

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 250333)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 14 Zoning Code of The Philadelphia Code, Sections 14-409 entitled “SP-CIV, Civic, Educational, and Medical (Special Purpose) District,” and amending Title 14-602 entitled “Use Tables,” by allowing Religious Assembly uses in certain Special Purpose districts, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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TITLE 14. ZONING AND PLANNING

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CHAPTER 14-400. BASE ZONING DISTRICTS

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§ 14-409. SP-CIV, Civic, Educational, and Medical (Special Purpose) District.

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(5) Parking and Loading

(a) [There shall be no minimum parking requirements, provided that, where parking is provided, it shall conform to the other requirements of Chapter 14-800, as if those provisions applied directly.] *Parking for Religious Assembly uses shall be provided at 1 space per ten seats or 1 space for 1,000 square feet of occupied building space, whichever is greater. No other uses shall have minimum parking requirements, provided that, where parking is provided, it shall conform to the other requirements of Chapter 14-800, as if those provisions applied directly.*

(b) Off-street loading spaces must be provided in accordance with the commercial district regulations of § 14-806 (Off-Street Loading).

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CHAPTER 14-600. USE REGULATIONS

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§ 14-602. Use Tables.

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(6) Special Purpose Districts.

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Table 14-602-4: Uses Allowed in Special Purpose Districts

Previous District Name	IDD	CED	SSD	REC-P	REC	New	New	
District Name	SP-INS	SP-ENT	SP-STA	SP-PO-P	SP-PO-A	SP-AIR	SP-CIV	Standards
Y = Yes permitted as of right S = Special exception approval required N = Not allowed (expressly prohibited) Uses not listed in this table are prohibited See § 14-602(6) (a) (Notes for Table 14-602-4) for information pertaining to bracketed numbers (e.g., "[2]") in table cells.								
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Public, Civic, and Institutional Use Category								
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Religious Assembly	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y[N]	
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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on September 11, 2025. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on September 24, 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