

# City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
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(Resolution No. 020135)

## RESOLUTION

Urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to enact legislation that grants municipalities the authority to declare an area a nuisance district and to place a moratorium on the issuance of all liquor licenses in that area.

WHEREAS, Some areas in Pennsylvania consist of a disproportionate number of liquor licensees in a concentrated geographical area that often directly border residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Residents near and around these "nuisance" areas suffer ongoing acts of violence and crime that result from the negligence of the liquor licensees in the area; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly must empower municipalities to deal with this recurrent epidemic by giving them the authority to declare a problem area of liquor licensees a "nuisance district" and to establish a moratorium on all new liquor licenses in that area; and

WHEREAS, The creation of "nuisance districts" would enable municipalities to direct the Liquor Control Board (LCB) to stop issuing new liquor licenses in a "nuisance district" for an indefinite period of time or until a municipality informs the LCB to end the moratorium; and

WHEREAS, A municipality could exempt certain development projects in a "nuisance district" if the municipality and elected officials deem that project an economic benefit to that area; and

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That Council calls on the Pennsylvania General Assembly to pass legislation that grants municipalities the authority to declare an area a nuisance district and to place a moratorium on the issuance of all liquor licenses in that area.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-eight of February, 2002.

Anna C. Verna  
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers DiCicco, Clarke and Goode

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Miller, Kenney, Council President Verna, Nutter, Ortiz, Reynolds Brown, Blackwell, Krajewski, Tasco, Longstreth, O'Neill and Cohen

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