

## Legislation Text

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TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:

I am hereby returning unsigned Bill Number 230308, which was passed by Council at its session on June 8, 2023. Bill Number 230308 amends the Philadelphia Zoning Code, Section 14-502 entitled /CTR, Center City Overlay District by making changes to the allowed uses in the South Street Head House Square area.

This bill prohibits the use of Smoking Lounges under Eating and Drinking Establishments with the overlay area that runs along South Street east of Broad and the Head House Square area. A smoking lounge is defined as an eating and drinking establishment where the smoking of tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, or other substances is permitted. Examples of smoking lounges include, but are not limited to cigar lounges, hookah lounges, vape lounges, and tobacco clubs and bars. These businesses are legitimate and, in many cases, culturally relevant for our citizens.

For these reasons, I am returning Bill Number 230308 unsigned,

Respectfully,  
JAMES F. KENNEY  
Mayor