



# City of Philadelphia

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**BILL NO. 170087**

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**Councilmember Blackwell**

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

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## **AN ORDINANCE**

Amending Chapter 10-611 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Sidewalk Behavior," by providing certain requirements for obtaining a permit to place street furniture, planters, benches and other fixtures on the public sidewalk, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 10-611 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 10-611. Sidewalk Behavior.

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(2) Obstructing the Sidewalk Prohibited. No person shall:

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(k) Place or maintain any bench, planter, fixture or other street furniture on the public sidewalk without a permit from the Department of Licenses and Inspections. *Before any such permit is issued the Department shall obtain a letter of support from the District Council person representing the area of the city where the bench, planter, fixture or street furniture will be located.*

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(.1) The Department of Licenses and Inspections shall issue regulations setting forth the standards for such permit issuance, which standards shall *e[i]nsure* that such street furniture does not obstruct free passage of the sidewalks, and shall *e[i]nsure* that such street furniture is maintained and situated in such manner as to promote a safe and attractive sidewalk environment. [The permit requirement set forth in this subsection shall not become effective until such regulations are in effect.]

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(8) Penalties. A person found in violation of this Section shall be subject to penalty, as follows:

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(d) For a violation of subsections (2)(e), relating to loading or unloading a commercial vehicle on the sidewalk; (2)(f), relating to unlicensed sale of goods or services on the sidewalk; (2)(k), relating to unlicensed placement of any bench, planter, fixture or street furniture on the sidewalk; (5)(a), relating to honor boxes on the sidewalk without a permit; and (6)(b), relating to owner/occupier of private property keeping the sidewalk in good repair, a fine of not more than three hundred (300) dollars.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon final passage.

**Explanation:**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.  
*Italics* indicate new matter added.