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Amending Subcode "F" of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "The Philadelphia Fire Code," to require the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in additional high-rise buildings, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code is amended as follows:

TITLE 4. THE PHILADELPHIA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPANCY CODE

SUBCODE "F" (THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE CODE)

CHAPTER 11.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS

SECTION 1103 FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS

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Add Sections F-1103.5.5 through F-1103.5.8.2 as follows:

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F-1103.5.6 High-rise buildings. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout existing high-rise buildings.

[Exception: Portions of high-rise buildings occupied by Group R-2 occupancies without a change in occupancy since December 18, 1991.]

[F-1103.5.6.1 High-rise Group R-2 occupancies. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in the following areas of existing Group R-2 occupancies in the portions of the high-rise building to which the requirements of Section F-1103.5.6 do not apply:

1. Basements in accordance with Section F-1103.5.7.

2. Rooms used for storage where the floor area exceeds 120 square feet (11 m^2).

3. Trash an incinerator chutes and rooms in accordance with F-1103.4.9.]

F-1103.5.8.2 Retrofit schedule. Proof of compliance with the automatic sprinkler system installation requirements of this Section shall be submitted to the Department of Licenses and Inspections in the form of a certification pursuant to Section 901. The required certification shall be submitted prior to January 1, 2022*, provided that for portions of high-rise buildings containing Group R-2 occupancies, with respect to which an exemption under Section F-1103.5.6 applied on March 1, 2022, but which exception has been rescinded, the installation of automatic sprinkler systems shall be completed by _____, and the required certification shall be submitted prior to _____.*

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

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