



# City of Philadelphia

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**BILL NO. 240282**

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**Councilmembers Bass and Landau**

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**Referred to the  
Committee on Streets and Services**

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## **AN ORDINANCE**

Granting permission to Germantown Jewish Centre to demarcate the boundaries of a Germantown eruv district, to construct and maintain a clear nylon cord and/or plastic tubes and other ancillary facilities including a maximum of ten poles along, over, and in certain public rights-of-way and City streets, and/or to attach such demarcation facilities to existing facilities owned by other entities authorized by other City ordinances, subject to such owner's consent; all under certain terms and conditions.

### *THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

SECTION 1. Permission is hereby granted to Germantown Jewish Centre, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, registered to do business in Pennsylvania (hereinafter "GJC"), and its successors, assigns, and agents, subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, to construct, maintain, operate, replace, and remove a clear nylon cord or string and other ancillary facilities (including plastic tubes ("lechis"), a maximum of ten poles, and other facilities as may be approved by the Department of Streets) for demarcation of the boundaries of an eruv district ("Eruv Boundaries"), along, in, and over the public rights-of-way of the City of Philadelphia identified below, and/or to place such demarcation facilities within and/or attached to the existing facilities owned by other entities authorized by other City ordinances, subject to such owner's consent. GJC is not authorized by this Ordinance to transmit, receive and distribute energy or telecommunications or to provide to subscribers within the City "cable service," as defined at 47 U.S.C. § 522(6), or "video programming" as defined at 47 U.S.C. § 522(20) as an open video system operator pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 573(a) or otherwise.

(a) The Eruv Boundaries will make maximum use of existing physical features which can be used for demarcation of an eruv for the Germantown area consistent with Jewish religious law, including currently installed utility lines, existing walls and fences, and riverbanks and other embankments. In certain areas, such existing boundaries will be supplemented by a clear nylon cord to connect such existing features and create a continuous boundary, and in some areas,

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lechis may be mounted on utility poles, subject to the owner’s consent, to create the proper form of boundary line prescribed by Jewish religious law; a maximum of ten new poles and a few extensions of existing fence posts may also be erected. The specific boundaries are delineated as follows:

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
McCallum Street	McCallum Street Bridge (northwest pylon)	McCallum Street and Mermaid Lane
Mermaid Lane	McCallum Street and Mermaid Lane	Mermaid Lane and Cherokee Street
Cherokee Street	Mermaid Lane and Cherokee Street	Cherokee Street and Springfield Avenue
Springfield Avenue (west of Germantown Avenue)	Cherokee Street and Springfield Avenue	Springfield Avenue and Germantown Avenue
Springfield Avenue (east of Germantown Avenue)	Springfield Avenue and Germantown Avenue	Springfield Avenue and Winston Road
Winston Road	Springfield Avenue and Winston Road	Winston Road and Willow Grove Avenue
Willow Grove Avenue	Winston Road and Willow Grove Avenue	Willow Grove Avenue and Stenton Avenue
Stenton Avenue	Willow Grove Avenue and Stenton Avenue	Stenton Avenue and Upsal Street
Upsal Street	Stenton Avenue and Upsal Street	Upsal Street and Anderson Street
Anderson Street	Upsal Street and Anderson Street	Anderson Street and Washington Lane
Washington Lane	Anderson Street and Washington Lane	Washington Lane and Green Street
Green Street	Washington Lane and Green Street	Green Street and Walnut Lane
Walnut Lane	Green Street and Walnut Lane	Walnut Lane at Walnut Lane Bridge

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Walnut Lane Bridge	Walnut Lane at Walnut Lane Bridge	West Pylon of Walnut Lane Bridge at the west bank of Monoshone Creek
West Bank of Monoshone Creek	West Pylon of Walnut Lane Bridge at the west bank of Monoshone Creek	West bank of Monoshone Creek and Wissahickon Avenue
Wissahickon Avenue	West bank of Monoshone Creek and Wissahickon Avenue	Stone wall along the southwest side of Wissahickon Avenue
Wissahickon Avenue, continued	Stone wall along the southwest side of Wissahickon Avenue	Wissahickon Avenue and Lincoln Drive
Lincoln Drive	Wissahickon Avenue and Lincoln Drive	Embankment along Lincoln Drive
Lincoln Drive embankment	Embankment along Lincoln Drive	Lincoln Drive at Monoshone Creek Bridge, at access road to Rittenhouse Town
North bank of Monoshone Creek	North bank of Monoshone Creek	Monoshone Creek and Wissahickon Creek, at Forbidden Drive Entrance
Wissahickon Creek	Monoshone Creek and Wissahickon Creek, at Forbidden Drive Entrance	Following east bank of Wissahickon Creek to Cresheim Creek
Cresheim Creek	East bank of Wissahickon Creek to Cresheim Creek	Cresheim Creek at Devil's Pool Sewer viaduct
Northwest bank of Cresheim Creek	Northwest Bank of Cresheim Creek	McCallum Street Bridge at northwest pylon

To the extent approved by the Department of Streets, GJC is authorized to install, construct, maintain, operate, replace and remove a clear nylon cord or string and other ancillary facilities, including lechis, several new extensions of existing fence posts, and a maximum of ten new poles, and other facilities as may be approved by the Department of Streets (collectively, the "Demarcation System"), along, in, and over the public rights-of-way listed above.

SECTION 2. 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 sixty (60) days after this

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Ordinance becomes law.