

Legislation Text

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Authorizing encroachments in the nature of a pedestrian underpass in the vicinity of 5700-30 City Avenue, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Permission is hereby granted to the Trustees of Saint Joseph's University or its designee (the "Owner"), to install, own, and maintain encroachments at the Property as follows:

Property: 5700-30 City Avenue (the "Property") Encroachment Description:

A pedestrian underpass beneath the cartway and footprint of City Avenue located approximately one hundred and fifty feet (150') east of the Cardinal Avenue curb line. The minimum vertical clearance beneath City Avenue will be 9'-0" as measured from the top of the pedestrian path to the bottom of the western most beam. This will allow for a 6" ceiling below the beams and provide an 8'-6" vertical under clearance to the ceiling. The underpass is approximately twenty-five feet (25') wide.

SECTION 2. The construction, use and maintenance of the Encroachment described and listed in Section 1 shall be in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the City of Philadelphia, and specifically those of the Department of Licenses and Inspections and the Department of Streets, provided that the Department of Streets, in its sole, unreviewable discretion, may allow generally consistent variations of the dimension limits of Section 1, within standard tolerances of current engineering practice.

SECTION 3. Before exercising any rights or privileges under this Ordinance, Owner must first obtain or have its contractor(s) obtain all required permits, licenses and approvals from all appropriate departments, boards, agencies or commissions. No such department, board, agency or commission shall be required to issue any such permit, license or approval solely because this Ordinance has been enacted, it being the express intent of this Ordinance not to supersede any other provision of law governing the issuance of such permits, licenses or approvals. In addition, before exercising any rights and privileges under this Ordinance, Owner shall enter into an agreement ("Agreement") with the appropriate City department or departments, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, to provide that Owner, *inter alia*:

(a) agrees that upon one (1) year's notice from the City, it shall remove the Encroachment without cost or expense to the City and shall remove the Encroachment at no cost and expense to the City of Philadelphia when given written notice to do so by the City of Philadelphia to accommodate a municipal or municipal sponsored construction project;

(b) shall secure all necessary permits, licenses and approvals from all appropriate departments, agencies, boards or commissions of the City as may be required by regulation or law. No such department, board, agency or commission shall be required to issue any such permit, license or approval solely because this Ordinance has been enacted;

(c) shall assume the costs of all changes and adjustments to, and relocation or abandonment of City utilities and City structures wherever located in abutting/ adjacent areas of City Avenue, as may be necessary by

the reason of the construction of the Encroachment;

(d) shall carry public liability and property damage insurance (or other insurance coverage satisfactory to the City Solicitor), co-naming the City of Philadelphia as an insured party, in such amounts as shall be satisfactory to the City Solicitor, or in lieu thereof, submit documentation in form and content acceptable to the City that Owner is self-insured and is providing the City of Philadelphia the same coverage and benefits had the insurance requirements been satisfied by an insurance carrier authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

(e) shall insure that all construction contractors for the Encroachment carry public liability and property damage insurance (or other insurance coverage satisfactory to the City Solicitor), naming the City of Philadelphia as an insured party in such amounts as shall be reasonably satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

(f) shall give the City and all public utility companies the right-of-access, ingress and egress for the purpose of inspection, maintenance, alteration, relocation or reconstruction of any of their respective facilities which may lie within the public footway adjacent to the Encroachment described in Section 1;

(g) indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees and agents from and against any and all loss resulting from injury to, or death to persons or damage to property arising out of, resulting from, or in any manner caused by the presence, location, use, operation, installation, maintenance, replacement or removal of the Encroachment. Owner shall also agree to release the City from any and all claims relating to the Encroachment, including if ordered removed or when street, sidewalk or utility construction occurs; and

(h) furnish the City with either a bond with corporate surety in an amount required by the Department of Streets and in form and substance satisfactory to the Law Department to insure the compliance with all the terms and conditions of this Ordinance and the Agreement, or in lieu thereof, submit documentation in a form and content acceptable to the City that Owner self-assumes the liabilities and obligations normally covered by the Surety Bond.

SECTION 4. The City Solicitor shall include in the Agreement such other terms and conditions as shall be deemed necessary to protect the interests of the City.

SECTION 5. The permission granted to Owner to install own and maintain the Encroachment described in Section 1 shall expire without any further action by the City of Philadelphia if Owner has not entered into an Agreement and satisfied all requirements of the Agreement that are listed in Section 3 of this Ordinance within one (1) years after this Ordinance becomes law.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall not become effective unless the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00), toward costs thereof, is paid into the City Treasury within three (3) years after the date this Ordinance becomes law.