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**Referred to the
Committee on Licenses and Inspections**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (The Building, Construction and Occupancy Code) to revise penalties associated with stop work and cease operations orders, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Subcode “A” (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (The Building, Construction and Occupancy Code) is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 4. THE PHILADELPHIA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPANCY CODE

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SUBCODE "A" (THE PHILADELPHIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE)

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CHAPTER 5

VIOLATIONS

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SECTION A-504 STOP WORK ORDER

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A-504.8 Penalties: Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 6 of this code, a violation of this Section shall be punishable as follows:

1. Any *person in* violation of this Section [shall constitute a summary offense and any person upon conviction] shall have committed a Class III offense and be subject to the fines set forth in subsection 1-109(3) of The Philadelphia Code for each offense.

2. [Any person who violates Section A-504.7 shall be subject to immediate arrest by Police and issued a citation and summons in such a manner as provided by the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure applicable in Philadelphia to summary offenses.

3.] Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense for which the violator is subject to [arrest, citation and summons; and] fine.

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SECTION A-505 CEASE OPERATIONS ORDER

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A-505.9 Penalties: Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 6 of this code, a violation of this Section shall be punishable as follows:

1. Any *person in* violation of this Section shall [constitute a summary offense and any person upon conviction shall have committed a Class III offense and] be subject to the fines set forth in subsection 1-109(3) of The Philadelphia Code for each offense.

2. [Any person who violates Section A-505.8 shall be subject to immediate arrest by the Police and issued a citation and summons in such a manner as provided by the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure applicable in Philadelphia to summary offenses;

3.] Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense for which the violator is subject to [arrest, citation and summons,] and fine.

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Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.