

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 171120)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 9-700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Amusement Businesses,” by repealing Section 9-704 (relating to motion pictures), all under certain terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, On March 2, 2017, Philadelphia City Council adopted Resolution No. 170179, authorizing the creation of a “Special Committee on Regulatory Review and Reform” to identify archaic, superfluous, and confusing provisions in The Philadelphia Code and in departmental regulations; and to recommend revisions that streamline, clarify and enhance the City’s regulatory environment, for the purpose of accelerating the growth of well-paying jobs in Philadelphia while ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, The Special Committee on Regulatory Review and Reform has identified the provisions described in the title to this proposed Ordinance as non-essential and overdue for repeal; now, therefore

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 9-700 of The Philadelphia Code is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9-700. AMUSEMENT BUSINESSES.

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§ 9-704. [Motion Pictures.]*Reserved.*

(1) Definitions.

(a) Obscene. That which, to the average person applying contemporary community standards, has, as its dominant theme, taken as a whole, an appeal to prurient interest.

(2) Prohibited Conduct.

(a) Obscene, false or misleading advertising. No person shall permit the display of any picture or other form of advertising on premises used to exhibit any motion picture, which is obscene or which is false or misleading as to the nature of the

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motion picture being exhibited. Each day that a person permits the display of any obscene, or any false or misleading picture or other form of advertising shall constitute a separate violation.]

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.

Italics indicate 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 1, 2018. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on March 14, 2018.



Michael A. Decker
Chief Clerk of the City Council