



**ANTHONY PHILLIPS**  
9TH DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBER

# LEGISLATIVE IMPACT REPORT

## SUMMARY

As your Councilmember, Dr. Anthony Phillips remains committed to protecting our neighborhoods and improving quality of life throughout the 9th District. Over the past year, our office has heard directly from neighbors about the issues affecting their blocks and corridors: speeding near schools, dangerous truck traffic on residential streets, late-night disturbances, unsafe private trees, and businesses creating repeated nuisance conditions.

In response, working in partnership with the City of Philadelphia, we advanced practical, results-driven legislation designed to address these concerns directly. This report outlines those efforts and the steps taken to strengthen neighborhood safety and accountability across the district.

The measures detailed here focus on making our streets safer for children and families, strengthening enforcement against nuisance activity, improving neighborhood conditions, and ensuring faster action when safety issues arise.

This work reflects our commitment to responsive government. By listening to neighbors, translating their concerns into policy, and following through with meaningful action, we continue building safer, cleaner, and stronger neighborhoods across the 9th District.



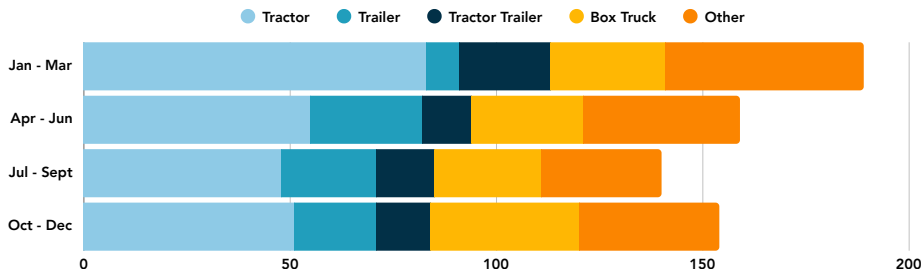
## TRACTOR TRAILER RESIDENTIAL PARKING BAN

After hearing from neighbors about large semitrailers and tractor-trailers being parked on residential streets, Councilmember Anthony Phillips took action. These oversized trucks blocked visibility, created safety concerns, and disrupted the look and feel of neighborhood blocks. Neighbors asked for a clear solution to protect their community.

In response, Councilmember Phillips introduced legislation that Council passed, prohibiting large trucks from being parked on residential property. Property owners who violate the law may receive citations and face fines of up to \$1,000 per day until the vehicle is removed.

The results are clear. Recorded cases increased from 332 in 2024 to 642 in 2025, a 93 percent rise—showing stronger reporting and enforcement to safeguard neighborhood quality of life.

### CASES REPORTED IN 2025

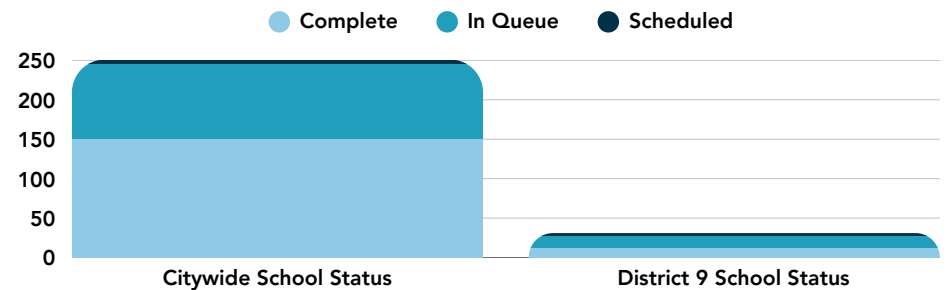


## STUDENT PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

While meeting with students, parents, and educators in Olney, Councilmember Anthony Phillips heard serious concerns about cars speeding near schools, putting children at risk as they walked and crossed the street. He took swift action.

At the time, the process for installing speed cushions required lengthy steps that delayed safety improvements. In response, Dr. Phillips introduced the Student Pedestrian Safety Bill to eliminate unnecessary bureaucracy and accelerate traffic-calming measures around schools.

As a result, more than 500 public, private, and charter schools across the city will benefit over five years. Streets with speed cushions have seen speed reductions of 5 to 15 miles per hour, with an average decrease of about 7 miles per hour. Of the 251 schools currently in the traffic-calming pipeline citywide, 151 have been completed, making routes to school safer for thousands of students.



## NUISANCE BUSINESS ENFORCEMENT

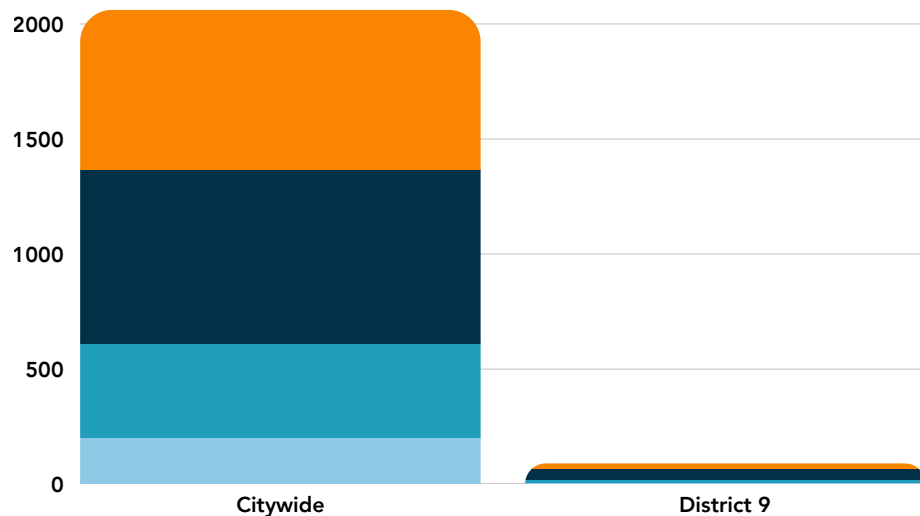
Quality of life and responsive government are central to Councilmember Anthony Phillips’ agenda. Neighbors raised growing concerns about the rapid increase of smoke shops and other businesses that failed to operate responsibly. Residents reported loud noise, fights, trash, and unsafe activity that disrupted blocks and threatened community safety. They wanted accountability—and action.

In response, Councilmember Phillips passed legislation giving the City of Philadelphia stronger authority to address repeat nuisance businesses. The law clearly defines what qualifies as a nuisance and requires problem establishments to enter into structured Abatement Plans to correct violations. Businesses that fail to comply face escalated enforcement, including possible permanent closure.

Since 2023, enforcement has strengthened significantly. The number of establishments placed on formal Abatement Plans increased from 7 in 2023 to 18 in 2024, and 25 identified in 2025 (with 12 pending approval). In District 9, these cases require sustained follow-up, with a median closure time of 174 days—underscoring that meaningful accountability takes persistence. The result is safer, cleaner neighborhoods and a government that responds when residents speak up.

### 311 CASES OPENED

● 2022 ● 2023 ● 2024 ● 2025

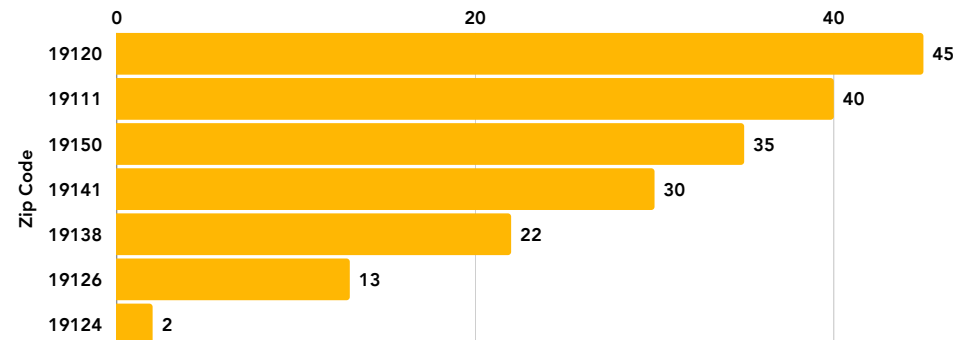


## TREE ENCROACHMENT ENFORCEMENT

Dangerous or poorly maintained trees on private property can pose serious safety risks—causing damage to homes, injuries to residents, and disputes between neighbors. To address this issue, Councilmember Anthony Phillips supported legislation giving the City of Philadelphia clearer authority to inspect unsafe private trees and require property owners to fix hazards. If an owner fails to comply, the City can take stronger enforcement action to protect public safety.

The impact is measurable. In 2024 and 2025, there were 2,232 private tree complaints citywide. District 9 accounted for 187 of those cases and achieved a 75.9 percent closure rate—stronger than the citywide average. Overall, approximately 76 percent of complaints were resolved, demonstrating consistent follow-through and safer, better-maintained neighborhoods.

### Listed by District 9 ZIP Codes



## OGONTZ AVENUE AND BROAD STREET BUSINESS CORRIDORS CURFEW

Several neighborhoods in the 9th District were facing ongoing late-night disturbances, including loud noise, fights, and large crowds that raised serious safety concerns for residents and law enforcement. In response, Councilmember Anthony Phillips supported legislation allowing the City of Philadelphia to establish curfew hours for certain businesses in high-activity corridors, including parts of Ogontz Avenue, Broad Street, Olney, Old York Road, and Wagner Avenue.

Under the law, designated businesses must close during overnight hours to prevent recurring issues. According to the Philadelphia Police Department, nearly all businesses complied, with only one warning issued, helping make nights quieter and safer.

The impact of Councilmember Phillips' broader neighborhood-safety initiatives is measurable. Police data from the reviewed period shows strong compliance, with only one recorded business-curfew warning, suggesting that clear rules supported voluntary compliance and calmer overnight conditions.

- Wagner Ave / Broad St
- W Tabor Rd / Old York Rd
- N Park Ave / W Olney Ave
- W Tabor Rd / N Broad St
- 66th Ave / Ogontz Ave

