

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 170897)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 6, Chapter 6-400, of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Miscellaneous Standards and Requirements," to add warning sign requirements for public bathing establishments; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 6 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended as follows:

TITLE 6. HEALTH CODE.

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CHAPTER 6-400. MISCELLANEOUS STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS.

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§6-407. Public Bathing Places; Warning Signs.

(1) *Definitions. For the purpose of this Chapter, a public bathing place shall mean an outdoor or indoor place lawfully held out to the public for the purpose of swimming or bathing whether or not a fee is charged for admission or for the use of the place, including, but not limited to, those within multi-family housing complexes, hotels, and private clubs.*

(2) *Notice requirement. No person shall own or operate a public bathing place without providing lifeguard service at any time such public bathing place is open or accessible to the public or residents unless a warning sign appears in plain view inside the pool area which states in clearly legible lettering at least 1 inch in height: "WARNING – NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY." Such warning signs shall also state in clearly legible lettering at least 1 inch in height "NON-SWIMMERS AND CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE NEED RESPONSIBLE ADULT SUPERVISION."*

(3) *Remedies Not Excluded.*

(a) *Nothing in this Section shall relieve the owner or operator of public bathing places of responsibility or liability for any accidents or injuries occurring on or around such facilities.*

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(b) Nothing in this Section shall relieve the owner or operator of a public bathing place of his or her obligations under the Public Bathing Law, Act of Jun. 23, 1931, P.L. 899, No. 299.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective March 31, 2018.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on December 14, 2017. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on January 3, 2018.



Michael A. Decker
Chief Clerk of the City Council