

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Fair Practices Ordinance: Protections Against Unlawful Discrimination,” by adding a new section prohibiting retail establishments from refusing to accept cash as a form of payment, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 9-1100 of The Philadelphia Code is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9-1100. FAIR PRACTICES ORDINANCE: PROTECTIONS AGAINST UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION.

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§ 9-1132. Cashless Retail Prohibition.

(1) A person selling or offering for sale goods or services at retail is prohibited from refusing to accept cash as a form of payment to purchase goods or services. A person selling or offering for sale goods or services at retail shall not:

- a. Refuse to accept cash as a form of payment;*
- b. Post signs on the premises that cash payment is not accepted;*
- c. Charge a higher price to customers who pay cash than they would pay using any other form of payment.*

(2) For purposes of this Section 9-1132, “at retail” shall include any retail transaction conducted in person and shall exclude any telephone, mail, or Internet-based transaction.

(3) Violations of this Section shall be subject to penalties set forth in Section 9-1121.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.