

# City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 100539)

## AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 9-3300 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Erection, Use and Inspection of Tower Cranes,” by revising the certification requirements for the operation, signaling and rigging of tower cranes, all under certain terms and conditions.

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

SECTION 1. Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended as follows:

TITLE 9. REGULATION OF BUSINESSES, TRADES AND PROFESSIONS.

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CHAPTER 9-3300. ERECTION, USE AND INSPECTION OF TOWER CRANES.

§ 9-3301. Definitions.

(1) ANSI. American National Standards Institute *or a successor agency thereto.*

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(8) NCCCO. National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators *or a successor agency thereto.*

(9) NCCA. National Commission for Certifying Agencies *or a successor agency thereto.*

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§ 9-3303. Use of Tower Cranes.

(1) No contractor, construction manager or a qualified person designated as a supervisor of an operation under Section 9-3302 (2)(a) shall:

(a) permit any individual to operate a tower crane, or an assist crane that is used to erect, climb (jump), lower or dismantle a tower crane,

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unless such individual has been certified by NCCCO, or another organization that is NCCA or ANSI accredited which has equivalent testing and certification requirements. Such programs, at a minimum, shall meet the requirements of the current edition of ASME B30;

Exception: An individual may operate a tower crane without the required certification, provided such operation is performed under the direct supervision of a crane operator that is certified for the type of crane being operated, and the individual is currently enrolled in an apprenticeship or training program that is approved by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

(b) permit any individual to provide hand signals or verbal communications to a tower crane operator directing the operation of the tower crane unless such individual is certified by NCCCO, or another organization whose program is NCCA or ANSI accredited. Such programs, at a minimum, shall meet the requirements of the current edition of ASME B30.

Exception: An individual that has completed in-service training by an organization that [is not NCCA or ANSI-accredited may continue to perform signaling duties until October 9, 2010] *has applied to the NCCCO, NCCA, or ANSI for certification may continue to perform signaling duties until December 31, 2010*, provided the individual can document that the training received was in accordance with the appropriate ASME B30 crane standard.

(c) permit an individual to perform rigging duties associated with the operation of the tower crane, unless such individual is certified by NCCCO, or another organization whose program is NCCA or ANSI-accredited. Such programs, at a minimum, shall meet the requirements of the current edition of the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) A10.42 standard related to the qualification of "Riggers."

Exception: An individual that has completed in-service training by an organization that [is not NCCA or ANSI-accredited may continue to perform rigging duties until October 9, 2010] *has applied to the NCCCO, NCCA, or ANSI for certification may continue to perform rigging duties until December 31, 2010*, provided the individual can document that the training received was in accordance with the current edition of ANSI A10.42.

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**Explanation:**

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

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on October 21, 2010. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on November 3, 2010.



Michael A. Decker  
Chief Clerk of the City Council