



Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) to construct, own and maintain a handicap ramp and stairs at 2201-2207 W. Venango Street, Philadelphia, PA, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Permission is hereby granted to PHA to construct, own and maintain a handicap ramp and stairs at 2201-2207 W. Venango Street as follows:

The ramp and stairs encroach approximately seven feet (7') over the west sidewalk of North 22nd Street, leaving a distance of approximately five-feet six-inches (5'-6") clear for pedestrian traffic.

SECTION 2. The construction, use and maintenance of the handicap ramp and stairs described and listed in Section 1 shall be in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the City of Philadelphia, and specifically those of the Department of Licenses and Inspections and the Department of Streets, provided that the Department of Streets, in its sole, unreviewable discretion, may allow minor variations of the dimension limits of Section 1, within standard tolerances of current engineering practice.

SECTION 3. Before exercising any rights or privileges under this Ordinance, PHA must first obtain or have its contractor(s) obtain all required permits, licenses and approvals from all appropriate departments, boards, agencies or commissions. No such department, board, agency or commission shall be required to issue any such permit, license or approval solely because this Ordinance has been enacted, it being the express intent of this Ordinance not to supersede any other provision of law governing the issuance of such permits, licenses or approvals. In addition, before exercising any rights and privileges under this Ordinance, PHA shall enter into an agreement ("Agreement") with the appropriate City department or departments, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to provide that PHA, *inter alia*:

- (a) agrees that upon one hundred and eighty (180) days notice from the City, it shall remove the handicap ramp and stairs without cost or expense to the City and shall remove the handicap ramp and stairs at no cost and expense to the City of Philadelphia when given written notice to do so by the City of Philadelphia to accommodate a municipal or municipal sponsored construction project;
- (b) shall secure all necessary permits, licenses and approvals from all appropriate departments, agencies, boards or commissions of the City as may be required by regulation or law. No such department, board, agency or commission shall be required to issue any such permit, license or approval solely because this Ordinance has been enacted;
- (c) shall assume the costs of all changes and adjustments to, and relocation or abandonment of City utilities and City structures wherever located as may be necessary by the reason of the construction of the handicap ramp and stairs;
- (d) shall carry public liability and property damage insurance, co-naming the City of Philadelphia as an insured party, in such amounts as shall be satisfactory to the City Solicitor, or in lieu thereof, submit documentation in form and content acceptable to the City that PHA is self-insured and is providing the City of Philadelphia the same coverage and benefits had the insurance requirements been satisfied by an insurance carrier authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

- (e) shall insure that all construction contractors for the handicap ramp and stairs carry public liability and property damage insurance, naming the City of Philadelphia as an insured party in such amounts as shall be reasonably satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (f) shall give the City and all public utility companies the right of access, ingress and egress for the purpose of inspection, maintenance, alteration, relocation or reconstruction of any of their respective facilities which may lie within the public footway adjacent to the streetscape improvements described in Section 1.

SECTION 4. The City Solicitor shall include in the Agreement such other terms and conditions as shall be deemed necessary to protect the interests of the City.

SECTION 5. The permission granted to PHA to construct, own and maintain the handicap ramp and stairs described in Section 1 shall expire without any further action by the City of Philadelphia if PHA has not entered into an Agreement and satisfied all requirements of the Agreement that are listed in Section 3 of this Ordinance within one (1) year after this Ordinance becomes law.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall not become effective unless the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200), toward costs thereof, is paid into the City Treasury within sixty (60) days after the date this Ordinance becomes law.