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**Councilmember Blackwell
for
Council President Verna
(By Request)***

**Referred to the
Committee on Finance**

AN ORDINANCE

Approving an extension of the term of existence of the Philadelphia Municipal Authority and authorizing the Authority to design, build, finance, own, operate, maintain and lease facilities and equipment, and provide related services, for the management of the City's wastewater treatment solids; all under certain terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, By Ordinance approved December 23, 1975 (1975 Ordinances, p. 1572), City Council authorized the organization of the Equipment Leasing Authority of Philadelphia pursuant to the provisions of the Municipality Authorities Act of 1945, as amended; and

WHEREAS, By Ordinance effective March 24, 1983 (1983 Ordinances, p. 513), the name of the Equipment Leasing Authority of Philadelphia was changed to "The Philadelphia Municipal Authority" ("Authority"), and the powers of the Authority were expanded to include the acquisition, holding, construction, improvement, maintenance, operation, ownership and leasing of facilities for the collection, removal or disposal of ashes, garbage, rubbish and other refuse materials by incineration, landfill or other methods, steam heating plants and distribution systems, and incinerator plants; and

WHEREAS, By Ordinance approved July 9, 1984 (1984 Ordinances, p. 768), the powers of the Authority were expanded to include the acquisition, holding, construction, improvement, maintenance, ownership and leasing of facilities and equipment for the conduct of judicial proceedings and/or facilities and equipment for the incarceration, detention, correction and rehabilitation of prisoners; and

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WHEREAS, By Ordinance approved March 25, 1988 (1988 Ordinances, p. 58), and August 3, 1989 (1989 Ordinances, p. 1317), the powers of the Authority were expanded to include the acquisition, holding, construction, improvement, maintenance, operation, ownership and leasing (either as lessor or lessee) of certain buildings to be devoted wholly or partially for public uses; and

WHEREAS, By Ordinance approved August 3, 1989 (1989 Ordinances, p. 1199), the powers of the Authority were expanded to include the development and operation of buildings, facilities and equipment for cogeneration systems related to sewage treatment plants using digester gas as the primary fuel, supplemented by liquid or gaseous fossil fuels, and located at the Northeast Water Pollution Control Plant (3900 Richmond Street) and the Southwest Water Pollution Control Plant (8200 Enterprise Avenue); and

WHEREAS, By Ordinance approved July 1, 1997 (Bill No. 970352) , the powers of the Authority were expanded to include acquisition, maintenance and operation, ownership or leasing (either in the capacity of lessor or lessee) of facilities and equipment for the automated collection and delivery of water usage data from water and sewer customers to the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that it is desirable to grant additional powers to the Philadelphia Municipal Authority, in order to allow the Authority to acquire, maintain and operate, own or lease (either in the capacity of lessor and lessee), facilities and equipment and provide related services for the management of the City's wastewater treatment solids for the City of Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Board of Directors has amended the Authority's Articles of Incorporation to extend the Authority's term of existence for an additional fifty (50) years, pending approval by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to extend the term of the Authority's existence; NOW, THEREFORE

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. City Council hereby approves the following additional powers for the Philadelphia Municipal Authority:

The Philadelphia Municipal Authority, incorporated pursuant to the Municipal Authorities Act of 1945, as amended, and in accordance with an Ordinance of City Council, approved December 23, 1975 (1975 Ordinances, p. 1572), is hereby empowered, in addition to such other powers heretofore granted by ordinance, to design, build, finance, own, operate, maintain and lease (either in the capacity of lessor and

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lessee) facilities and equipment, and provide related services, for the management of the City's wastewater treatment solids; and is hereby empowered to exercise, with respect to such activities, all powers granted by the Municipal Authorities Act.

SECTION 2. City Council hereby approves the following amendment to the Authority's Articles of Incorporation:

That paragraph (e) is added to the Articles of Incorporation as follows:

(e) The Authority shall exist for a term to terminate on December 31, 2056.

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