



# City of Philadelphia

City Council  
Chief Clerk's Office  
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Philadelphia, PA 19107

## BILL NO. 240330

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**Introduced April 25, 2024**

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**Councilmember Jones**

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**Referred to the  
Committee on Public Safety**

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## AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 21-1200 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled "Citizens Police Oversight Commission," to modify the procedure by which members of the Citizens Police Oversight Commission may be removed, providing a procedure to suspend members, and clarifying terms in that Chapter, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

SECTION 1. Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

### TITLE 21. MISCELLANEOUS

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### CHAPTER 21-1200. CITIZENS POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

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§ 21-1203. Appointments to Citizens Police Oversight Commission.

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(7) Removal. Members shall be disqualified from service based on a post-appointment conviction for a felony; non-residency; or a determination by the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, or a similar body, of a violation of the City's Fair Practices Ordinance, or a similar law. Members may [only] be removed for cause: (a) by Council resolution, at the suggestion of Council, the Mayor, or the [Commission,] *Commission*; or (b) by resolution of the *Commission that sets forth the grounds for removal and is provided promptly to the Clerk of Council and the Commission member, unless Council shall vote to supersede such resolution at or before Council's first regularly scheduled meeting occurring no less than twenty days after*

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*the resolution is adopted.* Cause for removal shall include, *but not be limited to*, misconduct, inability or failure to perform required duties or obligations, or a substantial violation of City or Commonwealth ethics laws. The member shall have the opportunity to be heard [at a hearing] on any such resolution, notice of which shall be provided to the member.

*(7.1) Suspension. The Commission may by resolution suspend a member from all regular business of the Commission, including prohibiting the member from participating at meetings and receiving information otherwise shared with members: (a) during the pendency of an internal investigation where there are reasonable grounds to believe there may be cause for removal pursuant to Subsection 21-1203(7), for a period of up to 60 days; or (b) if the Commission adopts a resolution to remove the member pursuant to Subsection 21-1203(7)(b), until such time as Council may act to supersede the resolution.*

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**Explanation:**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.  
*Italics* indicate new matter added.