

# City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 160333)

## AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 10-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Safety,” by amending Section 10-820, entitled “Cutting Weapons in Public Places,” by excluding certain emergency personnel from the prohibition on the use and possession of cutting tools.

*THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 10-800 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

### CHAPTER 10-800. SAFETY

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§ 10-820. Cutting Weapons in Public Places.

(1) Definition.

Cutting Weapon. Any knife or other cutting instrument which can be used as a weapon that has a cutting edge similar to that of a knife. No tool or instrument commonly or ordinarily used in a trade, profession or calling shall be considered a cutting weapon while actually being used in the active exercise of that trade, profession or calling.

(2) Prohibited Conduct. No person shall use or possess any cutting weapon upon the public streets or upon any public property at any time.

*(a) Exception: This restriction shall not apply to the use and possession of cutting tools by emergency personnel of the Philadelphia Fire Department, whether on or off duty.*

(3) Penalty. The penalty for violation of this Section shall be a fine of not less than three hundred (300) dollars and imprisonment of not less than ninety days.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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**Explanation:**

*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 June 16, 2016. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on June 28, 2016.



Michael A. Decker  
Chief Clerk of the City Council