



City of Philadelphia

City Council
Chief Clerk's Office
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BILL NO. 070007

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Councilmember DiCicco

**Referred to the
Committee on Rules**

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to prohibit the enactment of any zoning ordinance that creates a district in which licensed gaming is permitted, unless the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter is amended to authorize Council to enact such an ordinance.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted for the approval or disapproval of the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia at the election to be held May 15, 2007, an amendment to Article II, Chapter 3 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, entitled "Legislation," by creating a new Section 2-310 providing that Council is prohibited from enacting any zoning ordinance that creates a district in which licensed gaming is permitted, unless the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter is amended to authorize Council to enact such an ordinance. The proposed amendment is contained in Resolution No. 070026, on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

SECTION 2. There shall be placed on the ballot the following question to be answered "Yes" or "No" by the qualified electors participating in the election:

Shall the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to state that before City Council can create a district where licensed gaming is permitted, the citizens of Philadelphia must first approve an amendment to the Home Rule Charter creating such a district and specifying its boundaries?

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SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to have printed in pamphlet form, in sufficient number for general distribution, the proposed amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter as set forth in Resolution No. 070026, together with the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to cause to be published in three (3) newspapers of general circulation in the City and in the Legal Intelligencer the proposed amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, together with the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance, once a week during the three (3) weeks preceding the election on May 15, 2007; and further, at such other time and in such other manner as she may consider desirable.

SECTION 5. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to issue a proclamation giving at least thirty (30) days' notice of such election. The Clerk of Council shall cause a copy of the proclamation to be published, together with the notice provided for in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. The appropriate officers are authorized and directed to take such action as may be required for the holding of an election on the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance as provided for by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.