



City of Philadelphia

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BILL NO. 210802

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**Councilmember Squilla
for
Council President Clarke**

**Referred to the
Committee on Public Safety**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 12-1120 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Abandoned Vehicles," to authorize Public Safety Officers to authorize the removal of abandoned vehicles, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended as follows:

TITLE 12. TRAFFIC CODE

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CHAPTER 12-1100. MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES

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§ 12-1120. Abandoned Vehicles.

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(3) Such vehicle may be removed by the Police Department or by an authorized salvor pursuant to police direction, *or the direction of an authorized Public Safety Officer*, as an abandoned vehicle if the vehicle is not moved after ten days' written notice for removal has been sent to the last registered owner thereof; except that if the vehicle constitutes a safety hazard, the Police Department may remove it immediately and within twelve (12) hours send a written notice to the last registered owner, stating cause of removal, the location of vehicle and the procedure to follow in reclaiming the vehicle.

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(4) If such a vehicle is not removed by the Police Department within sixty (60) days after written notice for removal has been sent to the last registered owner, the Police Department, *or an authorized Public Safety Officer*, shall request in writing that an authorized salvor take possession of and remove such abandoned vehicle. The Police Department, *or an authorized Public Safety Officer*, may request in writing an authorized salvor to take possession of and remove such vehicle prior to the expiration of the sixty (60) days' notice when, in the Departments' judgement, *or in the judgement of an authorized Public Safety Officer*, [they]the Department will not be able to remove the abandoned vehicle within sixty (60) days.

(5) Upon written request of the Police Department, *or an authorized Public Safety Officer*, as per 67 Pa. Code § 253.5(b), an authorized salvor shall take possession of and remove to the storage facility of the salvor any abandoned vehicle located within thirty (30) miles of the place of business of the salvor. When a vehicle is towed by an authorized salvor as an abandoned vehicle, the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S. §§ 7301 – 7312, and of Chapter 253 of the Pennsylvania Code, 67 Pa. Code §§ 253.1 – 253.6 shall apply.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Italics indicate matter added.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.