



# City of Philadelphia

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**BILL NO. 250888-A**  
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**Councilmember Thomas**

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**Referred to the**  
**Committee on Commerce & Economic Development**

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**AN ORDINANCE**

Amending Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Regulation of Businesses, Trades and Professions” by adding a new chapter to prohibit third-party restaurant reservation services from arranging unauthorized restaurant reservations with food service establishments and to provide for definitions, prohibited acts, penalties, and enforcement, all under certain terms and conditions.

*THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

SECTION 1. Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 9. REGULATION OF BUSINESSES, TRADES AND PROFESSIONS.

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*CHAPTER 9-6700. THIRD-PARTY RESTAURANT RESERVATION SERVICES.*

*§ 9-6701. Definitions.*

*In this Chapter the following definitions apply:*

- (1) Food Service Establishment. A business categorized under the North American Industry Classification System (“NAICS”) as Full-Service Restaurants (NAICS 722511).*
- (2) Third-party Reservation Service. An entity or person engaged in offering, listing, or arranging dining arrangements or restaurant reservation services for Food Service Establishments it does not own or operate.*

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## § 9-6702. Prohibitions.

- (1) No Third-party Reservation Service shall charge, collect, or receive a fee, directly or indirectly, for one or more reservations for a Food Service Establishment without a prior written authorization from the Food Service Establishment. A Third-party Reservation Service shall bear the burden of proof in establishing that a Food Service Establishment provided prior written authorization that is applicable to a particular reservation or period of operation.*

## § 9-6703. Enforcement and Penalties.

- (1) The City of Philadelphia may impose a civil penalty on a Third-party Reservation Service in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation of this Chapter.*
- (2) Violations by a Third-party Reservation Service shall accrue for each day and for each Food Service Establishment in which there has been a violation.*
- (3) The Department of Licenses and Inspections:*
  - (a) May issue regulations governing the implementation of this chapter;*
  - (b) Shall have the authority to enforce this chapter, investigate complaints, and issue fines or citations for violations.*

## § 9-6704. Record Keeping.

- (1) A Third-party Reservation Service shall retain proof of written authorization from a Food Service Establishment, as required under Section 9-6702, for the stated duration of the authorization plus a minimum of one year.*

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect 90 days after enactment.

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**Explanation:**

*Italics indicate new matter added.*