

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 200349)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Zoning and Planning,” to amend certain provisions of Chapter 14-500, entitled “Overlay Zoning Districts,” by creating the “/AME, American Street Overlay District,” all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 14. ZONING AND PLANNING

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CHAPTER 14-500. OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICTS

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§ 14-526. /AME, American Street Overlay District.

(1) *Applicability.*

The American Street Overlay District shall consist of all lots located in the area bounded by Lehigh Avenue, 2nd Street, Huntingdon Street, Philip Street, Berks Street, 2nd Street, Cecil B. Moore Avenue, Philip Street, Oxford Street, Bodine Street, Montgomery Avenue, 3rd Street, Norris Street, Bodine Street, Diamond Street, 3rd Street, Dauphin Street, Bodine Street, Cumberland Street, and 3rd Street.

(2) *Use Regulations.*

For lots with frontage along American Street, where the proposed use includes a Multi-Family Household Living use, the following standards shall apply, in addition to those of the applicable base zoning district:

(a) *All of the ground floor frontage along American Street must be occupied by a use other than residential and other than parking within the first 30 ft. of building depth, measured from the front building line; provided that:*

(.1) *Regulated uses, as set forth in § 14-603(13) (Regulated Uses), shall be prohibited from the ground floor frontage; and*

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- (.2) *Any portion of the ground floor intended to meet the requirements of this subsection (a) shall be designed and constructed to permit a finished ceiling height of at least 14 ft., except that this requirement shall not apply to existing structures.*
- (b) *At least 20% of all dwelling units on the lot shall be provided and maintained as affordable at the Moderate Income level of affordability, as defined and regulated in § 14-702(7) (Mixed-Income Housing); the provisions of § 14-702(7)(b)(.6) (payment in lieu of providing housing) shall not be used to meet this requirement.*
- (c) *Any development shall be subject to the requirement that no zoning permit shall be issued unless an applicant has met with Registered Community Organizations (“RCOs”) whose boundaries include the applicant’s property to present a Marketing and Occupancy Plan and an Economic Opportunity Plan, in accordance with subsections (.1) through (.3); has subsequently filed the Plans with either a division of the Department of Commerce responsible for monitoring participation by minority, women, and disabled-owned businesses or any other City agency designated by the Mayor; and has subsequently made available a copy of the Plans to the RCOs.*
- (.1) A Marketing and Occupancy Plan shall describe how the permit applicant will market and occupy affordable and market-rate units within the development.*
- (.2) An Economic Opportunity Plan shall include a description of all efforts to be taken to foster meaningful and representative opportunities for participation by M/W/DSBEs and an appropriately diverse workforce in connection with the project. Such description shall include certification and documentation of any and all actions taken with respect to solicitation and other activities as set forth in subparagraphs (1)(d)(.3)(.a)-(c) of Section 17-1603 of the Code (“Economic Opportunity Plan: Contents”); a statement of past practices to develop diversity at any and all levels of the organization, as described in subsection (1)(f) of 17-1603; and a statement of equity ownership, as described in subsection 17-1603(1)(g)(.2); provided that the requirements of § 17-1600 shall not otherwise apply to this § 14-526.*
- (.3) The applicant must meet the applicable requirements of § 14-303(12) (Neighborhood Notice and Meetings), regardless of whether those provisions would otherwise apply. The applicant may fulfill the requirement of meeting with RCOs in this subsection (c) by presenting such Plans at the Neighborhood Meeting required under § 14-303(12).*

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(.4) L&I and the Commission are authorized to promulgate such regulations as are necessary and appropriate to implement the provisions of this section.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Explanation:

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 October 15, 2020. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on October 26, 2020.



Michael A. Decker
Chief Clerk of the City Council