

# City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 220221-A)

## AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (“The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code”) by revising Section PM-202 of Subcode PM (“The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code”), entitled “General Definitions”, to revise definitions related to drinking fountains and water dispensers; and revising Section PM-502.6 of Subcode PM, entitled “Schools”, to add provisions related to drinking facilities in schools and requiring filtration systems; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

SECTION 1. Sections PM-202 and PM-502.6 of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

### TITLE 4. THE PHILADELPHIA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPANCY CODE

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#### *SUBCODE "PM" (THE PHILADELPHIA PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE)*

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#### CHAPTER 2 DEFINITIONS

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#### SECTION PM-202 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

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**DRINKING FOUNTAIN.** A functioning plumbing fixture that is connected to the potable water distribution system and the drainage system. The fixture allows the user to obtain a drink directly from a stream of flowing water without the use of any accessories. *Drinking fountains include hybrid fixtures with both bottle filling and direct drinking capabilities.*

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#### CHAPTER 5 PLUMBING FACILITIES AND FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS

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## SECTION PM-502 REQUIRED FACILITIES

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PM-502.6 Schools. Structures or portions of structures used for Educational Group E occupancy, as defined in Subcode "B" of Title 4 (The Philadelphia Building Code), shall be equipped with one drinking fountain for every 100 students or fraction thereof, *based on the facility's actual student enrollment*. At least one fountain shall be on each *occupied* floor of the building, without regard to the number of students. Water dispensers may be substituted for not more than fifty percent (50%) of the required number of drinking fountains. *Following June 1, 2025, the above applicable requirements for drinking fountains shall only be satisfied by drinking fountains or water dispensers made of lead-free materials, where commercially available, that include the following elements:*

1. *A highly effective, filter certified to meet or exceed NSF/ANSI 53 and 42 requirements;*
2. *A filter change indicator, known as an integral performance indication device as specified NSF/ANSI 53; and*
3. *A bottle filling station controlled by the user for the purpose of dispensing drinking water into a receptacle such as a cup or bottle.*

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on June 16, 2022. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on August 31, 2022.



Michael A. Decker  
Chief Clerk of the City Council