

RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter providing for the mandatory establishment and hiring of a new class of employees within the civil service system to be designated as “Public Safety Enforcement Officers,” setting forth the duties of such employees, and providing for the submission of the amendment to the electors of Philadelphia.

WHEREAS, Under Section 6 of the First Class City Home Rule Act (53 P.S. §13106), an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the Council of the City of Philadelphia adopted with the concurrence of two-thirds of its elected members; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the following amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter is hereby proposed and shall be submitted to the electors of the City on an election date designated by ordinance:

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter deleted by these amendments.
Bold italics indicates matter added by these amendments.

ARTICLE VII
EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH – POWERS AND DUTIES
Personnel Director and Civil Service Commission and the Civil Service

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CHAPTER 4
CIVIL SERVICE: REGULATIONS

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§7-401. Contents

The regulations shall provide for:

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(v) ***The establishment within the civil service system of a class of employees to be designated as “Public Safety Enforcement Officers.” The duties of such employees shall include providing support to the Police Department to regulate the flow of traffic and support special events; providing such other assistance as uniformed police officers may require to enforce quality of life crimes; enforcing municipal code violations relating to the quality of life in the City’s neighborhoods; and carrying out such other duties as the appointing authority may determine or as Council may from time to time require by ordinance. None of the duties of a Public Safety Enforcement***

Officer shall involve the carrying of firearms or the power of arrest. The first class of Public Safety Enforcement Officers shall be appointed no later than six months after the adoption by the voters of the amendment adding this section to the Charter. Unless otherwise authorized by Council by ordinance, the Mayor shall determine the number of Public Safety Enforcement Officers to be employed, provided that in the event that vacancies cause the total number of employees to fall below this specified level, such vacancies shall be filled no less than three months after they first occur.

~~(v)~~ (w) Such other matters as may be proper and necessary.

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