



# City of Philadelphia

City Council  
Chief Clerk's Office  
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## BILL NO. 220110

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**Introduced February 10, 2022**

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**Councilmembers Jones, Gauthier and Domb**

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

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## AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section A-303 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Demolition and Relocation of Structures,” to add additional requirements for the issuance of demolition permits for structures currently or previously used as religious facilities; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

SECTION 1. Title 4 of the Philadelphia 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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**SECTION A-303 DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION OF STRUCTURES**

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*A-303.5 Current or Former Religious Facilities: The Department shall verify whether the structure that is the subject of a demolition permit is currently or was formerly used as a church, synagogue, mosque, or other religious facility.*

*If the structure that is the subject of a demolition permit is currently or was formerly used as a church, synagogue, mosque, or other religious facility and is at least 50 years old, then the Department shall not issue a permit for demolition, until:*

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1. *The Department notifies the District Councilmember and Registered Community Organization (RCO) of the application of a demolition permit for the structure;*
2. *The Department receives confirmation that the RCO held a meeting to discuss the demolition of the structure within 30 days of receiving notice of the demolition; and*
3. *The Department fully considers the position of the RCO in making the decision of whether to issue a permit for the structure.*

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.