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

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 9-4400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Responsible Business Operations,” by amending the definition of critical nuisance businesses and further clarifying an obstruction of an investigation, 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 9-4400. RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS OPERATIONS

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§ 9-4401. Definitions.

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(5) **Critical Nuisance Business.** A business with respect to which a business owner has been issued a notice concerning serious violent behavior or obstruction of an investigation of serious violent behavior *under this Chapter on more than one occasion during any twelve (12) month period.*

(6) **Serious Violent Behavior.** Conduct that would constitute any of the following offenses as defined in the Pennsylvania Crimes Code (18 Pa. C.S. §§ 101 et seq.): homicide; murder; aggravated assault; rape; or sexual assault.

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(7) Nuisance Business. Any business that is determined to be a chronic nuisance business or critical nuisance business.

(8) Obstruction of an Investigation. Any *intentional* obstruction of, interference with or other impediment of the investigation of nuisance behavior or serious violent behavior by a business owner or an employee or agent of the business.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.