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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS

Remote location using Microsoft® Teams
Tuesday, November 29, 2022
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN MICHAEL DRISCOLL, CHAIR
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA, VICE-CHAIR
COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH

BILLS: 220299, 220638, 220666

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2 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Good
3 morning. Before we begin the public
4 hearing, I will make the following
5 announcement:

6 Due to the continuing threat
7 to public health from COVID-19, City
8 Council Committees are currently
9 meeting remotely. We are using
10 Microsoft Teams to make these remote
11 hearings possible.

12 Instructions for how the
13 public may view and offer public
14 testimony at public hearings of
15 Council Committees are included in the
16 public hearing notices that are
17 published in the Daily News, Inquirer
18 and Legal Intelligencer prior to the
19 hearings and can also be found on
20 PHLCouncil.com. I now note that the
21 hour has come.

22 Mr. Golden, will you please
23 call the roll to take attendance.
24 Members that are in attendance will
25 please indicate that you are present

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1 when your name is called. Also,
2 please say a few brief words when
3 responding so that your image will be
4 displayed on screen when you speak.

5 Mr. Golden.

6 THE CLERK: Councilmember Oh.

7 COUNCILMAN OH: Good morning.

8 Good morning, Chair and colleagues. I
9 am present.

10 THE CLERK: Thank you.

11 Councilmember Johnson.

12 (No response.)

13 THE CLERK: Councilmember
14 Johnson.

15 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Present.

16 Good morning, Mr. Chair.

17 THE CLERK: Councilmember
18 Gilmore Richardson.

19 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

20 RICHARDSON: Good morning, Mr. Chair.

21 Good morning, colleagues.

22 THE CLERK: Councilmember
23 Jones.

24 (No response.)

25 THE CLERK: Vice-Chair

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1 Squilla.

2 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Good

3 morning, Mr. Chair. Present.

4 THE CLERK: And, Chair

5 Driscoll.

6 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:

7 Present. Well, thank you. A quorum

8 of the Committee is present, and this

9 hearing is now called to order. This

10 is the public hearing of the Committee

11 on Licenses and Inspections regarding

12 Bill Nos. 220299, 220638 and 220666.

13 Prior to requesting

14 Mr. Golden to read the titles of the

15 bills being heard, I would like to

16 inform Members and the public that

17 Bill No. 220299 is being held in

18 Committee by request of the sponsor.

19 Mr. Golden, will you please

20 read the titles of the bills.

21 THE CLERK: Bill No. 220638,

22 an ordinance amending Title 4 of The

23 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The

24 Philadelphia Building Construction and

25 Occupancy Code," by adopting the 2018

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1 edition of the "International
2 Residential Code" as published by the
3 International Code Council, including
4 maintenance of previously adopted
5 amendments to the 2015 International
6 Residential Code, as adopted under the
7 Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code
8 Act, all under certain terms and
9 conditions.

10 And Bill No. 220666, an
11 ordinance amending Chapter 9-3300 of
12 The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Use
13 and Inspection of Tower and Mobile
14 Cranes in Construction," to require
15 breaks for operators, all under
16 certain terms and conditions.

17 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Thank
18 you, Mr. Golden.

19 Before we begin to hear
20 testimony from the witnesses we have
21 for today, everyone who has been
22 invited to the meeting to testify
23 should be aware that this public
24 hearing is being recorded. Because
25 the hearing is public, participants

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1 and viewers have no reasonable
2 expectation of privacy. By continuing
3 to be in the meeting, you are
4 consenting to being recorded.

5 Additionally, prior to
6 recognizing Members for the questions
7 or comments they have for witnesses, I
8 will note for the record at this time
9 that we will use the chat feature
10 available in Microsoft Teams to allow
11 Members to signify that they wish to
12 be recognized. In order to comply
13 with the Sunshine Act, the chat
14 feature must only be used for this
15 purpose.

16 Mr. Golden, will you please
17 call the first panel we have to
18 testify this morning on Bill No.
19 220638.

20 THE CLERK: The first
21 panelist we have on Bill No. 220638 is
22 Sarah K. Adamo.

23 MS. ADAMO: Good morning,
24 Chairperson Driscoll and members of
25 the Licenses and Inspections

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1 Committee. My name is Sarah Adamo and
2 I am the Legislative Affairs Manager
3 of the Department of Licenses and
4 Inspections. I am here to provide
5 testimony on Bill No. 220638, which if
6 enacted will amend Title 4 of The
7 Philadelphia Code, entitled "The
8 Philadelphia Building, Construction
9 and Occupancy Code," by adopting the
10 2018 edition of the "International
11 Residential Code" as published by the
12 International Code Council, including
13 maintenance of previously adopted
14 amendments of the 2015 International
15 Residential Code, as adopted under the
16 Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code
17 Act, all under certain terms and
18 conditions.

19 The purpose of this
20 legislation is to amend the
21 Philadelphia Code to incorporate the
22 2018 International Residential Code or
23 IRC, as adopted by the Commonwealth of
24 Pennsylvania with the retention of
25 existing local changes.

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1 Pennsylvania Department of
2 Labor and Industry regulations
3 adopting these provisions became
4 effective February 14, 2022 with a
5 six-month grace period where
6 applicants were permitted to design to
7 the 2015 edition of the Code. The
8 Department is supportive of this bill
9 and is prepared to enforce its
10 provisions should it become law.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to
12 provide the Department's testimony. I
13 am happy to answer questions at this
14 time.

15 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: We'll
16 double check here, Sarah, real quick.
17 Yeah, I think you're good. Thank you
18 for your testimony.

19 MS. ADAMO: Thank you.

20 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:
21 Mr. Golden, do we have our next panel?

22 THE CLERK: Mr. Chair, there
23 are no further panels on Bill No.
24 220638 -- oh, actually it looks like
25 Andre just popped into the meeting,

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1 and I believe he did have a question
2 for Ms. Adamo.

3 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Andre,
4 you're recognized.

5 MR. DEL VALLE: Yes, sir.

6 Thank you, Councilmember, and good
7 morning. My quick question was -- I'm
8 speaking on behalf of the Pennsylvania
9 Apartment Association. We have 98
10 property management companies here in
11 Philadelphia and represent over
12 156,000 units.

13 Obviously, we're not talking
14 about large apartment complexes, but I
15 had a question around the townhomes
16 definition, because we do have a large
17 portfolio of townhomes within the City
18 of Philadelphia, and we want to
19 obviously make sure we're in
20 compliance and doing all we can to not
21 only keep residents safe, but our
22 investment safe.

23 And I just had a quick
24 question. When we're discussing the
25 definition of townhomes, is that the

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1 traditional townhome definition of,
2 you know, like the rowhomes that we
3 see throughout Philadelphia or what
4 these apartment complexes that
5 townhomes also fall under the guise of
6 this legislation?

7 MS. ADAMO: So the IRC
8 applies to one- and two-family
9 dwellings that are less than three
10 stories in height that have separate
11 means of egress. So a lot of times
12 you'll see, you know, a row of those
13 built altogether. Even if they're
14 built all together, they could be on
15 the same property, they could be on
16 separate properties. That could still
17 fall under the IRC.

18 And also, if we're talking
19 about existing structures, you would
20 also need to consider the existing
21 building code on top of the IRC.

22 MR. DEL VALLE: Understood.
23 Okay. Gotcha. Thank you so much,
24 Sarah. That was the only question I
25 had here.

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1 MS. ADAMO: Thank you.

2 MR. DEL VALLE: Thank you,
3 Councilmember.

4 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: If
5 there are no further questions, thank
6 you for your testimony, Sarah.

7 THE CLERK: Mr. Chair, it
8 looks like we're ready to go to Bill
9 No. 220666.

10 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: On that
11 bill, Mr. Golden, will you please call
12 the first panel we have to testify
13 this morning on Bill No. 220666.

14 THE CLERK: Absolutely. The
15 first panel we have is Deputy Mayor of
16 Labor Richard Lazer, but I believe he
17 may not be on yet.

18 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Manny,
19 are you speaking for Rich --
20 Mr. Lazer?

21 MR. CITRON: Councilman, I
22 certainly can. I defer to the
23 Committee. If you'd like to wait a
24 minute or two, but I'm ready to speak
25 if you want testimony right now.

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1 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: I
2 think -- Manny, I think we're prepared
3 to hear your testimony.

4 MR. CITRON: Sure. And let
5 me take a moment to say this is a
6 little bit poignant because this might
7 be my last time being your designated
8 Rich Lazer for testimony or a hearing
9 or anything like that. But let me get
10 into the testimony.

11 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: All due
12 respect to you, Manny, we were looking
13 forward to seeing Rich in one of his
14 last days.

15 MR. CITRON: Understood.
16 Where did it go -- good morning, Chair
17 Driscoll and members of the Committee.
18 My name is Manny Citron. I am Chief
19 of Staff in the Philadelphia
20 Department of Labor. I appear before
21 you today to testify in support of
22 Bill No. 220666.

23 Bill No. 220666 will make
24 straightforward and commonsense
25 changes to Chapter 9-3300 of The

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1 Philadelphia Code, which regulates the
2 use and inspection of tower and mobile
3 cranes used in construction across our
4 City. Specifically, it will prohibit
5 supervisors from requiring that a
6 tower crane operator remain at the
7 operating controls for a period
8 exceeding four hours without
9 permitting the operator to descend the
10 tower for at least a 30-minute break.

11 Additionally, this bill will
12 also require that operators must be
13 allowed to descend at any time to have
14 access to sanitary facilities
15 as-needed. During such time, the
16 supervisors are allowed to assign a
17 second operator to continue working
18 the crane.

19 With the complexity and scale
20 of many modern construction sites,
21 this Administration believes that it
22 is in the interest of safety to the
23 operator, their co-workers on the job
24 and also the public at large that
25 workers operating critical machinery

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1 such as tower cranes should have
2 regular access to breaks.

3 Additionally, we believe that
4 all employees should have reasonable
5 access to sanitary facilities. The
6 Administration would like to thank the
7 sponsors for their leadership on this
8 issue. We are in support of the bill,
9 and I am happy to answer any questions
10 you may have at this time.

11 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Thank
12 you, Mr. Citron, and thank you for
13 your testimony.

14 Are there any questions or
15 comments from members of the Committee
16 for this panel?

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank
18 you, Mr. Chair.

19 Manny, real quick -- and
20 thank you for your testimony, and I
21 thank Mr. Lazer for all his work
22 during the years. We're going to miss
23 him. But as far as the enforcement of
24 this, how do you perceive enforcement
25 to work and if it's not followed, what

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1 would the City or the departments do
2 in order to make sure that this safe
3 measure is being done?

4 MR. CITRON: So we've had
5 some internal conversations on how
6 enforcement would work. We have a few
7 ideas which we will be presenting to
8 you offline how that could happen. We
9 anticipate worst cases. There may
10 need to be some further amendments to
11 clarify how enforcement would work.

12 It's not explicitly provided
13 for within the language as written,
14 but we have some ideas, and we can
15 make that happen by December 8th at
16 the latest.

17 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Okay.
18 Thank you very much. And I think it's
19 important in knowing how important
20 safety is on the construction site and
21 to make sure that it's followed, and
22 that everybody knows what the rules
23 are. And I think as long as that's
24 the case here and we're presenting, I
25 appreciate that. Thank you.

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1 MR. CITRON: Certainly.

2 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: The
3 Chair would like to recognize
4 Councilman Oh.

5 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you
6 very much, Chair.

7 I'm actually just noting that
8 after we are finished the panels on
9 this bill, I'd like to go back to the
10 first bill for questions for our
11 witness Sarah Adamo. I have no
12 questions for this witness or anybody
13 on this panel. Thank you.

14 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Thank
15 you, Councilman.

16 Any other questions for the
17 panel?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Seeing
20 none, thank you for your testimony.

21 MR. CITRON: Thank you,
22 Mr. Chair.

23 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:
24 Mr. Golden, would you call the next
25 panel, and then note that

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1 Councilman Oh would like before we go
2 into public comment -- or I guess we
3 can do Sarah now.

4 THE CLERK: Mr. Chair, let's
5 finish doing the panels on 220666 and
6 then we can circle back to the
7 previous bill.

8 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Then
9 please recognize the next panel.

10 THE CLERK: Absolutely. The
11 next panel is Dan Sullivan and Dan
12 Mitchell.

13 MR. SULLIVAN: Go ahead.

14 MR. MITCHELL: Good morning,
15 everybody, Councilpersons and
16 participants. Can everybody hear me
17 okay?

18 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Very
19 good.

20 MR. MITCHELL: Okay. Thank
21 you. Yes, in addition to what Manny
22 had said, we're also interested with
23 the amendment of Bill No. 220666 for
24 an interest to safety allowing an
25 operator to remain at the operating

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1 controls for a period exceeding four
2 hours without requiring the operator
3 to descend the tower, so we would like
4 the requirement of a break for
5 sanitary facilities.

6 I have a good bit of a
7 knowledge in this. I sit on the CCO
8 Telehandler Task Force. I'm a Crane
9 Inspector Management Committee member
10 for CCO, Alternate for the Written
11 Exam Management Committee and Tower
12 Committee for CCO. I sit on the ASME
13 B30.27 Subcommittee, the PA State
14 Crane Board and I'm also an
15 18-and-a-half-year member of Operating
16 Engineers of which I have operated
17 tower cranes throughout the City, so I
18 can attest to what it's like being
19 stuck up there.

20 Basically, we'd like there to
21 be legislation that require breaks for
22 tower crane operators after four hours
23 at the controls. It's in the interest
24 of both safety and sanitation, which
25 can often go hand-in-hand. ASME

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1 B30.3, which is the standard for tower
2 cranes, and the purpose even states
3 that it is to prevent or minimize
4 injury to workers and otherwise
5 provide for the protection of life,
6 limb and property by prescribing
7 safety requirements, provide direction
8 to manufacturers, owners, employers,
9 users and others concerned with or
10 responsible for its application and
11 guide governments and other regulatory
12 bodies in development, promulgation
13 and enforcement of appropriate safety
14 directives.

15 It there goes forward in
16 Section 1.23.2(C) that says, when
17 access to the operator's cab requires
18 a climb of 100 feet or more, sanitary
19 facilities should be provided. So
20 while it's only a recommendation, even
21 ASME recognizes the need for sanitary
22 facilities. 1926.51(c) simply states
23 toilets at construction job sites, at
24 which the Porta-Johns which we're
25 familiar with, will suit. But

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1 1926.51(G) states that eating and
2 drinking areas, no employee shall be
3 allowed to consume food or beverage in
4 a toilet room nor in any area exposed
5 to a toxic material, whereas currently
6 if you can picture a little 4x6 area
7 of your office and you have a chair
8 and seating controls and then whatever
9 room is left, that's typically where
10 the operator, that's the last room
11 that they have in order to eat and
12 drink while they're stuck at these
13 elevated positions in the cab, and
14 also micturate in a bottle, defecate
15 in a bucket and they also have to take
16 their excrement back to the ground
17 with them.

18 So all we're asking for is
19 that they're given a break in order to
20 descend and to use sanitary restroom
21 facilities, which is pretty much
22 backed up with the law right here or
23 be relieved by someone, which
24 interpretation of 29 CFR
25 1910.141(c)(1)(i) goes on to state

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1 that for particular cases such as
2 assembly line employees, bus drivers,
3 if for the brief time it takes them to
4 go to the bathroom would be
5 disruptive, you can institute some
6 sort of thing where a signal to
7 another employee may provide relief
8 while the first employee is away from
9 the station.

10 And like I said, long and
11 short that's all we're asking for.
12 And it also states there was another
13 interpretation of 1926(c)(1), (c)(4)
14 from February 23, 2005 in which they
15 gave an example of a 10-story building
16 with sanitary facilities at the ground
17 level, would this constitute
18 compliance with the law. And what
19 OSHA had to say about it was for it to
20 be considered nearby toilet
21 facilities, it has to take less than
22 10 minutes to get to them. So in this
23 case, it might even be considered
24 nearby in which you would either need
25 relief or the ability to get yourself

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1 down.

2 In short, like I said I would
3 just imagine male or female, because
4 we have female tower crane operators
5 as well, you're stuck in this little
6 4x6 area for eight hours in which you
7 have to urinate and defecate in
8 bottles and buckets, eat in that space
9 and then carry excrement to the ground
10 with you. Like I said, all we want is
11 humane conditions for all tower crane
12 operators across the board.

13 MR. SULLIVAN: That's it.
14 Thank you.

15 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Thank
16 you, Mr. Mitchell, for your testimony.

17 I also want to recognize that
18 Leader Curtis Jones has joined the
19 meeting. Welcome, Leader.

20 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you
21 so much, Mr. Chair.

22 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL:
23 Mr. Golden, do we have another -- do
24 we have any questions or any other
25 testimony on this panel?

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1 THE CLERK: Yeah, there's no
2 further questions. We can move on to
3 the next panel.

4 I'd like to recognize the
5 third panel for Bill No. 220666.
6 Vaughan Buckley, if you're available.
7 Terrific.

8 MR. BUCKLEY: Good morning.

9 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Good
10 morning. You are connected and ready
11 to proceed. Just please state your
12 name for the record and proceed with
13 your testimony, Mr. Buckley.

14 MR. BUCKLEY: Good morning.
15 My name is Vaughan Buckley and I'm
16 testifying on Bill No. 220666 as a
17 representative of the Building
18 Industry Association of Philadelphia,
19 most commonly known as the BIA. The
20 BIA represents a cross-section of the
21 construction industry, and many of our
22 members will be impacted by this bill
23 directly and indirectly.

24 I want to thank Committee
25 Chair Driscoll, Councilman Squilla and

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1 the rest of the L&I Committee for your
2 opportunity to provide this testimony.
3 I also want to say that while we were
4 listed as an objection to this bill, I
5 don't think that's a fair
6 characterization. I'm in complete
7 support of everything that has been
8 said by both Panel No. 1 and Panel No.
9 2.

10 The only reason that we have
11 a discussion here today is that I
12 believe that the bill as drafted does
13 not properly reflect their testimony.
14 The change that we had with the bill
15 on Wednesday of last week that altered
16 the language from allowing, which I
17 will also note is the same words used
18 by the folks testifying in Panel 1 and
19 2, has been changed to requiring, and
20 the effect here is that we are asking
21 those folks that are operating our
22 cranes to come down, and we are being
23 asked to enforce that as both
24 operators, contractors and owners.

25 As such, my comments are

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1 limited entirely to the items in this
2 bill which are either in our opinion
3 not championing safety or are
4 infeasible to enforce. And while I
5 notice there are members of the
6 Committee and of the testifying panel
7 that have operated tower cranes and
8 have appropriately discussed the
9 impacts that come along with it, for
10 those that haven't, I'd like to make a
11 comparison to climbing ladders here.

12 When you clean your gutters,
13 you're typically climbing 10 to 20
14 rungs of a ladder on a 320-foot tower
15 crane. That can be as many as 500
16 rungs. This bill has now been amended
17 to require an operator to descend from
18 the tower every four hours. Assuming
19 that they don't have any bathroom
20 breaks, this would require them to
21 ascend and descend six times on a
22 10-hour shift. This is a combined
23 ascent and descent of 1800 feet and
24 nearly 3,000 rungs of a ladder.

25 The idea that such a

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1 requirement is an enhancement to
2 operator safety is really challenged
3 by the facts. Imagine having to climb
4 a ladder twice the height of the
5 Comcast Tower in order to work your
6 shift in a 300-foot tower crane.
7 That's what this bill is currently
8 requiring, and this makes the
9 operator's job less safe. It exposes
10 them to physical stressors that are
11 likely to violate the same OSHA
12 requirements that have been present
13 here in testimony, and it exposes the
14 operators and the owners to a terrible
15 choice. They can either follow the
16 law or they can enhance operator
17 safety.

18 In some cases, it will not be
19 possible to do both. Imagine having
20 to climb 500 steps down on a ladder
21 while a spring rain shower is present,
22 a thunderstorm occurs, a full tornado
23 watch is in place or a winter snowfall
24 passes through. All of these events
25 will happen at a point where an

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1 operator is in the crane for four
2 hours, and to force them to the ground
3 is unfair.

4 I encourage and respectfully
5 request that neither Council nor the
6 Committee advances this bill without
7 two issues, addressing the language
8 concerns which do not support the
9 panel testimony made by Manny on
10 behalf of Deputy Mayor Lazer or by the
11 operating engineers, and that this
12 bill will be supported by the BIA if
13 the language is revised to the
14 original proposed language and
15 thoughtfulness is given to the
16 enforcement mechanism and timing
17 therein.

18 On one of our initial
19 testimony here on behalf of the Deputy
20 Mayor, we also discussed that
21 enforcement mechanism currently isn't
22 in place. And to ensure that we have
23 efficient, fair and consistent
24 enforcement of this bill, we would
25 encourage that to be considered prior

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1 to passage of the law. With that
2 being said, I appreciate your time.
3 We are in full support of anything
4 that enhances worker safety, and thank
5 you for your time.

6 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Thank
7 you, Mr. Buckley.

8 Are there any questions or
9 comments from members of the Committee
10 for this panel?

11 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA:
12 Mr. Chair, this is Councilmember
13 Squilla.

14 Yeah, I appreciate the
15 testimony and looking forward to
16 continuing the conversation as we pass
17 this bill out of Committee and will be
18 happy to discuss these concerns as we
19 move forward. Thank you.

20 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Thank
21 you, Councilman.

22 If there's any other
23 questions?

24 (No response.)

25 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Hearing

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1 no further questions from the Members
2 for this panel and there being no
3 other panels to testify, we will take
4 a brief break to connect members of
5 the public -- let me amend that.

6 Mr. Golden, do we want to go
7 back at this point?

8 THE CLERK: Yeah. let's
9 return to allow Councilmember Oh to
10 ask his question.

11 COUNCILMAN OH: Thank you
12 very much, Chairman.

13 My question is for our
14 initial witness Sarah Adamo. Is she
15 available?

16 MS. ADAMO: Yes, I'm still
17 here.

18 COUNCILMAN OH: Okay. Thank
19 you very much. For clarification for
20 me because there was a question about
21 definitions, who does this bill
22 retroactively apply to?

23 MS. ADAMO: This bill is not
24 retroactive. The adoption of this
25 bill took place based on regulations

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1 from the state level from Labor and
2 Industry. It was effective February
3 14, 2022. There was a six-month grace
4 period where any application that came
5 in, for example, new construction or
6 an addition on a residential dwelling
7 could choose whether they wanted to
8 apply the new code which is the 2018
9 IRC or the previous code, which was
10 2015. After that grace period, all
11 applications that come in are reviewed
12 under the 2018.

13 COUNCILMAN OH: Okay. Thank
14 you very much. I'm just going to note
15 publicly that I did receive a letter
16 in opposition. However, I think it is
17 important that anyone who wants to
18 make opposition do so at a public
19 hearing, not through a letter. We
20 cannot ask questions we don't know.
21 Yeah, we can meet people privately,
22 but we have public hearings for a
23 reason.

24 If there is a good reason to
25 oppose this bill, please say so

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1 publicly. And we can ask questions
2 and people can be informed. Other
3 than that, I don't, you know -- I
4 sometimes will do the research on my
5 own, but some of these things are very
6 technical. We need public comment. I
7 appreciate the last witness on the
8 last bill. It was very clear to me
9 what he was saying. I understand what
10 he's saying.

11 I'm not an operating
12 engineer. I don't know the
13 practicalities of all of this, but I
14 appreciate public comment. And so,
15 yeah, I appreciate that explanation.
16 It's informative. So thank you very
17 much for that.

18 And thank you very much,
19 Chairman, for the leeway.

20 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Thank
21 you, Councilmember.

22 If there are no further
23 questions from Members for this panel,
24 we will take a brief break to connect
25 members of the public that wish to

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1 testify on the two bills before the
2 Committee today.

3 (Brief pause.)

4 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: All
5 right. Mr. Golden, will you please
6 call the first public commenter we
7 will have to testify this morning on
8 any of the bills before this Committee
9 today.

10 THE CLERK: Mr. Chair, there
11 is currently no one signed up to give
12 public comment on the bills before
13 Committee today.

14 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: So then
15 that would conclude the hearing, and
16 then we would go into the public
17 meeting.

18 There being no further
19 questions from the members of the
20 Committee and no other witnesses to
21 testify on Bill Nos. 220638 and
22 220666, I'll ask if there's anyone
23 else present in this hearing whose
24 name we have failed to call and that
25 wishes to offer testimony on the bills

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1 being considered today?

2 (No response.)

3 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Hearing

4 none, I want to thank the panels and

5 witnesses for their participation

6 today. We value your opinions. I now

7 invite all panels and witnesses to

8 please disconnect from the hearing

9 before we go into our public meeting

10 on the bills. We will now pause the

11 proceedings briefly as multiple

12 participants leave the hearing.

13 (Brief pause.)

14 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: This

15 concludes the public hearing of the

16 Committee. We will now go into the

17 public meeting to consider the action

18 to be taken on the bills before this

19 Committee today. We will now convene

20 the public meeting.

21 Mr. Golden, will you please

22 call the roll to take attendance.

23 Members that are in attendance will

24 please indicate that you are present

25 when your name is called. Also,

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1 please say a few brief words when
2 responding so that your image will be
3 displayed on screen when you speak.

4 THE CLERK: Councilmember Oh.

5 COUNCILMAN OH: Yes, I'm
6 present.

7 THE CLERK: Councilmember
8 Johnson.

9 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Present,
10 Mr. Chair.

11 THE CLERK: Councilmember
12 Gilmore Richardson.

13 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
14 RICHARDSON: Good morning, Mr. Chair.
15 Good morning, colleagues. I am
16 present.

17 THE CLERK: Councilmember
18 Jones.

19 (No response.)

20 THE CLERK: Councilmember
21 Jones.

22 (No response.)

23 THE CLERK: Vice-Chair
24 Squilla.

25 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Good

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1 morning, Mr. Chair and colleagues.

2 Present.

3 THE CLERK: Chair Driscoll.

4 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Present.

5 The Chair recognizes Councilmember
6 Squilla for a motion on the amendment
7 to Bill No. 220638.

8 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank
9 you, Mr. Chair.

10 I offer an amendment to Bill
11 No. 220638. A copy of the amendment
12 has been circulated to all members of
13 the Committee. I move that the
14 amendment to Bill No. 220638 be
15 approved. Is there a second?

16 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
17 RICHARDSON: Second.

18 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: The
19 Chair notes for the record that
20 Councilmember Richardson seconds the
21 motion. It has been moved and
22 properly seconded that the amendment
23 to Bill No. 220638 be approved.

24 All those in favor of the
25 motion will signify by saying aye.

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1 (Ayes.)

2 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Any

3 opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: The

6 ayes have it. The motion carries, and

7 the amendment to Bill No. 220638 has

8 been approved.

9 The Chair recognizes

10 Councilmember Squilla for a motion on

11 Bill No. 220638 as amended.

12 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank

13 you, Mr. Chair.

14 I move that Bill No. 220638

15 as amended be reported from this

16 Committee with a favorable

17 recommendation and further move that

18 the rules of Council be suspended to

19 permit the first reading of this bill

20 at the next session of Council.

21 COUNCILMAN OH: Second.

22 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: The

23 Chair notes for the record that

24 Councilmember Oh seconds the motion.

25 It has been moved and properly

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1 seconded that Bill No. 220638 as
2 amended be reported from this
3 Committee with a favorable
4 recommendation and further move that
5 the rules of Council be suspended to
6 permit first reading of this bill at
7 the next session of Council.

8 All those in favor of the
9 motion will signify by saying aye.

10 (Ayes.)

11 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Any
12 opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: The
15 ayes have it. The motion carries.

16 The Chair recognizes
17 Councilmember Squilla for a motion on
18 the amendment to Bill No. 220666.

19 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank
20 you, Mr. Chair.

21 I offer an amendment to Bill
22 No. 220666. A copy of the amendment
23 has been circulated to all members of
24 the Committee. I move that the
25 amendment to Bill No. 220666 be

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1 approved.

2 COUNCILMAN JONES: Second.

3 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: The

4 Chair notes for the record that

5 Councilmember Johnson seconds the

6 motion. It has been moved and

7 properly seconded that the amendment

8 to Bill No. 220666 be approved.

9 All those in favor of the

10 motion will signify by saying aye.

11 (Ayes.)

12 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Any

13 opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: The

16 ayes have it. The motion carries, and

17 the amendment to Bill No. 220666 has

18 been approved.

19 The Chair recognizes

20 Councilmember Squilla for a motion on

21 Bill No. 220666 as amended.

22 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank

23 you, Mr. Chair.

24 I move that Bill No. 220666

25 as amended be reported from this

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1 Committee with a favorable
2 recommendation and further move the
3 rules of Council be suspended as to
4 permit the first reading of this bill
5 at the next session of Council.

6 COUNCILMAN JONES: Second.

7 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: The
8 Chair notes for the record that
9 Councilmember Jones seconds the
10 motion. It has been moved and
11 properly seconded that Bill No. 220666
12 as amended be reported from this
13 Committee with a favorable
14 recommendation and further move that
15 the rules of Council be suspended to
16 permit first reading of this bill at
17 the next session of Council.

18 All those in favor of the
19 motion will signify by saying aye.

20 (Ayes.)

21 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: Those
22 opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILMAN DRISCOLL: The
25 ayes have it. The motion carries.

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1 This concludes the business
2 before the Committee today on Licenses
3 and Inspections. Thank you all very
4 much for your attendance and have a
5 nice day.

6 COUNCILMAN SQUILLA: Thank
7 you, Mr. Chair. Great job.

8 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank
9 you, Mr. Chair.

10 (Committee on Licenses and
11 Inspections concluded at 10:40 a.m.)

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