



# CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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Michael Decker  
Chief Clerk's Office  
City Hall 402  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Chief Clerk Decker:

On December 14, 2017, City Council passed the Ridge Avenue demolition moratorium bill (Bill No. 170821), amending Section 14-1000 of the Philadelphia Code, the City's historic preservation ordinance. Mayor Kenney signed the bill into law on December 20, 2017. Section 14-1009(3) includes a sunset provision for the demolition moratorium:

The Section 14-1009 shall expire at the earlier of: (a) 12 months after it became law; or (b) certification by the Historical Commission to the Chief Clerk of Council that it has mailed notice of the proposed historic designation of more than 25% of the properties among the designated properties in the Ridge Avenue area to the owners of such properties pursuant to Section 14-1004 ("Designation").

The demolition moratorium impacted 317 properties, the addresses of which were listed in the legislation. As the executive director of the Historical Commission, I hereby certify that, on July 9, 2018, the Historical Commission mailed notice of the proposed historic designation of the Ridge Avenue Roxborough Thematic Historic District to the owners of 188 properties, more than 25% of the properties listed in the demolition moratorium legislation. Therefore, the demolition moratorium has expired.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon F.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jonathan E. Farnham, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

cc: Joshua Cohen, Office of Councilman Jones  
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Leonard Reuter, Law Department