



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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BILL NO. 260425

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Councilmember Young

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

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing various encroachments in the vicinity of 3601-7 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19140, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Permission is hereby granted to the owner (the "Owner") of the property identified below, currently, ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, OF PHILA, to install, own, and maintain an encroachment at the Property, as follows:

Encroachment Description:

Property: 3601-7 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19140

One (1) decorative puzzle wall, three (3) tree planter boxes and four (4) non-standard bollards written in four (4) parts:

Part 1

A total of one (1) decorative puzzle wall will be located along the property line of 3601-07 North Broad Street and will encroach a distance of approximately one foot ten inches (1'-10") towards the west along the east footway of North Broad Street starting from a point approximately sixty-seven feet (67'-0") north of the Venango Street north curbline to a point approximately five feet five inches (5'-5") farther north leaving a minimum thirteen feet eight inches (13'-8") of clear unobstructed footway.

Part 2

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A total of three (3) tree planter boxes will be located along the curb line of 3601-07 North Broad Street and will encroach a distance of approximately five feet (5'-0") towards the east along the east footway of North Broad Street starting from a point approximately forty-one feet (41'-0") north of the Venango Street north curblin to a point approximately forty-nine feet eleven inches (49'-11") farther north leaving a minimum thirteen feet eight inches (13'-8") of clear unobstructed footway. The planters will be spaced at eighteen feet two inches (18'-2") from one another.

Part 3

A total of three (3) non-standard bollards will be located along the curb line of 3601-07 North Broad Street and will encroach a distance of approximately three feet (3'-0") towards the east along the east footway of North Broad Street starting from a point approximately four feet eleven inches (4'-11") north of the Venango Street north curblin to a point approximately nine feet (9'-0") farther north leaving a minimum thirteen feet eight inches (13'-8") of clear unobstructed footway. The non-standard bollards will be spaced at the following: five feet (5'-0") from the first bollard to the second bollard, four feet seven inches (4'-7") from the second bollard to the third bollard.

Part 4

A total of one (1) non-standard bollard will be located along the curb line of 3601-07 North Broad Street and will encroach a distance of approximately three feet (3'-0") towards the north along the north footway of Venango Street at a point approximately twenty feet (20'-0") east of the North Broad Street east curblin leaving a minimum six feet (6'-0") of clear unobstructed footway.

SECTION 2. The construction, use and maintenance of the Encroachment described and listed in Section 1 shall be in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the City of Philadelphia, and specifically those of the Department of Licenses and Inspections, the Department of Streets, and the Art Commission, provided that the Department of Streets, in its sole, unreviewable discretion, may allow minor variations of the dimension limits of Section 1, within standard tolerances of current engineering practice.

SECTION 3. Before exercising any rights or privileges under this Ordinance, Owner must first obtain or have their contractor(s) obtain all required permits, licenses and approvals from all appropriate departments, boards, agencies or commissions. No such department, board, agency or commission shall be required to issue any such permit, license or approval solely because this Ordinance has been enacted, it being the express intent of this Ordinance not to supersede any other provision of law governing the issuance of such permits, licenses or approvals. In addition, before exercising any rights and privileges under this Ordinance, Owner shall enter into an agreement ("Agreement") with the appropriate City department or departments, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to provide that Owner, inter alia:

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(a) Maintains and keeps in good repair and working order the Encroachment to the satisfaction of the Streets Department;

(b) Agrees that upon one hundred and eighty (180) days' notice from the City, it shall remove the Encroachment(s) at no cost and expense to the City of Philadelphia when given written notice to do so by the City of Philadelphia to accommodate a municipal or municipal-sponsored construction project;

(c) Shall secure all necessary permits, licenses and approvals from all appropriate departments, agencies, boards or commissions of the City as may be required by regulation or law. No such department, board, agency or commission shall be required to issue any such permit, license or approval solely because this Ordinance has been enacted;

(d) Shall assume the costs of all changes and adjustments to, and relocation or abandonment of City utilities and City structures wherever located as may be necessary by reason of the construction of the Encroachment;

(e) Shall carry public liability and property damage insurance, co-naming the City of Philadelphia as an insured party, in such amounts as shall be satisfactory to the City Solicitor, or in lieu thereof, submit documentation in form and content acceptable to the City that Owner is self-insured and is providing the City of Philadelphia the same coverage and benefits had the insurance requirements been satisfied by an insurance carrier authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

(f) Shall ensure that all construction contractors for the Encroachment carry public liability and property damage insurance, naming the City of Philadelphia as an insured party in such amounts as shall be reasonably satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

(g) Shall give the City and all public utility companies the right-of-access, ingress and egress for the purpose of inspection, maintenance, alteration, relocation or reconstruction of any of their respective facilities which may lie within the public footway adjacent to the Encroachment described in Section 1;

(h) Indemnifies and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all loss resulting from injury or death to persons, or damage to property arising out of, resulting from, or in any manner caused by the presence, location, use, operation, installation, maintenance, replacement or removal of the Encroachment. Owner shall also agree to release the City from any and all claims relating to the Encroachment, including if ordered removed or when street, sidewalk or utility construction occurs;

(i) Furnishes the City with either a bond with corporate surety in an amount required by the Department of Streets and in a form satisfactory to the Law Department to ensure compliance with all the terms and conditions of this Ordinance and the Agreement, or in lieu

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thereof, submit documentation in a form and content acceptable to the City that Owner self-assumes the liabilities and obligations normally covered by the Surety Bond;

(j) Shall adhere to all applicable requirements in The Philadelphia Code, including the requirements set forth in Section 11-600 of the Code.

SECTION 4. The City Solicitor shall include in the Agreement such other terms and conditions as shall be deemed necessary to protect the interests of the City.

SECTION 5. The permission granted to Owner to install, own, and maintain the Encroachment described in Section 1 shall expire without any further action by the City of Philadelphia if Owner has not entered into an Agreement and satisfied all requirements of the Agreement that are listed in Section 3 of this Ordinance within one (1) year after this Ordinance becomes law.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall not become effective unless the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), toward costs thereof, is paid into the City Treasury within sixty (60) days after the date this Ordinance becomes law.