



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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BILL NO. 260161

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Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

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

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the installation, ownership and maintenance of right-of-way encroachments in various parts of the City, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The City is hereby authorized to install and maintain decorative bells in the right-of-way (collectively, the "Encroachments") in the locations more fully described in Exhibit A, pursuant to standards and procedures established by the Department of Streets by regulation.

SECTION 2. Permission to install and maintain the Encroachments is subject to existing laws of the City concerning encroachments generally and the Department of Streets shall incorporate such terms in implementing regulations as the Department of Licenses and Inspections, Law Department, and Art Commission shall deem necessary to protect the interests of the City.

SECTION 3. Permission to install and maintain any such Encroachments in the right-of-way on private property shall require authorization of the property owner as may be required by law.

SECTION 4. The City's responsibility for ownership, construction, use, and maintenance of the Encroachments shall only be extinguished by the permanent removal of the Encroachments or by termination of any agreement between the City and the owner of the property where the Encroachment is located.

SECTION 5. The City shall not install any new encroachments pursuant to this bill after December 31, 2026. The City shall remove encroachments that were installed for the 2026 Semiquincentennial celebrations pursuant to this bill on or before March 31, 2027.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance is effective immediately.

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Exhibit A: Encroachment Locations

<u>District</u>	<u>Location</u>
1st	North 10th Street between a point north of the eastbound Vine Street north curblineline and a point south of the westbound Vine Street south curblineline, within the area known as "Vine Street Park."
3rd	In the vicinity of 1 North 30th Street
4th	In the vicinity of Belmont Avenue and Parkside Avenue
6th	In the vicinity of 3300 Knorr Street
7th	In the vicinity of 861 Allegheny Avenue
9th	In the vicinity of 5501 North 5th Street