

# City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 250722)

## 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

\* \* \*

#### *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).*

\* \* \*

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

# City of Philadelphia

*BILL NO. 250722 continued*

Certified Copy

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on October 30, 2025. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on November 12, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth McCollum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elizabeth" and last name "McCollum" clearly distinguishable.

Elizabeth McCollum  
Chief Clerk of the City Council