

(Bill No. 110084)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 1, Subcode "PM" (The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code) and Chapter 4-200.0, Subcode "A" (The Philadelphia Administrative Code) of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, by amending Section PM-102.0, entitled "Licensing," to provide for exemptions for certain vacant property uses; and by amending Section A-906 of Subcode "A," entitled "Property Maintenance Code Fees," to reduce the license fees charged to own a vacant lot, vacant building or vacant wharf; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Subcode "PM" of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 1 ADMINISTRATION

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SECTION PM-102.0 LICENSING

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PM-102.4.2 Contiguous Lots: Contiguous vacant lots shall be exempt from separate licensing when either of the following conditions exist:

1. Vacant lots are contiguous to and in common ownership with a vacant lot licensed in accordance with this Section. This provision shall include building lots in common ownership with an approved subdivision provided that a license is obtained for the subdivision tract.

2. Vacant lots contiguous to or separated by a driveway from a building where there is common ownership of the lot and the building. *This exemption includes a contiguous lot owned and maintained by the abutting property owner as a side yard.*

PM-102.4.3 Exemptions:

(*a*) A person who takes ownership of a property pursuant to an Abatement Agreement under the Emergency Nuisance Abatement Program, set forth at Section PM-

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309.0, shall be exempt from the foregoing license and bond requirements for a period of two years after taking ownership of the property.

(b) A lot that is continuously maintained as a garden shall be exempt from the foregoing license requirements.

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SECTION 2. Chapter 4-200.0 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 4-200.0 TEXT OF SUBCODES

SUBCODE "A" (THE PHILADELPHIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE)

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Section A-906 Property Maintenance Code Fees

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A-906.3 Vacant property license: The annual license fee to own a vacant lot, vacant building or vacant wharf, pier or dock shall be [\$750.00] *\$300.00*.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective for calendar year 2011 and thereafter.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted. *Italics* indicate new matter added.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on March 10, 2011. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on March 16, 2011.

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