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Committee on Streets and Services

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," by amending Section 12-102 by adding definitions; adding a new Section, providing for certain requirements for block parties and festivals; and making certain technical changes, 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 to read as follows:

TITLE 12. TRAFFIC CODE.

CHAPTER 12-100. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

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§ 12-102. Definitions.

In this Title the following definitions apply:

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(2) *Block Party.* A neighborhood celebration or event, sponsored by the residents of a block, that requires the temporary closure of the street of such block, or a portion thereof.

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[(3)] (4) * * *

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[(4)] (5) * * *

[(5)] (6) * * *

(7) *Festival.* An event, sponsored by the commercial establishments of one or more blocks, that requires the temporary closure of the street of such block or blocks, or a portion thereof.

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§ 12-1133. *Block Parties and Festivals.*

(a) *Permit Requirement.* No block party or festival shall take place on any street without a written permit issued by the Department.

(b) *Residential Blocks.* No permit shall be issued for a block party or festival on a residential block unless the applicant submits a written application, accompanied by a petition of support signed by seventy-five (75) percent of the households located on the affected block. If a block party or festival will block an intersecting “T” street, the applicant shall submit a separate application for each such street, and where the “T” street is a residential block, a petition of support signed by seventy-five (75) percent of the households located on such block shall be submitted with the application.

For purposes of this Section, a residential block is a block where fifty (50) percent or more of the first floor uses on the block are dwellings.

(c) *Regulations.* The Department is authorized to promulgate such regulations as are necessary or appropriate to implement the provisions of this Section.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

Italics indicate new matter added.

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