

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 080037)

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the joint Committees on Public Safety & Public Works and Public Property to hold public hearings to explore alternative sites for the Philadelphia Prison Department's training facility.

WHEREAS, Currently, the Philadelphia Prison Department utilizes the facility at 5100 Pennypack Street for training operations. This facility is also leased by the City to the Holmesburg Gun Club for recreational and training purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Holmesburg Gun Club, which has over 1400 members, has used this facility for over 70 years; and

WHEREAS, The Holmesburg Gun Club was informed through written correspondence in August 2007 that their lease was being terminated effective December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the lease termination is to expand training operations at the facility for Philadelphia Prison guards; and

WHEREAS, While members of City Council have intervened and asked the Prisons Commissioner to try to work out a shared usage agreement with the Holmesburg Gun Club, a reasonable resolution has not yet been worked out; and

WHEREAS, On November 29, 2007, Bill 070937 sponsored by Councilwoman Krajewski was enacted. This legislation transferred 5100 Pennypack Street from the Department of Public Property to the Fairmount Park Commission. While this legislation did not prevent the termination of the lease, it gave the Fairmount Park Commission the authority to draft a lease which could be more favorable to the Holmesburg Gun Club if they deemed appropriate; and

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WHEREAS, At a public hearing on Bill 070937, representatives from the Philadelphia Prisons Department stated that shared use of their training facility was not necessarily appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Identifying an alternative property to serve as the Philadelphia Prisons training facility could be the best solution for both parties involved; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That City Council's joint Committees on Public Safety and Public property is hereby authorized to hold public hearings to explore alternative sites for the Philadelphia Prison Department's training facility.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-fourth of January, 2008.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Kenney

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Kenney, Krajewski, Greenlee, Sanchez, Goode, Jones, Reynolds Brown, Blackwell, Rizzo, Tasco, Miller and Green