

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 070822)

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing and directing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 188 by striking from the City Plan and vacating the legally open portions of Witte Street from Westmoreland Street to Ontario Street, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 11-403 of The Philadelphia Code, the Board of Surveyors of the Department of Streets is authorized to revise the lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 188 by striking from the City Plan and vacating the legally open portions of Witte Street from Westmoreland Street to Ontario Street.

SECTION 2. This authorization is conditional upon compliance with the following requirements within two (2) years from the date this Ordinance becomes law:

- (a) The filing of an agreement, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, by the owner or owners of property affected thereby, to release the City from all damages or claims for damages which may arise by reason of the City Plan changes authorized herein; in lieu thereof, only after the party in interest has demonstrated best efforts to obtain such agreements and such efforts are unsuccessful, the party in interest shall file an agreement and a bond, with corporate surety, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, or an irrevocable letter of credit satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to indemnify the City as aforesaid.
- (b) The filing of an agreement, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, by the party in interest, to release, indemnify, and defend the City from all damages or claims for damages that may arise by reason of the City Plan changes authorized herein.
- (c) The filing of an agreement, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, by the party in interest, to make any and all changes and adjustments to curbing, sidewalk paving, cartway paving, water pipe, fire hydrants, sewers, inlets and manholes, street light poles and equipment, and to other City structures either overhead, underground, or upon the surface, including the relocation, abandonment, repairing, reconstruction, cutting, and sealing of such structures and facilities which may be necessary in the judgment of the Department of Streets and the Water Department by reason of the City Plan changes authorized herein. The agreement shall provide for the removal of all existing City-owned street lighting poles and equipment and for their delivery to the storage yard of the Street Lighting Division at 701 Ramona Avenue at no cost to the City. The agreement shall provide for the removal of salvageable hydrants, valves, manhole covers, frames, and connections, as determined by the Water Department,

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and for their delivery to the storage yard of the Water Department located at Twenty-ninth Street and Cambria Street at no cost to the City. The agreement shall also provide for the removal of salvageable cast iron manholes and covers, street inlet grates, frames and hoods, and inlet castings, as determined by the Water Department, and for their delivery to the storage yard of the Water Department located at 3201 Fox Street at no cost to the City. The agreement shall provide that this work be completed within two years from the date of confirmation by the Board of Surveyors of the City Plan changes authorized by this Ordinance.

- (d) The party in interest shall file a bond, with corporate surety, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, or an irrevocable letter of credit satisfactory to the City Solicitor, in an amount satisfactory to the Department of Streets, to cover the cost of the work required under Section 2(c).
- (e) The payment by the party in interest of the cost of advertising the public hearing by the Board of Surveyors on the City Plan changes authorized by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall not become effective unless the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), toward costs thereof, is paid into the City Treasury within one hundred and twenty (120) days after this Ordinance becomes law.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on November 15, 2007. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on November 29, 2007.



Patricia Rafferty
Chief Clerk of the City Council