

# City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 150217)

## AN ORDINANCE

Amending Subcode PM of Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “The Philadelphia Property Maintenance Code,” by amending Section PM-308, entitled “Rubbish and Garbage,” to add requirements relating to provision of containers for, and disposal of, rubbish, garbage and recycling materials, 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, as it takes effect July 1, 2015 pursuant to Bill No. 120647 (approved January 20, 2014), and Bill No. 140856 (approved December 19, 2014), is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### SUBCODE “PM” (THE PHILADELPHIA PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE)

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#### SECTION PM-308 RUBBISH AND GARBAGE

PM-308.1 Accumulation of rubbish or garbage. All exterior property and premises, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage.

PM-308.2 Disposal of rubbish. Every occupant of a structure shall dispose of all rubbish in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such rubbish in approved containers[.], *and shall also dispose of all recyclable materials (material listed in § 10-717(2)(a)) by placing such materials in an approved container required by Section PM-308.2.1.*

PM-308.2.1 Rubbish storage facilities. The owner of every occupied premises shall supply approved covered containers for rubbish, *and a separate, approved container for recyclable materials.* [and the] *The owner of any premises containing ten or more dwelling units shall provide one rubbish and one recycling container in the area of the building designated as the lobby or foyer or other designated areas inside the premises, without obstructing ingress or egress; or in a secure outside area adjacent to the premises, not in a public right-of-way, and at a minimum distance of five (5) feet from any entrance to the premises. No more than two (2) containers may be placed in each of the permitted areas. Each container shall be made of non-combustible material, have a tight-fitting lid, and have a maximum capacity of twenty (20) gallons. The owner of the*

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premises shall be responsible for the *regular* removal of [rubbish] *the contents of the said containers.*

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PM-308.3 Disposal of garbage. Every occupant of a structure shall dispose of garbage in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such garbage in an approved garbage disposal facility or approved garbage containers.

PM-308.3.1 Garbage facilities. The owner of every dwelling shall supply one of the following: an approved mechanical food waste grinder in each dwelling unit; an approved incinerator unit in the structure available to the occupants in each dwelling unit; or an approved leakproof, covered, outside garbage container *in a secure location adjacent to the premises, not in a public right-of-way, and at a minimum distance of five (5) feet from any entrance to the premises.*

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect on July 1st, 2015.

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**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 May 7, 2015. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on May 20, 2015.



Michael A. Decker  
Chief Clerk of the City Council