

**Highlights of Council Bill No. 150748 (Councilwoman Bass), amending Chapter 10-700 (Refuse & Littering) of Philadelphia Code**

Chapter/Section	Action	Basis/Desired Outcomes
<b>Preamble</b>	Recognizes Act 101, SWRAC, changes to recycling stream, organics recycling feasibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledges 2015 challenges (compared to 1987 and 1994)</li> <li>• Reaffirms commitment to recycling and waste reduction</li> </ul>
<b>10-701 (Definitions)</b>	Modifies certain definitions, including for “operator”, “recyclable materials”, and “regulated premises”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Recyclables materials” definition needs updating. For example, does not currently recognize newer materials (e.g. aseptic packaging, mixed plastics)</li> <li>• “Operator” definition to allow for more clarity re: responsible party (owner, landlord, tenant)</li> </ul>
<b>10-717 (Collection of Municipal Waste and Recyclable Materials)</b>	Strikes 10-717 in its entirety; replaces with language allowing Streets Commissioner to issue regulations on public and private recyclables collections, materials accepted, containers, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10-717 Still references source-separated recycling; single-stream recycling can be interpreted as being non-compliant</li> <li>• Identify targeted materials with focus on modern approaches and market</li> <li>• An inter-agency task force as detailed in 10-717 isn’t necessary today and would be extremely difficult to convene and administer;</li> <li>• References recycling business representatives who do not exist (glass recyclers, private haulers for residential MSW), buy-back centers, multiple (at least 6) processing facilities</li> <li>• Advisory committee’s powers extend beyond advising (appeal, override, mandate policy approaches); would function almost as an independent agency</li> <li>• Limits quantities of recyclables that can be set-out</li> <li>• Established unrealistic (in hindsight) goals and milestone dates</li> </ul>
<b>10-718 (Enforcement)</b>	Adds Streets Department as an agency authorized to enforce ordinances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforcement provisions not reflective of modern practice, or practical (Police, L&amp;I); needs to identify Streets Department as the enforcement agency</li> <li>• Fines for non-compliance need to be increased from \$50</li> </ul>
<b>10-724 (Commercial Sector Waste Management and Recycling)</b>	Allow Streets Commissioner to issues regulations that modernize and establish or confirm regulated premises expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access by inspectors needs better definition</li> <li>• Solid waste and recycling plan filing frequency needs to be addressed (should they be updated every 2-3 years?)</li> <li>• Consider service level requirements and guidelines (example: minimum service levels 40% recyclables capacity to 60% garbage capacity)</li> <li>• Employee &amp; tenant education requirements need to be better specified; signage requirements for dumpsters</li> </ul>