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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 10. REGULATION OF INDIVIDUAL CONDUCT AND ACTIVITY

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CHAPTER 10-2700. CITY REPORTS ON IMPERMISSIBLE CAMPING

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§ 10-2701. Definitions.

(1) Impermissible camping. When done in violation of any provision of the Code, the use of any property for temporary or permanent outdoor living accommodation purposes, including: sleeping or making preparations to sleep; laying down or using for the purpose of sleeping any tent, tarpaulin, lean-to, sleeping bag, bedroll, mattress, blankets, or any form of cover or protection from the elements other than clothing; storing personal belongings; or making any fire.

(2) Reporting term. The two (2) year period beginning May 1, 2024, and ending June 31, 2026.

§ 10-2702. Reporting requirements.

(1) During the reporting term, the Office of the Managing Director shall provide written reports to the Chief Clerk of Council that comply with the following requirements:

(a) Contents. Reports must include, at a minimum, the following information for the two (2) month period preceding the original report deadline:

(.1) The total number of individuals with whom City employees initiated an interaction because such individuals were impermissibly camping, listed by department;

(.2) The number of such individuals referenced in Subsection (1)(a)(.1) with whom the department has initiated an interaction on more than one occasion during the two (2) month period covered by the report because such individuals were impermissibly camping;

(.3) The locations in the City where impermissible camping has repeatedly or continuously occurred during the two (2) month period covered by the report; and

(.4) A description of the services offered by each department to the individuals who are impermissibly camping, the frequency with which services were accepted, and, if available, information concerning individuals' reasons for refusing services that were offered.

(b) Privacy protection. The information in the report must be anonymized and must not contain any identifying information about individuals discussed in the report.

(c) Timing. Reports shall be provided on a bi-monthly basis, beginning July 2024, and shall be due no later than the final business day of the months January, March, May, July, September, and November, unless an extension has been granted by the Council President.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Explanation:
Italics indicate new matter added.

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