

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 080724-AA)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 14-305 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “‘C-4’ Commercial and ‘C-5’ Commercial Districts,” by negating any setback over 65 feet in height for lots designated “C-5” in the area bounded by 15th Street and Arch Street (Benjamin Franklin Parkway), Cherry Street and 16th Street and by increasing the permitted floor area for such lots building floor plate reduction.

WHEREAS, The Streets Department has for some time desired to widen the block of 15th Street between Cherry Street and Arch Street, which is narrower than the block immediately to the north, leading to congestion problems where the street narrows; and

WHEREAS, The owner of the property on the west side of 15th Street between Cherry Street and Arch Street is willing to allow the City to widen 15th Street at that location but does not want to lose the gross floor area that would be attributable to the widened area.
THEREFORE

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 14-305 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 14-305. “C-4” Commercial and “C-5” Commercial Districts.

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(4) Area Regulations * * *

(c) Open Area Above Ground Level. * * *

(.1) Buildings within the basic allowable gross floor area, as provided herein, and three hundred feet or less in height above the average ground level:

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(.b) notwithstanding subparagraph (.a), for the area bounded by 15th Street, Arch Street (Benjamin Franklin Parkway), Cherry Street and 16th Street, no set back above grade shall be required for lots designated “C-5” Commercial.

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(8) Floor Area Regulations. No building in these districts shall have a gross floor area (as defined in §14-102 [(39)] (57)) greater than that permitted under the provisions herein set forth.

(a) Basic Floor Area. Every building in these districts shall be permitted a gross floor area as follows:

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(.2) Lots designated “C-5” Commercial, *other than those located in the area bounded by 15th Street, Arch Street (Benjamin Franklin Parkway), Cherry Street and 16th Street.* One thousand two hundred percent (1,200%) of the area of the lot.

(.3) *Lots designated “C-5” Commercial within an area bounded by 15th Street, Arch Street (Benjamin Franklin Parkway), Cherry Street and 16th Street. One thousand five hundred percent (1,500%) of the area of the lot.*

[(.3)] (.4) Lots designated “C-4” Commercial within an area bounded by North Broad Street, Fairmount Avenue, North 13th Street, Wallace Street and Ridge Avenue. Six hundred percent (600%) of the area of the lot.

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Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

Italics indicate new matter added.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on January 29, 2009. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on February 11, 2009.



Patricia Rafferty
Chief Clerk of the City Council