City of Philadelphia

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

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

10:00 AM

Room 400, City Hall

Committee on Law and Government

12 Items for Discussion

260829 An Ordinance Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the creation of the Office of Food and Nutrition Security and the Food and Nutrition Security Advisory Commission; and authorizing and directing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

Attachments: Bill No. 26082900

260845 Resolution Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for the creation of the Office of Food and Nutrition Security and the Food and Nutrition Security Advisory Commission; and providing for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

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**Referred to the
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AN ORDINANCE

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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted for the approval or disapproval of the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia at the election to be held May 18, 2027, an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter contained in Resolution _____, approved by Council on ____, and filed in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

SECTION 2. There shall be placed on the ballot the following question to be answered "Yes" or "No" by the qualified electors participating in the election:

> Should the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to create an Office of Food and Nutrition Security and a Food and Nutrition Security Advisory Commission which would be responsible for working within City government and in coordination with the private sector and other public actors to promote citywide access to sufficient healthy, affordable, nutritious, safe, and culturally appropriate food?

SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to (i) certify to the Board of Elections, within five days of this Ordinance becoming law, a copy of this Ordinance and Resolution No. ___; and (ii) to have printed in pamphlet form, in sufficient number for general distribution, the

proposed amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter as set forth in Resolution No. ___, together with the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to cause to be published one time, during the three (3) weeks preceding the election on May 18, 2027, in three (3) newspapers of general circulation in the City and in The Legal Intelligencer, the proposed amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, together with the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance; and further, at such other time and in such other manner as the Clerk may consider desirable.

SECTION 5. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to issue a proclamation giving at least thirty (30) days' notice of such election. The Clerk of Council shall cause a copy of the proclamation to be published in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the City, and in The Legal Intelligencer, once a week for three consecutive weeks during the period of thirty days prior to the election. One such publication may be combined with the publication of the notice required by Section 4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. The appropriate officers are authorized and directed to take such action as may be required for the holding of an election on the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance as provided for by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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RESOLUTION NO. 260845

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RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for the creation of the Office of Food and Nutrition Security and the Food and Nutrition Security Advisory Commission; and providing for the submission of the proposed amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Under Section 6 of the First-Class City Home Rule Act (53 P.S. §13106), an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the Council of the City of Philadelphia adopted with the concurrence of two-thirds of its elected members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

SECTION 1. That the following amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter is hereby proposed and shall be submitted to the electors of the City of Philadelphia on an election date designated by ordinance:

ARTICLE III
EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH – ORGANIZATION

CHAPTER 1
OFFICERS, DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES

§ 3-100. Executive and Administrative Officers, Departments, Boards, Commissions and Agencies Designated.

The executive and administrative work of the City shall be performed by:

(a) The following elected or appointed officers:

* * *

Youth Ombudsperson [.]*;*

Director of Food and Nutrition Security.

* * *

(e) The following independent boards and commissions, which, except for the Board of Trustees of the Free Library of Philadelphia, are hereby created:

* * *

Philadelphia Prison Community Oversight Board[.]*;*

Food and Nutrition Security Advisory Commission.

CHAPTER 2
ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT

* * *

§ 3-218. Director of Food and Nutrition Security.

The Mayor, with the advice and consent of a majority of all the members of the Council, shall appoint the Director of Food and Nutrition Security.

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CHAPTER 3
QUALIFICATIONS

§ 3-309. Director of Food and Nutrition Security.

The Director of Food and Nutrition Security shall have at least five years of senior leadership experience in food and nutrition security, food policy, public health, nutrition, food systems, human services, government, nonprofit organizations, or a related field.

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CHAPTER 6
COMPENSATION

§ 3-600. The Mayor and Other Officers.

Until the Council shall otherwise ordain, annual salaries shall be payable in equal semi-monthly installments as follows:

* * *

Youth Ombudsperson, $150,000[.]*;*

Director of Food and Nutrition Security, $175,000.

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CHAPTER 8
INDEPENDENT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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§ 3-815. Food and Nutrition Security Advisory Commission.

The Food and Nutrition Security Advisory Commission shall be constituted in accordance with ordinances enacted by Council pursuant to Section § 4-3102.

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ARTICLE IV
EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH – POWERS AND DUTIES
The Mayor, The City Representative and Departments, Boards, Commissions and Offices under the Mayor

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CHAPTER 31
OFFICE OF FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

§ 4-3100. Creation.

The Office of Food and Nutrition Security is hereby created, headed by the Director of Food and Nutrition Security.

§ 4-3101. Powers and Duties.

The Office of Food and Nutrition Security shall have the power and its duty shall be to perform the following functions:

(a) Develop, facilitate, and implement citywide policies, strategies, plans, and recommendations by coordinating and collaborating with City departments, agencies, boards, commissions, governmental entities, and public and private partners to improve food and nutrition security by increasing equitable access to sufficient healthy, affordable, nutritious, safe, and culturally appropriate food and promoting the resilience, sustainability, and economic viability of Philadelphia's food system.

(b) Collect, coordinate, analyze, and publish data and research concerning food and nutrition security and the local food system.

(c) Identify federal, state, philanthropic, and other funding opportunities that may support food and nutrition security initiatives and coordinate with relevant City bodies and external partners to pursue such resources.

(d) Establish mechanisms for meaningful engagement with residents, community-based organizations, food providers, advocates, and other stakeholders in the development, implementation, and evaluation of City food and nutrition security policies and initiatives.

(e) Carry out such additional powers and duties as Council may, by ordinance, confer on the Office of Food and Nutrition Security, consistent with the scheme of this Charter. Such powers and duties may include the development of a Food and Nutrition Security Plan and maintenance of an online portal.

§ 4-3102. Food and Nutrition Security Advisory Commission.

Council shall by ordinance determine:

(a) The number of members of the Food and Nutrition Security Advisory Commission and the manner in which the members are selected.

(b) The powers and duties of the Commission, consistent with the scheme of this Charter.

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APPENDIX

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CHAPTER A-2

§ A-200. Schedule.

This Charter shall become effective on the first Monday of January, 1952, except in the following particulars:

* * *

(31) The amendments to this Charter related to the Office of Food and Nutrition Security and Food and Nutrition Security Advisory Commission shall take effect on January 1, 2028.

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Italics indicate matter added to the Charter by these amendments.
[Brackets] indicate matter to be deleted.