



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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BILL NO. 250722
(As Amended in Committee, 10/20/25)

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Councilmember O'Neill

Referred to the
Committee on Licenses and Inspections

AN ORDINANCE

Adding a new Chapter 21-3500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Public Utility Meters,” to prohibit provision of a second utility meter by a public utility at a residential property without evidence of a valid housing rental license for the property, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 21. MISCELLANEOUS

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CHAPTER 21-3500. PUBLIC UTILITY METERING

§ 21-3500. Provision of More Than One Utility Meter at a Residential Property.

(a) No owner of a residential property with three or fewer dwelling units shall authorize or establish more than one meter or more than one service account for a public utility at the property without a valid housing rental license in effect for, or a building permit underlying the establishment of, any unit that is not occupied by the property owner or a member of the owner's family, as set forth in Code Section 9-3902(1)(b)(.2).

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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

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BILL NO. 250722, as amended continued