

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Monday, December 2, 2019
3:11 p.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ, CHAIR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE

BILLS 190654, 190713, and 190828

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1 12/2/19 - L&I - BILL 190713

2 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: The
3 Committee on Licenses and Inspections
4 will now come to order having established
5 a quorum with President Darrell Clarke,
6 to my left Councilman Bill Greenlee, and
7 to my right Vice Chairman Councilman
8 Allan Domb.

9 Will the Clerk read the title
10 of the bill.

11 THE CLERK: Bill No. 190713, an
12 ordinance amending various provisions of
13 Subcode "P" of Title 4 of The
14 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The
15 Philadelphia Plumbing Code," by making
16 additional additions, deletions and
17 amendments to the City's adoption of the
18 2018 edition of the "International
19 Plumbing Code," as published by the
20 International Code Council.

21 (Witness approached witness
22 table.)

23 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank
24 you.

25 For the record, Bill No. 190654

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2 was held by the sponsor. Bill No. 190828
3 has been held and, therefore, they will
4 both be dead for today.

5 So we'll proceed. Sarah, on
6 behalf of the Department of Licenses and
7 Inspections.

8 MS. ADAMO: Good afternoon,
9 Chairperson Quinones-Sanchez and members
10 of the Licenses and Inspections
11 Committee. My name is Sarah Adamo and I
12 am the Legislative Affairs Manager of the
13 Department of Licenses and Inspections.
14 Today I am here to provide testimony on
15 Bill No. 190713, which, if enacted, will
16 amend portions of the Philadelphia
17 Plumbing Code.

18 Earlier this year, Bill No.
19 190455 was enacted which allowed the City
20 of Philadelphia to adopt the 2018 edition
21 of the International Plumbing Code, as
22 published by the International Code
23 Council with local amendments. The
24 adoption of this Code was a significant
25 step forward in modernizing

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Philadelphia's codes and standardizing construction by providing requirements that are consistent with nationally recognized standards.

Since the time that the Plumbing Code was updated, a number of errors and omissions have been discovered by the Plumbing Advisory Board, and this bill serves to correct those mistakes. The contents of this bill have also been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. The Department is supportive of this legislation and is prepared to enforce its provisions should it become law.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Department's testimony. I'm happy to answer questions at this time.

COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Thank you, Sarah. I just want to, for the record, we have enclosed a fact sheet for this bill with the Plumbing Code with the changes. I believe when we passed the

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2 original bill, there was a discussion of
3 some minor modifications, and they are
4 outlined for the Committee to review.

5 Any questions from this panel?
6 (No response.)

7 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Seeing
8 none, the Committee on Licenses and
9 Inspections will now go to a meeting.

10 The Chair recognizes Vice Chair
11 Councilman Domb for a motion on the bill
12 with a suspension of rules.

13 COUNCILMAN DOMB: Thank you,
14 Madam Chairwoman. I move that Bill No.
15 190455 [sic] be reported from this
16 Committee with a favorable recommendation
17 and further move the rules of Council be
18 suspended to permit first reading of this
19 bill at the next session of Council.

20 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: 713.

21 COUNCILMAN DOMB: I move that
22 Bill No. 190713 -- thank God for Bill
23 Greenlee; that's what I got to say -- be
24 reported from this Committee with a
25 favorable recommendation and further move

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2 that the rules of Council be suspended to
3 permit first reading of this bill at the
4 next session of Council.

5 (Duly seconded.)

6 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: All
7 those in favor?

8 (Aye.)

9 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Any
10 opposition?

11 (No response.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN SANCHEZ: Seeing
13 none, Bill 190713 will be moved out of
14 this Committee with a favorable
15 recommendation and a rules suspension to
16 permit first reading at our next public
17 session.

18 Thank you all. This concludes
19 the Committee on Licenses and
20 Inspections.

21 (Committee on Licenses and
22 Inspections concluded at 3:15 p.m.)

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