

# City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 140131)

## AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 21-1700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Publication of Notices by City," by revising provisions concerning how notices of regulations proposed by departments, boards and commissions shall be published and advertised; 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 21-1700. PUBLICATION OF NOTICES BY CITY.

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§ 21-1703. Notice of Regulations Proposed by Departments, Boards and Commissions.

(1) This section, enacted pursuant to Section 8-407(b) of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter ("Charter"), supersedes the notice requirements specified in that Section of the Charter.

(2) The following notice requirement applies to any proposed regulation that must be filed with the Department of Records and made available for public inspection for thirty days pursuant to Section 8-407(a) of the Charter:

(a) The Department of Records shall give public notice of such filing by advertising as provided in subsections (b), (c) and (d) the fact that regulations relating to a particular subject have been filed with it, and that any person affected thereby may request a hearing.

(b) Notice shall be given by advertising in the *following two newspapers: the* daily newspaper of the City having the largest paid circulation, *and* the official legal newspaper issued in the City.

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(c) If one of the newspapers listed in subsection (b) is not publishing at the time notice is required to be advertised, notice shall be given in the newspaper that is publishing and in the daily newspaper of the City having the second largest paid circulation, if such newspaper exists and is then publishing, and on the City's official website.

(d) If neither of the newspapers listed in subsection (b) is publishing at the time notice is required to be advertised, notice shall be given in the daily newspaper of the City having the second largest paid circulation, if such newspaper exists and is then publishing, on the City's official website, and in accordance with applicable law.

*(e) Notice shall also be given on the City's official website, and shall include the full text of the regulation as proposed and shall be updated to include the final version of the regulation following its adoption.*

[(e)] (f) In addition, such other notice may be given as will bring proposed regulations to the attention of interested citizens.

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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective 90 days after adoption into law.

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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 May 8, 2014. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on May 19, 2014.



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Chief Clerk of the City Council