

Legislation Text

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Authorizing the Philadelphia Housing Authority to acquire fee simple title to certain properties located in the vicinity of 9th Street to the east, 11th Street to the west, Cumberland Street to the north, and Susquehanna Avenue to the south, under certain terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, the Philadelphia Housing Authority (the "Housing Authority") would like to acquire fee simple title to certain properties located in the area of 9th Street to the east, 11th Street to the west, Cumberland Street to the north, and Susquehanna Avenue to the south ("Fairhill") for the development of housing and integrated mixed-uses (the "Fairhill Project") by purchase, deed in lieu of condemnation, or if necessary condemnation; now, therefore,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The Housing Authority is authorized to acquire (whether by purchase, deed in lieu of condemnation, or condemnation) fee simple title to the properties listed in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, located in vicinity of 9th Street to the east, 11th Street to the west, Cumberland Street to the north, and Susquehanna Avenue to the south, for affordable housing development purposes.

SECTION 2. Any acquisition or condemnation undertaken by the Housing Authority under this Ordinance shall in all respects conform to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including the Uniform Relocation and Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies for Federal and Federally Assisted Programs, 42 U.S.C., § 4601 *et seq.*, and the Pennsylvania Eminent Domain Code, 26 Pa. C.S. § 101 *et seq.*

SECTION 3. If at any time it is determined that a property to be acquired under this Ordinance is occupied or that the Fairhill Project will displace a person or business, then the Housing Authority shall meet all applicable State and Federal relocation requirements. The Housing Authority shall ensure that any displaced families and individuals shall have the full opportunity to move into decent, safe, and sanitary housing, that their displacement and the displacement of any business concerns shall be carried out with a minimum of hardship, and that they receive the full range of payments and benefits provided by law.

SECTION 4. The Fairhill Project shall be in compliance with Title VI of the United States Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VI"), the regulations and policies of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating Title VI, and Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, relating to non-discrimination and fair practices.

SECTION 5. Council finds and declares that the Fairhill Project meets all of the conditions and requirements imposed by Title VI of the United States Civil Rights Act of 1964, the regulations and policies of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating the Title, and Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, relating to non-discrimination and fair practices.

SECTION 6. Council finds and declares that the Fairhill Project:

- a. Provides for the proper relocation of any individuals and families displaced in carrying out the activities approved herein in decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings in conformity with acceptable standards, is feasible and can be reasonably and timely effected to permit the proper prosecution and completion of the undertakings in Fairhill and that such dwelling units available or to be made available to such displaced individuals and families are at least equal in number to the number of displaced individuals and families, are not generally less desirable in regard to public utilities and public and commercial facilities than the dwellings of the displaced individuals and families in Fairhill comprising the undertakings herein, are available at rents or prices within

- the financial means of the displaced individuals and families, and are reasonably accessible to their places of employment.
- b. Adequately provides for assistance to aid in relocation and to minimize the displacement of business concerns which are to be displaced.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.