

Legislation Text

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Authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 238 by striking from the City Plan and vacating Swanson street from Catharine street northwardly to the Delaware Expressway (I-95), by reserving and placing a right-of-way for drainage purposes and Water Main purposes within the bed of Swanson street and by striking from the City Plan and vacating Fitzwater street from Christopher Columbus boulevard westwardly to the Delaware Expressway (I-95), all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 11-405 of The Philadelphia Code, the Board of Surveyors of the Department of Streets is authorized to revise the lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 307 by:

(a) Striking from the City Plan and vacating Swanson street from Catharine street northwardly to the Delaware Expressway (I-95).

(b) Reserving and placing on the City Plan a fifty (50) foot wide right-of-way for drainage purposes and Water Main purposes in the bed of Swanson street from Catharine street northwardly to the Delaware Expressway (I-95).

(c) Striking from the City Plan and vacating Fitzwater street from Christopher Columbus boulevard, westwardly to the Delaware Expressway (I-95).

SECTION 2. This authorization is conditional upon compliance with the following requirements within two (2) years from the date this Ordinance becomes law:

(a) The filing of an agreement, satisfactory to the Law Department, by the owner or owners of property affected thereby, to release the City from all damages or claims for damages which may arise by reason of the City Plan changes authorized herein; in lieu thereof, only after the party in interest has demonstrated best efforts to obtain such agreements and such efforts are unsuccessful, the party in interest shall file an agreement and bond with corporate surety, satisfactory to the Law Department, to indemnify the City as aforesaid.

(b) The filing of an agreement, satisfactory to the Law Department, by the party in interest, to release, indemnify and defend the City from all damages or claims for damages, which may arise by reason of the City Plan changes authorized herein.

(c) The filing of an agreement, satisfactory to the Law Department, by the party in interest, to make any and all changes and adjustments to curbing, sidewalk paving, cartway paving, water pipe, fire hydrants, sewers, inlets and manholes, street light poles and equipment, and to other City structures either overhead, underground or upon the surface, including the relocation, abandonment, repairing, reconstruction, cutting and sealing of such structures and facilities which may be necessary in the judgment of the Department of Streets and Water Department by reason of the City Plan changes authorized herein. The agreement shall provide for the removal of all existing City-owned street lighting poles and equipment and for their delivery to the storage

yard of the Street Lighting Division at 701 Ramona avenue at no cost to the City. The agreement shall provide for the removal of salvageable hydrants, valves, manhole covers, frames and connections, as determined by the Water Department, and for their delivery to the storage yard of the Water Department located at Twenty-ninth street and Cambria street at no cost to the City. The agreement shall also provide for the removal of salvageable cast iron manholes and covers, street inlet grates, frames and hoods, and inlet castings, as determined by the Water Department, and for their delivery to the storage yard of the Water Department located at 3201 Fox street at no cost to the City. The agreement shall provide that this work be completed within one (1) year from the date of confirmation by the Board of Surveyors on the City Plan changes authorized by this Ordinance.

(d) The filing of an agreement by the owner or owners of property affected thereby, granting to the City the aforesaid right-of-way for drainage purposes and water main purposes described in Section 1(b) of this Ordinance. The agreement shall provide that no changes in grades shall be made and that no fences, buildings or other structures, either overhead, underground or upon the surface shall be constructed within the lines of the right-of-way or abutting thereon, unless the plans for such structures shall first be submitted to and approved by the Philadelphia Water Department. The agreement shall also grant the right-of-access and occupation at any and all times to the officers, agents, employees and contractors of the City for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, maintenance, alterations, repairs and inspection of present and future facilities and structures.

(e) The filing of a bond, with corporate surety, satisfactory to the Law Department, to cover the cost of work required under Section 2(c).

(f) The payment by the party in interest of the cost of advertising the public hearing by the Board of Surveyors on the City Plan changes authorized by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall not become effective unless the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), toward costs thereof, is paid into the City Treasury within sixty (60) days after this Ordinance becomes law.