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**Referred to the
Committee on Finance**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 21-200 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Scholarships," by creating a program to solicit contributions to the CORE Philly scholarship program through the use of a "check-off" box on customer bills issued by the Water Revenue Bureau and the Philadelphia Gas Works, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 21-200 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 21-200. SCHOLARSHIPS.

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§21-202. Contributions to CORE Philly Scholarship Programs.

(1) *The Water Revenue Bureau and the Philadelphia Gas Works shall each institute the following program:*

(a) *Each bill for services sent to a customer shall include a "check-off" box for contributions to CORE Philly. If the customer checks the box, the customer thereby agrees to remit an additional amount equal to the difference between the billed amount*

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and the next whole dollar amount, with such additional amount to be donated to CORE Philly.

(b) Either the bill itself or a separate bill “stuffer” shall include a brief explanation of the “check-off” box and the use of any donated amounts to support scholarships for Philadelphia residents through the programs administered by CORE Philly.

(c) Any amounts received as a result of the “check-off” box shall be remitted at least monthly to CORE Philly.

SECTION 2. With respect to the Water Revenue Bureau, the provisions of §21-202 of The Philadelphia Code, as added by Section 1 of this Ordinance, shall take effect immediately. With respect to the Philadelphia Gas Works (“PGW”), such provisions shall take effect thirty days after this Ordinance becomes law, unless the City Solicitor files a written determination with the Chief Clerk of Council that approval by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“PUC”) is required before PGW may include the “check-off” box on its bills, in which case PGW shall promptly thereafter take all steps necessary to request PUC approval.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.