



# City of Philadelphia

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**Councilmember Kenney**

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## **AN ORDINANCE**

Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Zoning and Planning," by amending Section 14-102, entitled "Definitions," and creating a new Section 14-114 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sustainable Zoning," to require certain buildings to have a green roof, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14-102 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Definitions", is hereby amended to add the following definitions, the existing definitions to be renumbered accordingly:

§14-102. Definitions.

In Chapters 14-100 through 14-1800 inclusive, the following general definitions shall apply: In this section, the following definitions apply:

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( ) *Building Area. The greatest horizontal area of a building above grade within the outside surface of exterior walls.*

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( ) *Green Roof. An addition to a roof that supports living vegetation and includes a synthetic, high quality waterproof membrane, drainage layer, soil layer and light weight medium plants.*

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SECTION 2. A new Section 14-114 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Sustainable Zoning”, is hereby enacted, to read as follows:

*§14-114. Sustainable Zoning.*

*(1) A building occupying a minimum Building Area of 50,000 square feet and no more than five stories high shall have a Green Roof that covers at least 75% of the portion of roof top space not used to house mechanical or electronic equipment supportive of the use of the building, regardless of the class of district where the building is located.*

*(2) No variance shall be granted from this Section except where the denial of a variance would effect an unconstitutional taking.*

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**Explanation:**

*Italics indicate new matter added.*