

City of Philadelphia
City Council Calendar
Thursday, March 12, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

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ABOUT PUBLIC COMMENT: City Council receives public comment on bills and resolutions that are printed on this agenda for the meeting. Speakers will have up to three minutes to speak; please prepare your comments to fit within that time limit. The Council President, may, depending on circumstances, establish a lower time limit. The Council President will announce the applicable time limit at the beginning of the public comment portion of the agenda. The Council President may also limit repetitious comments on the same agenda item or defer comments to the next meeting of Council.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Speakers for public comment can sign up in advance, submit comments electronically, or sign up to speak the day of the meeting.

To sign up in advance, speakers may call 215-686-3406 or email chiefclerk@phila.gov by no later than 3 p.m. the day before the meeting. Speakers who sign up in advance will be added to the list. Speakers must provide the following information:

- Full name (including proper pronunciation and spelling)
- The bill number or resolution number that will be addressed
- Whether you support or oppose that particular bill or resolution
- Telephone number where you can be reached
- Street address

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***If you need an interpreter for these events, please call or email the Chief Clerk's office for information about our language services.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS IN A COUNCIL SESSION

Note: Some items do not occur at every session:

Invocation.

Approval of the journal of the preceding meeting.

Requests by Councilmembers for permission to be absent from the session.

Reading of communications from the Mayor.

Introduction of bills and resolutions (to be referred to appropriate Committees of Council).

Reports from Committees of Council.

Special business.

Bills on first reading.

Public comment on bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars - titles are printed below.

Bills that Council passed but that need to be returned by the Mayor for reconsideration.

Consideration of bills and resolutions on the Second Reading and Final Passage Calendars.

Bills and resolutions on the Suspension Calendar.

Speeches by Councilmembers.

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BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON FINAL PASSAGE**260171****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

Resolution urging the United States Congress to pass the "Protecting American History Act", which would prevent any further attempt by the federal government to whitewash Philadelphia's complex history and require the restoration of the President's House Memorial.

260174**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

Resolution also naming the 5100 Block of Delancey Street as “Rasheen Hall Way” to honor the life and memory of Rasheen Hall and his lasting impact on his family, neighbors, and the West Philadelphia community.

260175**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution renaming the 700 Block of North 63rd Street “Madeline Dunn Way” in recognition of her lifetime of community leadership and civic engagement in West Philadelphia.

260179**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Young

Resolution also naming Buttonwood Street between Broad Street and N. 15th Street as “Dr. Constance E. Clayton Way.”

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS ON SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE**250329****INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Property Licenses and Owner Accountability,” to clarify licensing requirements, authorize the Department to create a Proactive Inspection program, require public reporting related to Code compliance, and establish remedies, damages, and protections for tenants, all under certain terms and conditions.

250330**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember O'Rourke

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-800 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Landlord and Tenant," to modify the requirements related to good cause for ending a tenancy, add protections against retaliation and harassment for tenants and tenant organizations, specify tenants' rights related to the implied warranty of habitability and provide a legal presumption related to breaches of the implied warranty of habitability, create a tenant right to organize, specify deadlines for asserting claims, and establish and enhance enforcement mechanisms, remedies, damages, and protections, all under certain terms and conditions.

250768**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier

An Ordinance amending Title 17 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Contracts and Procurement," to prohibit contractors providing solid waste, recycling or composting services to the City from incinerating discarded matter, under certain terms and conditions.

250769**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gauthier for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance amending Title 20 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Officers and Employees," by changing the compensation of members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, all under certain terms and conditions.

250807**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Squilla

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Public Property to acquire, on behalf of the City, fee simple title or a lesser interest, by purchase, dedication, donation, condemnation, agreement in lieu of condemnation or otherwise, for the purpose of making, enlarging, connecting, extending, operating, and maintaining public parks for recreational use, certain parcels of land, generally bounded and located between Vine Street, Fairmount Avenue, 8th Street and 12th Street, together with all improvements thereon and all associated easements and appurtenances; and to lease the property, or a portion thereof, to the Center City District; all under certain terms and conditions.

250843-A

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Squilla for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance amending Chapter 10-700 of the Philadelphia Code, entitled “Refuse and Littering,” to require locking dumpsters; all under certain terms and conditions.

250917-A

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Young

An Ordinance amending Section 14-529 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “/VDO, Fifth District Overlay District,” to provide for building requirements to prevent vacant lots, all under certain terms and conditions.

250980-A

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Phillips

An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-3900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Property Licenses and Owner Accountability,” by requiring non-resident landlords to provide verifiable contact information and a designated local contact and establishing penalties for non-compliance, all under certain terms and conditions.

251025

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Driscoll

An Ordinance regulating the direction of movement of traffic on Ryan Avenue between Leon Street and Frankford Avenue.

251066

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Records and the Procurement Commissioner, on behalf of the City, to execute a multi-year concession agreement with Ancestry.com in connection with the digitizing, indexing, and public access and search of City of Philadelphia Department of Records vital records, all under provisions set forth in the concession agreement substantially as set forth in Exhibit A to this ordinance.

260021**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson

An Ordinance amending Chapter 19-1700 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Finance, Taxes, and Collections,” to amend excluded transactions to the realty transfer tax, all under certain terms and conditions.

260112**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing, generally, the continued issuance and sale by the City of Philadelphia of Gas Works Revenue Notes of the City, prescribing the forms of notes and providing for their execution and payment, pledging certain revenues of the Gas Works as security, adopting a rate covenant and directing the imposition and collection of rates and charges sufficient to comply therewith, prescribing the conditions precedent to the issuance of specific series of notes, including a resolution passed by the Bond Committee providing for establishment of credit support for notes, providing for designation of a fiscal agent and sinking fund depository, providing for establishment of a sinking fund and its management, providing remedies upon default, and providing for amendments and modifications.

260113**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Gilmore Richardson for Council President Johnson

An Ordinance authorizing the execution, delivery and performance by the Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation on behalf of the Philadelphia Gas Works of an amended Service Agreement with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC for gas storage services under the Transco WSS Open Access Rate Schedule.

RESOLUTIONS

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260220**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Thomas

Resolution recognizing the month of March 2026 as “Creative and Nighttime Economy Month” in the City of Philadelphia.

260221**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Jones

Resolution honoring and recognizing Major Benjamin F. Brooks for his historic career in the Pennsylvania State Police and his role in expanding opportunity in law enforcement.

260222**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Landau

Resolution authorizing the Committee on Legislative Oversight to hold hearings on the status, operations, and economic impact at the Port of Philadelphia (PhilaPort) to ensure its growth and operations position the City of Philadelphia as a 21st century commerce hub.

260223**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Harrity

Resolution designating March 8, 2026, as “Joe Frazier Day” in the City of Philadelphia in celebration and recognition of the 55th anniversary of the “Fight of the Century”, in which Philadelphia icon “Smokin’” Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali to win the world heavyweight championship title.

260224**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution recognizing and honoring the students, educators, and leadership of Imhotep Institute Charter High School for their outstanding STEM Program and global educational initiatives, including Project Kuumba: Japan, and celebrating their commitment to expanding access to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education for students in the City of Philadelphia.

260225**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution honoring and recognizing Mekia Elizabeth, Block Captain of the 4500 block of Fernhill Road in Southwest Germantown, for being named Block Captain of the Year by The Philadelphia Citizen and commending her outstanding leadership and dedication to building a stronger, more connected community in the City of Philadelphia.

260226**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilmember Bass

Resolution honoring and congratulating Max Kent on the occasion of his retirement from NewCourtland and recognizing his decades of dedicated leadership in the United States Army, healthcare administration, community service, and support of Philadelphia's seniors and those who are underserved