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Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

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

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 10-700 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Refuse and Littering," to require locking dumpsters; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 10. REGULATION OF INDIVIDUAL CONDUCT

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CHAPTER 10-700. REFUSE AND LITTERING

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§ 10-722. Use of Dumpsters.

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(4) Duties of Licensees.

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(c) Dumpster Maintenance.

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(.2) Licensees shall keep dumpster lids tightly secured except when in use, or when the dumpster must be open to accommodate a trash chute, and shall keep the area around the dumpster clean and free of any refuse, non-grindable garbage, spillage or overflow.

(.a) In the case of metal dumpsters with a capacity of two or four cubic yards that are automated for pick-up by specialized garage trucks, the dumpsters shall be secured by means of a lock. The Department of Streets is authorized to issue regulations with respect to this Subsection, including but not limited to regulations providing for a pilot program or phased roll-out, as appropriate.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance will take effect immediately.

Explanation:

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

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