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Amending Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code (“The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code”) by revising Section PM-202 of Subcode PM (“The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code”), entitled “General Definitions”, to revise definitions related to drinking fountains and water dispensers; and revising Section PM-502.6 of Subcode PM, entitled “Schools”, to add provisions related to drinking facilities in schools and requiring filtration systems; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Sections PM-202 and PM-502.6 of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 4. THE PHILADELPHIA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPANCY CODE

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SUBCODE "PM" (THE PHILADELPHIA PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE)

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CHAPTER 2 DEFINITIONS

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SECTION PM-202 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

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DRINKING FOUNTAIN. A functioning plumbing fixture that is connected to the potable water distribution system and the drainage system. The fixture allows the user to obtain a drink directly from a stream of flowing water without the use of any accessories. *Drinking fountains include hybrid fixtures with both bottle filling and direct drinking capabilities.*

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CHAPTER 5 PLUMBING FACILITIES AND FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS

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SECTION PM-502 REQUIRED FACILITIES

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PM-502.6 Schools. Structures or portions of structures used for Educational Group E occupancy, as defined in Subcode "B" of Title 4 (The Philadelphia Building Code), shall be equipped with one drinking fountain for every 100 students or fraction thereof, *based on the facility's actual student enrollment*. At least one fountain shall be on each *occupied* floor of the building, without regard to the number of students. Water dispensers may be substituted for not more than fifty percent (50%) of the required number of drinking fountains. *Following June 1, 2025, the above applicable requirements for drinking fountains shall only be satisfied by drinking fountains or water dispensers made of lead-free materials, where commercially available, that include the following elements:*

1. *A highly effective, filter certified to meet or exceed NSF/ANSI 53 and 42 requirements;*
2. *A filter change indicator, known as an integral performance indication device as specified NSF/ANSI 53; and*
3. *A bottle filling station controlled by the user for the purpose of dispensing drinking water into a receptacle such as a cup or bottle.*

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