

The Business Legislation Advisory Group was created to inform Philadelphia's business community of relevant legislation, regulations, and updates, and to gather your feedback, which you can share with the Commerce Department by emailing Libby.Peters@phila.gov.

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NOTE: There is no Council Session this Thursday, November 7th.

NEW LEGISLATION

Below are new business-related bills and resolutions that were introduced during the City Council session held on Thursday, October 31st.

LEGISLATION

STATUS

[Bill 190848](#) (Blackwell): Provides additional extensions for Keystone Opportunity Zones on certain parcels that remain vacant and were previously approved by Council

Introduced

[Bill 190859](#) (Green): Amends the provisions for Mixed Income Housing

Introduced

[Bill 190860](#) (Green): Creates provisions for preserving affordable housing

Introduced

[Bill 190863](#) (Domb): Requires the distribution of certain educational materials related to opioid prescriptions and substance use disorder treatment

Introduced

[Bill 190864](#) (Domb): Requires the reporting of information related to substance abuse treatment, drug overdose treatment, and related information to the Health Department

Introduced

PENDING LEGISLATION

Below is pending legislation on which **action was taken** since the Council session held on Thursday, October 24th.

LEGISLATION

ACTION/STATUS

[Bill 190767](#) (Sanchez): Amends fees for accelerated review of permits

Received Final Passage

[Bill 190607](#) (Sanchez): Domestic Workers Bill of Rights

Received Final Passage

[Bill 190787](#) (Green): Provides for regulations and for special provisions for certain small-dollar non-competitive bid contracts

Hearing Held 10/29/19
Reported Favorably
On Final Passage

[Bill 190786](#) (Green): Revises definitions, contract and reporting requirements, exceptions, and enforcement provisions, etc. of non-competitive bid contracts process

Hearing Held 10/29/19
Reported Favorably
On Final Passage

[Bill 190782](#) (Greenlee for Clarke): Prohibits vending in a certain 5th District area

Hearing Held 10/29/19
Amended

	Reported Favorably On Final Passage
Bill 190606 (Sanchez for Clarke): Reforms procedures for disposition of property by the City and City-related agencies	Received Final Passage
Below is pending legislation on which no action was taken since the Council session held on Thursday, October 24th.	
Bill 190717/Res 190730 (Green): Continuing and approving a new plan for the Philadelphia Hospitality Improvement Levy District	Hearing Held 10/23/19 Reported Favorably On Final Passage
Bill 190828 (Parker): Requires businesses to have a means of securing their shopping carts	In Committee
Bill 190826 (Blackwell): Prohibits vending on Market Street between 33rd and 34th Streets.	In Committee
Resolution 190838 (Green for Sanchez): Calling for the creation of a Domestic Workers Standards and Implementation Task Force and appointing a (9) person task force to consider, analyze, make recommendations to City Council's Committee of Law & Government and the Mayor's Office of Labor, for the City on legal protections, benefits, and working conditions for domestic workers	On Final Passage
Bill 190804 (Greenlee): Restricting certain e-cigarette sales to adults only establishments	In Committee Hearing Scheduled 11/20/19
Bill 190788 (Gym): Creates requirements for hospitals that anticipate closing	In Committee Hearing Scheduled 11/20/19
Bill 190659 (Squilla): Establishing the Fishtown Area Business Improvement District	Hearing Held 10/16/19 Reported Favorably On Final Passage
Bill 190636 (Brown): Amends the Section of the Code entitled "Sale of Fuel Oil" to revise permissible grades and sulfur content of commercial fuel oil	Hearing 10/2/19 Reported Favorably On Final Passage
Bill 190610 (Squilla): Prohibits the use of certain bags (plastic) and establishes a charge for other types of bags (paper and reusable)	In Committee Hearing Held 10/22/19 Amended, Reported Favorably On Final Passage
Bill 190601 (Henon): Creates the use category "smoking lounges"	Hearing Held 10/16/19 Reported Favorably On Final Passage
Bill 190600 (Brown): Creates a Building Energy Performance Policy to require owners of large buildings to conduct tune-ups of energy and water systems	Hearing 10/2/19 Reported Favorably On Final Passage
Bill 190750 (Oh): Creates a lead paint remediation tax credit for lessors	In Committee
Bill 190748 (Squilla): Requires 500 ft. between marijuana dispensaries	In Committee
Bill 190747 (Taubenberger): Requires construction work to be performed by licensed contractors and prohibits misclassification of workers in order to be eligible for the real estate tax abatement	In Committee
Bill 190746 (Domb): Revises the wage tax rate for low-income residents	In Committee Hearing Scheduled 11/13/19

Bill 190716 (Green): Requires benchmarking and reporting of energy and water usage data for certain buildings participating in the CPACE program	In Committee
Bill 190715 (Sanchez for Squilla): Establishes a prescription data collection program	In Committee Hearing Scheduled 11/20/19
Bill 190713 (Sanchez): Makes additional additions, deletions, and amendments to the City's adoption of the International Plumbing Code	In Committee
Resolution 190686 (Oh): Authorizing City Council's Committee on Global Opportunities and Creative/Innovative Economy to hold hearings regarding the Music Industry Task Force Report and Recommendations	Adopted
Resolution 190676 (Johnson): Authorizing joint hearings to assess options for the future of the refinery complex owned by Philadelphia Energy Solutions	Adopted Hearing Scheduled 11/22/19
Bill 190660 (Squilla): Establishing the South Philly Market District (BID)	Placed on Suspension Calendar
Bill 190650 (Parker): FY20 Appropriations Transfer to establish a city-wide commercial corridor cleaning program	In Committee Hearing Scheduled 11/12/19
Bill 190553 (Johnson for Clarke): Requires Community Benefits Agreements for certain high impact projects or development projects that receive City support	Held in Committee
Bill 190466 (Squilla): Revises permit fee and applicable penalties for contractor parking	Held in Committee at call of the Chair
Bill 190290/Resolution 190299 (Green): Charter change; revising the City procurement procedures to raise the threshold of non-competitively bid contracts from \$34,000 to \$100,000	Adopted Charter Change: Will go on ballot in November to be approved by voters
Bill 190382 (Johnson for Clarke): Provides that no variance shall be granted to permit the multi-family use of a property located in certain defined Single Family Preservation Districts	Held in Committee
Bill 190366 (Bass): Approving a new plan for improvements to the Germantown Special Services District	Held in Committee at the call of the Chair
Resolution 190421 (Green): Authorizing hearings regarding the PHL Neighborhood Growth Project	In Committee Hearing Scheduled 11/26/19
Bill 190183 (Sanchez): Amends the Philadelphia Beverage Tax to begin phase out process	In Committee
Bill 190160 (Squilla for Clarke): Exempts from BIRT 10% of rent received from affordable rental units	In Council
Bill 190134 (Domb): Reduces the amount and duration of certain real estate tax exemptions by reducing the amount of the tax abatement in years 8, 9, and 10	In Committee
Bill 190106 (Squilla): Establishes various requirements for landlords and tenants relating to bed bug infestation	Hearing Held 10/22/19 Amended, Reported Favorably On Final Passage
Bill 190060 (Henon): Proposes an amendment to the Charter to provide for the creation of a Contractor Review Board within L&I	In Council
Bill 190059 (Henon): Proposes an amendment to the Charter to provide a mandatory minimum staffing level for the building and code inspectors within L&I	In Council
Bill 190008 (Green): Authorizes referendum vote to be put on ballot to call upon the PA General Assembly and Gov. Wolf to pass legislation to decriminalize, regulate, and tax cannabis for non-medical purposes	Held in Committee at the call of the Chair

[Bill 190003](#) (Henon): Revises provisions of the Code relating to the form of naloxone pharmacies must have available

Held in Committee at the call of the Chair

[Bill 160710](#) (Blackwell): Amends parking requirements in certain districts by increasing the minimum required spaces

Hearing Held 10/16/19
Held in Committee

UPCOMING HEARINGS

Tuesday, Nov 12: Appropriations Committee (1pm-5pm)

- [Bill 190650](#) (Parker): FY20 Appropriations Transfer to establish a city-wide commercial corridor cleaning program

Wednesday, Nov 13: Finance Committee (10am-1pm)

- [Bill 190746](#) (Domb): Revises the wage tax rate for low-income residents

Wednesday, Nov 20: Public Health and Human Services Committee (10am-1pm)

- [Bill 190804](#) (Greenlee): Restricts certain e-cigarette sales to adults only establishments
- [Bill 190788](#) (Gym): Requirements for hospitals that anticipate closing
- [Bill 190715](#) (Sanchez for Squilla): Establishes a prescription data collection program

Friday, Nov 22: Joint Committee on the Environment and Legislative Oversight (10am-2pm)

- [Resolution 190676](#) (Johnson): Authorizing joint hearings to assess options for the future of the refinery complex owned by Philadelphia Energy Solutions

Tuesday, Nov 26: Commerce & Economic Development Committee (10am-1pm):

- [Resolution 190421](#) (Green): Authorizing hearings regarding the PHL Neighborhood Growth Project

REGULATIONS

New regulations must be approved by the Law Department and then filed with the Department of Records and [advertised publicly](#) for 30 days before becoming law. Within this period, any member of the public who is affected may request a hearing through the Department of Records. Note: Some regulations pertain to older legislation and processes that are already in place, but not yet formally adopted.

DEPARTMENT/REGULATION

FILING DATE

[Streets: Revisions to Center City Parking Regulations \(October 2019\)](#)

10/18/2019

Withdraws previous regulations and replaces with new regulations for timed, paid, and loading parking zones in Center City

[Managing Director's Office: Fair Workweek Regulations](#)

Provides additional definitions and directions for implementation of the scheduling ordinance known as "Fair Workweek."

Hearing 11/13/19 at 4pm
1515 Arch Street, 18th Floor
Room 18-022

[Procurement: Non-Competitively Bid Contracts, Financial Assistance](#)

Amends Regulations for Section 17-1400 of the Code pertaining to transparency for political contributions, specifically when dealing with non-competitively bid professional contracts, and the receipt of financial assistance.

Hearing 11/13/19 at 2pm
Municipal Services Building, 1st Floor
Room 170