



City of Philadelphia

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**BILL NO. 090127
(As Amended, 5/13/09)**

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Councilmember DiCicco

**Referred to the
Committee on Rules**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Titles 4 and 14 of The Philadelphia Code, respectively “The Philadelphia Building Construction and Occupancy Code” and “Zoning and Planning,” by authorizing the Department of Licenses and Inspections to extend the expiration date of certain zoning and/or use registration permits, under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 4 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**TITLE 4. THE PHILADELPHIA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
AND OCCUPANCY CODE**

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SUBCODE “A” (THE PHILADELPHIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE)

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CHAPTER 3. PERMITS

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SECTION A-302 PERMITS

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A-302.2.2 Zoning and use registration permits: Zoning and/or Use Registration Permits issued with respect to construction or interior alterations, shall expire one year after the date of issuance unless the building permit for such work is issued prior thereto and the work is carried on to completion without voluntary interruption. Use registration permits, where no construction or alteration work is involved, shall expire three months from the date of issuance unless the approved use has begun.

Exception: The Department shall extend, in writing, the expiration date of a zoning and/or use registration permit, for one (1) year, upon written request of the permittee, provided the proposed construction is the same as that authorized under the permit. No permit shall be extended by the Department more than once. This exception shall not apply to use registration permits where no construction or alteration work is involved.

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SECTION 2. Title 14 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 14. ZONING AND PLANNING.

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CHAPTER 14-1700. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.

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§ 14-1703. Permits.

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(4) Zoning and/or Use Registration Permits issued after the effective date of this ordinance with respect to construction and use of a property, or where interior alterations are involved, shall expire one year after the date of issuance, unless construction work is begun prior thereto and is carried on to completion without voluntary interruption *except that the Department of Licenses and Inspections shall extend, in writing, the expiration date of a zoning and/or use registration permit, for one (1) year, upon written request of the permittee, provided the proposed construction is the same as that authorized under the permit. No permit shall be extended by the Department more than once.* Use Registration Permits, where no construction or interior alterations are involved, shall expire three months from the date of issuance unless the approved use has begun.

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SECTION 3. Sunset Provision. The provisions of this Ordinance shall expire three (3) years after this Ordinance becomes law.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.

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