

City of Philadelphia



Philadelphia, December 19, 2007

CERTIFICATION: This is to certify that Bill No. 070951 was presented to the Mayor on the six day of December, 2007, and was not returned to the Council with his signature at a meeting held December 19, 2007 (being more than ten days after it had been presented to him).

THEREFORE, Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-202 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, the ordinance becomes effective as if the Mayor had approved it.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Rafferty".

Patricia Rafferty
Chief Clerk of the City Council

(Bill No. 070951)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 15 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Parks and Recreation," by requiring the Recreation Department to staff every Class A Recreation Center with at least one Recreation Leader trained to provide programs for disabled children, specifically those with special needs.

WHEREAS, There are many children in the City of Philadelphia who cannot use a Recreation Center because there are no programs that cater to their specific needs; and

WHEREAS, If there was a Recreation Leader trained to provide a level of services to this disabled/handicapped population they would make better use of the available Recreation Centers; and

WHEREAS, A Class A Recreation Center services a level of population that may include children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, A Class A Recreation Center should be staffed at a level to allow at least one person to be trained to provide services and training for special needs children; and

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WHEREAS, It is important to provide the services to the special needs community that only can be provided by a trained Recreation Leader; now, therefore,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 15 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 15. PARKS AND RECREATION.

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CHAPTER 15-600. RECREATION CENTERS.

§15-601. Programs for Disabled Children.

(1) The Recreation Department shall staff every Class A Recreation Center with at least one Recreation Leader trained to provide programs for disabled children, specifically those with special needs.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.