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**Title:** Amending Chapter 12-400 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Right-of-Way Regulations and Penalties," by increasing the penalty for violations of Section 12-407, which prohibits the operator of a vehicle from entering an intersection or crosswalk unless there is sufficient space beyond the intersection or crosswalk to accommodate the vehicle without obstructing other vehicles or pedestrians, and by requiring that certain signs and painted stripes be installed at intersections designated by ordinance as "Don't Block The Box" intersections; and by designating certain intersections in the City, including but not limited to intersections on South street from Front street to Broad street, as "Don't Block The Box" intersections; all under certain terms and conditions.

**Sponsors:** Councilmember DiCicco, Councilmember Rizzo, Councilmember Nutter, Councilmember Kenney, Councilmember Goode, Council President Verna, Councilmember Longstreth, Councilmember Cohen, Councilmember Tasco, Councilmember Clarke, Councilmember O'Neill, Councilmember Reynolds Brown

**Indexes:** DONT BLOCK THE BOX

**Code sections:** 12-400 - Right-of-Way Regulations and Penalties, 12-407 - Stop When Traffic Obstructed, 12-409 - Penalty

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result	Tally
2/26/2003	1	MAYOR	SIGNED		
2/13/2003	1	CITY COUNCIL	READ		
2/13/2003	1	CITY COUNCIL	PASSED	Pass	14:0
2/6/2003	1	CITY COUNCIL	ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY'S FIRST READING CALENDAR		
2/6/2003	1	CITY COUNCIL	SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL	Pass	
2/6/2003	1	CITY COUNCIL	ORDERED PLACED ON NEXT WEEK'S SECOND READING CALENDAR		
2/5/2003	0	Committee on Streets and Services	HEARING NOTICES SENT		
2/5/2003	0	Committee on Streets and Services	AMENDED		
2/5/2003	0	Committee on Streets and Services	HEARING HELD		
2/5/2003	1	Committee on Streets and Services	REPORTED FAVORABLY, RULE SUSPENSION REQUESTED		
6/13/2002	0	CITY COUNCIL	Referred		
6/13/2002	0	CITY COUNCIL	Introduced	Pass	

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accommodate the vehicle without obstructing other vehicles or pedestrians, and by requiring that certain signs and painted stripes be installed at intersections designated by ordinance as “Don’t Block The Box” intersections; and by designating certain intersections in the City, including but not limited to intersections on South street from Front street to Broad street, as “Don’t Block The Box” intersections; all under certain terms and conditions.

*THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 12-400 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 12-400. RIGHT-OF-WAY REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES

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§12-407. Stop When Traffic Obstructed.

(1) No operator shall enter an intersection or crosswalk unless there is sufficient space beyond such intersection or crosswalk in the direction in which he is proceeding to accommodate his vehicle or street car without obstructing the passage of other vehicular traffic or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic-control signal indication to proceed.

*(2) At all intersections designated by ordinance as “Don’t Block The Box” intersections, the Department shall, at the discretion of the Street Commissioner, paint stripes on the cartway indicating the area of the intersection into which a vehicle should not enter unless there is sufficient space beyond such area to accommodate the vehicle without obstructing other vehicles or pedestrians. The Department shall also, at the discretion of the Street Commissioner, erect “Don’t Block The Box” signs at each such intersection, which signs shall set forth the penalty for violation of this Section.*

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§12-409. Penalty.

(1) Any person violating any of the provisions of Chapter 12-400 for which no penalty is provided in The Vehicle Code shall, upon summary conviction before a Magistrate, pay a fine of ten (10) dollars together with costs of prosecution, *except that the fine for a violation of the provisions of Section 12-407 shall be the maximum amount permitted by law.*

SECTION 2. Pursuant to §12-407(2) of The Philadelphia Code, as added by Section 1 of this Ordinance, the following intersections are hereby designated as “Don’t Block The Box” intersections:

All intersections on South street from Front street to Broad street, inclusive.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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**Explanation:**

*Italics* indicate new matter added.

