

# City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 180939-A)

## AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 9-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Property Licenses and Owner Accountability,” to modify application and notice requirements, and penalties for noncompliance; all under certain terms and conditions.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 9-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Property Licenses and Owner Accountability,” is hereby amended as follows:

### CHAPTER 9-3900. PROPERTY LICENSES AND OWNER ACCOUNTABILITY

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§ 9-3901. General Provisions.

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(2) Application and Issuance. In addition to the provisions set forth in Subcode A of Title 4, the following provisions shall also apply to licenses required by this Chapter:

(a) An applicant for a new license or the renewal of a license shall complete an application provided by the Department. The application shall contain the following information, and such other information as the Department may require:

(i) The name and address of the owner *or owners* of the property.

*(.1) If an owner of the property is not a natural person or a publicly traded company, the application shall identify, in addition to the owner of the property, the name and preferred mailing address of each natural person who has an equity interest in such owner or owners of the property that exceeds one or more of the following, regardless of whether the natural person has a direct equity interest or such natural person’s equity interest is held through one or more tiers of a corporate structure, such as parent-subsidary structure: (a) forty-nine percent (49%) of the value of the property or (b) forty-nine percent (49%) of the value of the owner of the property. If no natural person has such an interest, the application shall identify the name and preferred mailing address of the two natural persons who have the largest equity interest in the property.*

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(c) Applicants shall have an ongoing obligation to provide accurate and up to date information, and to correct inaccurate information. An applicant shall notify the Department of any changes to the information set forth in an application submitted pursuant to Section 9-3901(2)(a) within ten (10) business days of such change, provided that the Department may rely on the accuracy of the current application on file at a given date.

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## § 9-3902. Definitions

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(7) “Equity interest.” A legal or equitable ownership interest in a property or business, however designated, including, but not limited to, capital stock, partnership interests, or membership interests.

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## § 9-3907. Managing Agents.

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(3) Duties of a Managing Agent. A Managing Agent shall:

(a) [Receive,] *Receive and accept*, on behalf of the owner, any notices, orders, or summonses issued by the [Department.] *Department and any service of process for all matters related to the relevant property.*

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(4) *Notice to Managing Agent. Notice provided to or service of process served upon a Managing Agent of a property at the address provided pursuant to § 9-3901(2)(a)(iii) shall constitute notice to the owner of such property for all matters related to such property.*

## § 9-3909. Penalty.

*Knowingly providing false or misleading information regarding those natural persons having an ownership or other equity interest in a property or owner, or regarding contact information for managing agents under this Chapter 9-3900, shall be a Class III offense, and the negligent provision of such false or misleading information shall be a Class II offense. Each day*

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*of violation shall constitute a separate offense.*

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2020.

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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 December 13, 2018. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on January 03, 2019.



Michael A. Decker  
Chief Clerk of the City Council