

Legislation Text

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Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Traffic Code," to require the maintenance and reporting of certain information related to vehicle stops, and making certain technical changes, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 12. TRAFFIC CODE

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CHAPTER 12-200. ADMINISTRATION

§ 12-201. Duties of Police Department.

(1) The Police Department shall:

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(e) Continue, in accordance with policies and practices developed in response to the June 21, 2011 Court Approved Settlement Agreement, Class Certification, and Consent Decree entered in Bailey v. City of Philadelphia, to record information relevant to each vehicle stop performed by the Philadelphia Police Department within the city limits (information currently contained within the standard Philadelphia Police Reports referred to as the 78-48A) into an electronic database.

(.1) Within twelve (12) months of the effective date of the ordinance adding this subsection (1)(e) to the Code, the electronic database shall have the capability to retrieve digitized information for all vehicle stops by district control number; police service area; police district incident occurred in and police district assigned officer is assigned to; date, time and location; year, make and model of the vehicle; the drivers' race, ethnicity, and gender, and the race, gender, and ethnicity of passengers, if any; the primary vehicle violation; any and all secondary violations, if any; police action taken, including, but not limited to: whether a warning or citation issued; whether occupant(s) of vehicle were frisked or searched; whether occupant(s) of vehicle were arrested; whether vehicle was frisked or searched; whether the vehicle stop resulted in recovery of contraband, delineated by type: "firearm", "other weapon", "narcotics", or "other contraband;" and, any other relevant information necessary for effective monitoring of vehicle stops.

(f) Develop procedures and policies to reasonably ensure information entered into the database, referenced in subsection (1)(e)(.1), is complete and accurate.

(g) Publicly publish the information referenced in subsection (1)(e)(.1), as it becomes available

or, at a minimum, monthly.

(h) Regularly collaborate with the Citizen Police Oversight Committee to ensure nationally recognized best practices are implemented to mitigate racial bias or disparity in vehicle stops.

(i) Transmit an annual report detailing the Police Department's enforcement of the vehicle code within the city limits, and identifying any best-practice policy changes that were implemented over the preceding year, to the Council President and Chair of the Public Safety Committee two weeks prior to the public hearing scheduled in accordance with 17-2303 of this Code.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.