the property or ground can be used to further accomplish the provisions of this Chapter.

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**Explanation:**

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