



Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 11-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Construction, Encroachments and Projections Over, On and Under Streets,” to provide additional requirements in connection with sidewalk closures, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 11-600 of The Philadelphia Code is amended to read as follows:

TITLE 11. STREETS.

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CHAPTER 11-600. CONSTRUCTION, ENCROACHMENTS AND PROJECTIONS OVER, ON AND UNDER STREETS.

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§ 11-601. Definitions.

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*(8.1) Protected Walkway. A portion of a sidewalk, roadway or street open to pedestrian traffic that is bordered by barriers adequate to protect the safety of pedestrians.*

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§ 11-612. Sidewalk and Roadway Lane Closures.

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(2) The Department shall not issue any permit authorizing the closure of any sidewalk, *or portion of a sidewalk*, under the provisions of this Title 11, any regulation promulgated under this Title, or any other authority, without first making a written determination that a covered walkway in compliance with Title 4 is impracticable in the circumstances, *and, if so, whether a protected walkway can be established that will adequately protect public safety and not unduly impact traffic safety*. If a permit application seeks closure of a sidewalk that will extend beyond one week, then the permit application must be accompanied by an analysis prepared by an engineer licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania concluding [that] *whether* a covered walkway in compliance with Title 4 is [impracticable] *practicable* in the circumstances, *and, if not, whether a protected walkway can be established that will adequately protect public safety and not unduly impact traffic safety*. [and the] *The* Department shall consider such analysis before making its own written determination.

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**Explanation:**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

*Italics* indicate new matter added.