

Legislation Text

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Authorizing the grant to the City of two rights of way for municipal and public utility purposes within an area bounded by Market Street, former Thirty-second Street, Chestnut Street, and Thirty-third Street; and authorizing the revision of lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 42 by placing on the City Plan the two rights of way and striking and abandoning portions of two existing rights of way for municipal and public utility purposes within the same area; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 11-404 of The Philadelphia Code, the Board of Surveyors of the Department of Streets is hereby authorized to revise the lines and grades on a portion of City Plan No. 42 by:

- (a) Striking from the City Plan and abandoning a portion of a certain sixty feet wide right-of-way for municipal and public utility purposes which extends northeastwardly from a point on the northerly side of Chestnut Street, approximately nine feet east of Thirty-third Street, to a point on the westerly side of former Thirty-second Street, approximately eight feet south of Market Street, the said portion being stricken and abandoned extending from the said northerly side of Chestnut Street to a point approximately one-hundred ninety-eight feet northeastwardly therefrom.
- (b) Striking from the City Plan and abandoning a portion of a certain forty feet wide right-of-way for municipal and public utility purposes which extends northeastwardly from a point on the easterly side of Thirty-third Street, approximately one-hundred ninety-six feet south of Market Street, to a point on the southerly side of Market Street, approximately two-hundred forty-six feet east of Thirty-third Street, the said portion being stricken and abandoned extending from the said southerly side of Market Street to a point approximately one-hundred forty-one feet southwestwardly therefrom.
- (c) Placing on the City Plan a forty feet wide right-of-way for gas main purposes and public utility purposes located on the northerly side of Chestnut Street, approximately two-hundred nine feet east of Thirty-third Street, and extending northwardly approximately eighty-seven feet to the proposed terminus of the existing sixty feet wide right-of-way reserved for municipal and public utility purposes as described in and being revised by authority of Section 1(a) herein.
- (d) Placing on the City Plan a thirty-nine feet and thirty-seven feet wide right-of-way for drainage purposes, water main purposes, gas main purposes and public utility purposes located on the southerly side of Market Street, approximately two-hundred eighty-nine feet east of Thirty-third Street, and extending southwardly, of the width of thirty-nine feet, approximately ninety feet and thence westwardly, of the width of thirty-seven feet, approximately eighty-nine feet to the proposed terminus of the existing forty feet wide right-of-way reserved for municipal and public utility purposes as described in and being revised by authority of Section 1(b) herein.

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 City Solicitor, 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 a bond, with corporate surety, satisfactory to the City Solicitor or an irrevocable letter of credit satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to indemnify the City as aforesaid.

- (b) The filing of an agreement, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, by the party in interest, to release, indemnify, and defend the City from all damages or claims for damages that may arise by reason of the City Plan changes authorized herein.
- (c) The filing of an agreement, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, 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 the Water Department by reason of the City Plan changes authorized herein. 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 year from the date of confirmation by the Board of Surveyors of the City Plan changes authorized by this Ordinance.
- (d) The filing of an agreement, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, by the party in interest, to make any and all changes and adjustments to any public utility facilities which may be necessary in the judgment of the Philadelphia Gas Works, PECO, Verizon, or any other public utility which maintains facilities within the area being affected. The agreement shall provide that this work be completed within one year from the date of confirmation by the Board of Surveyors of the City Plan changes authorized by this Ordinance.
- (e) The party in interest shall file a bond, with corporate surety, satisfactory to the City Solicitor or an irrevocable letter of credit satisfactory to the City Solicitor, in an amount satisfactory to the Department of Streets and the Water Department, to cover the cost of the work required under Section 2(c) herein.
- (f) The filing of an agreement, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, by the owner or owners of property affected thereby, granting to the City the aforesaid right-of-way for gas main purposes and public utility purposes authorized in Section 1(c) of this Ordinance and the aforesaid right-of-way for drainage purposes, water main purposes, gas main purposes and public utility purposes authorized in Section 1(d) 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 rights-of-way or abutting thereon, unless the plans for such structures shall first be submitted to and approved by the Water Department, the Gas Works, and any other public utility which maintains facilities within the said rights-of-way. 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, the Gas Works, and any other public utility which maintains facilities within the said rights-of-way for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, maintenance, alterations, repairs, and inspection of present and future facilities and structures.
- (g) 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 one hundred and twenty (120) days after this Ordinance becomes law.