

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 9-1102 through 1123 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Verification of Life Partnerships” by removing gendered language relating to same-sex and same-gender couples, expanding access to this Life Partnerships regardless of gender.

*THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:*

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

TITLE 9. Regulation of Businesses Trades and Professions

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Chapter 9-1100. Fair Practices Ordinance: Protections Against Unlawful Discrimination

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§ 9-1102. Definitions.

(1) For purposes of this chapter the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(r) A long-term committed relationship between two unmarried individuals [of the same sex or gender identity] who: (.1) are residents of the City of Philadelphia; or one of whom is employed in the City, owns real property in the City, owns and operates a business in the City, or is a recipient of or has a vested interest in employee benefits from the City of Philadelphia; (.2) are at least 18 years old and competent to contract; (.3) are not related to each other by blood in any way which would prohibit marriage in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; (.4) have no other Life Partner but the other person; (.5) have not been a member of a different Life Partnership for the past three months unless the prior Life Partnership ended as a result of the death of the other Life Partner; (.6) agree to share the common necessities of life and to be responsible for each other's common welfare; (.7) share at least one residence with the other Life Partner; and (.8) agree under penalty of law to notify the Commission of any change in the status of the Life Partnership.

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Explanation:  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.  
*Italics* indicate new matter added.