



Legislation Text

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Amending Title 16 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public Property," by providing for a prohibition on firearms and deadly weapons in or around City-owned or City-occupied facilities, under certain terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia is responsible for the orderly operation, service, repair and maintenance of its public buildings, including City Hall, One Parkway Building, the Municipal Services Building, the Criminal Justice Center, Police Headquarters and district facilities, and all Fire Stations and facilities, totaling around 4.5 million square feet; and

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia is also responsible for properly managing approximately 10,000 acres of open space consisting of athletic fields, parks, pools, ice skating rinks and other recreational areas, many of which are frequented by children; and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of the City Philadelphia to ensure that these public buildings and facilities are managed in an orderly fashion to maximize their functionality and use by City employees, vendors, visitors and the general public; now, therefore

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 16 of The Philadelphia Code is amended to read as follows:

TITLE 16. PUBLIC PROPERTY

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CHAPTER 16-300. MAINTENANCE AND SUPERVISION

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§ 16-306. Firearms and Deadly Weapons in Public Buildings and Facilities.

(1) The Commissioner of Public Property and the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation are called upon to promulgate regulations prohibiting the carrying of any firearm or deadly weapon in or around any City-owned or City-occupied facility; and to post prominently signs at appropriate locations setting out this prohibition. The regulations shall provide for appropriate exceptions, including for any duly-authorized law enforcement officer.

(2) Penalties and enforcement. Any violation of any regulations issued under this Section shall be a Class III offense, subject to the penalties set forth in § 1-109. The provisions of Section 1-112 (relating to Notices of Violation) shall not be applicable.

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Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.