

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 050322)

RESOLUTION

Urging the Mayor not to proceed with the closing of the North and Northeast Municipal Service Centers, popularly known as the mini-City Halls.

WHEREAS, The mini-City Halls were opened in 1985 and are located in the Northeast Shopping Center at 9215-27 Roosevelt Boulevard and 22nd and Somerset Streets; and

WHEREAS, For twenty years, these offices have served as a needed and valuable city service to the people of Philadelphia, providing bill payment, setting up payment arrangements, probating of wills, and the obtaining of city licenses, among other services, and;

WHEREAS, Many taxpayers also come to the mini-City Halls because they are having problems with different city departments and services and seek assistance; and

WHEREAS, The Northeast mini-City Hall serves over 100,000 taxpayers each year and provides over \$100 million in various revenues each year; and

WHEREAS, The cost to the city to operate this facility is only \$43,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive plan to provide the taxpayers who now use the mini-City Halls with adequate services in place of those offices have not been offered; and

WHEREAS, The closing of these offices will have a tremendous negative impact on the over 100,000 taxpayers who use these offices each year and the closing will also have a negative impact on the city's budget; now, therefore

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, THAT Council urges the Mayor not to proceed with the closing of the North and Northeast mini-City Halls until an appropriate alternative can be reached that will ensure the same amount of service as is presently the case.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-first of April, 2005.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Kelly, O'Neill, Krajewski, Mariano and Rizzo

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Kelly, O'Neill, Krajewski, Mariano, Rizzo, Miller, Kenney, DiCicco, Ramos, Clarke, Blackwell, Council President Verna, Cohen and Tasco