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Title: Adding a new Chapter 21-3500 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Public Utility Meters,” to prohibit provision of a second utility meter by a public utility at a residential property without evidence of a valid housing rental license for the property, under certain terms and conditions.

Sponsors: Councilmember O'Neill, Councilmember Phillips, Council President Johnson, Councilmember Gilmore Richardson, Councilmember Gauthier, Councilmember Thomas, Councilmember Ahmad, Councilmember Bass, Councilmember Brooks, Councilmember Driscoll, Councilmember Harrity, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Landau, Councilmember Lozada, Councilmember Squilla, Councilmember Young

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10/23/2025	1	CITY COUNCIL	SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COUNCIL		
10/23/2025	1	CITY COUNCIL	ORDERED PLACED ON THIS DAY`S FIRST READING CALENDAR		
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THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 21 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 21. MISCELLANEOUS

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CHAPTER 21-3500. PUBLIC UTILITY METERING

§ 21-3500. Provision of More Than One Utility Meter at a Residential Property.

(a) No owner of a residential property with three or fewer dwelling units shall authorize or establish more than one meter or more than one service account for a public utility at the property without a valid housing rental license in effect for, or a building permit underlying the establishment of, any unit that is not occupied by the property owner or a member of the owner's family, as set forth in Code Section 9-3902(1)(b)(.2).

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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

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