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Amending Chapter 14-1000 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Historic Preservation," by adding new sections to create a searchable database of mural arts in the City, adding notice requirements, comment period, review and recommendations by Mural Arts Philadelphia, and other related duties prior to issuance of a building permit for a mural arts building, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 14-1000 of The Philadelphia Code is amended by adding the following:

§ 14-1010. Mural Arts Designation and Preservation.

Mural Arts Philadelphia, in cooperation with the Office of Innovation and Technology (OIT), shall create a searchable database of all existing mural arts in the City within one year of the effective date of this section. The mural arts database shall be continually updated to include all future mural arts in the City. Any property listed in the mural arts database shall be designated as a building with mural arts. Mural Arts Philadelphia shall use the database to enhance identification and preservation of murals in the City.

§ 14-1011. Regulation.

(1) Building Permit Required.
Unless a building permit is first obtained from L&I, no person shall alter or demolish a building with mural arts, structure, site, or object, or alter, demolish, or construct any building, structure, site, or object that would obscure a mural art on an adjacent or nearby building.

(2) Building Permit Application Referral.
Before L&I may issue such a building permit, L&I shall forward the building permit application to Mural Arts Philadelphia to review.

(3) Demolition Notice.
When a person applies for a building permit involving demolition, L&I shall post, within seven days, notice indicating that the owner has applied for a building permit to demolish the property; that the property is a building with mural arts; that the application has been forwarded to Mural Arts Philadelphia for review. The notice shall be posted on each street frontage of the premises with which the notice is concerned and shall be clearly visible to the public. Posting of a notice shall not be required in the event of an emergency that requires immediate action to protect the health or safety of the public. No person shall remove the notice unless the building permit is denied, or the owner notifies L&I that he or she will not demolish the property.

(4) Comment Review.
Mural Arts Philadelphia's scope of review of applications for building permits for construction or demolition, as defined herein, shall be limited to a 45-day period of comment. At the end of the comment period Mural Arts Philadelphia shall issue its recommendation to L&I and make the recommendation available to the public.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.

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