

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 170244)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Traffic Code,” by amending Chapter 12-1200, entitled “Traffic Control Devices,” to require a report, recommendation and appropriate safety improvements regarding hazardous intersections; and by amending Chapter 12-1400, entitled “Penalties and Procedure for Violations,” to provide for a reward program; all under certain terms and conditions; to prevent against incidents of pedestrian related deaths, particularly those caused by vehicles that unlawfully pass trolleys or fail to yield to emergency response vehicles.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 12 of The Philadelphia Code is amended to read as follows:

TITLE 12. TRAFFIC CODE.

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CHAPTER 12-1200. TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES.

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§ 12-1207. *Hazardous Intersections.*

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the meaning specified:

(.1) *Intersection.* The intersection of two streets, and the area within 200 feet of the intersection.

(.2) *Hazardous intersection.* An intersection where two streets on the High Injury Network, as designated by Vision Zero, cross.

(b) Upon request by a District Councilmember concerning a collision involving serious bodily injury or death that occurred at a hazardous intersection located in the Councilmember’s district, the Department, after consultation with the Police Department and any other agency designated by the Mayor, shall transmit to the District Councilmember, no later than 60 days of the District Councilmember’s request, a report setting out:

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(.1) The cause of the collision at the hazardous intersection (if known).

(.2) The nature of the injuries or damages resulting from the collision (if known).

(.3) A list of other collisions that have occurred at the hazardous intersection within that calendar year.

(.4) The speed limit in the vicinity of the hazardous intersection.

(.5) Whether the cause of the collision was related to the unlawful passing of a trolley or the failure to yield to an emergency response vehicle at that hazardous intersection.

(.6) A description of all traffic control devices, including any traffic calming or speed control devices, in the vicinity of the collision.

(.7) A proposed plan of corrective action to reduce the number of collisions in the vicinity of the hazardous intersection. Such plan shall include, as appropriate, recommendations for installation of four-way stop signs, traffic lights, speed limits signage, or traffic calming devices, or for reduction in speed limits, or such other measures as the Department deems appropriate.

(c) Within two months of receipt of a report from the Department pursuant to subsection (b), above, Council shall adopt such ordinances as shall be necessary to reduce the number of collisions in the vicinity of any hazardous intersection.

§ [12-1207] 12-1208. Penalty. * * *

CHAPTER 12-1400. PENALTIES AND PROCEDURE FOR VIOLATIONS.

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§ 12-1405. Reward program.

(1) The Managing Director may establish a reward, in such amount as he or she deems appropriate, to be made available to any person who provides information leading to the conviction of any person for any crime involving use of a motor vehicle in the City that leads to death or serious bodily injury, including violation of any provision set forth in 75 Pa. C.S. (“Vehicle Code”), Chapter 37 (“Miscellaneous Provisions”), Subchapter B (“Serious Traffic Offenses”) or C (“Accidents and Accident Reports”).

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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 May 24, 2018. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on June 6, 2018.



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Chief Clerk of the City Council