



# City of Pittsburgh

510 City-County Building  
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Ordinance supplementing the Pittsburgh City Code, Title One, Administrative, Chapter 114, to create the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections to encompass current Bureau of Building Inspection employees, responsibilities, and functions in order to formalize the status of the Department and set roles, responsibilities, and functions for its Director.

**WHEREAS**, Section 208 of the City of Pittsburgh's Home Rule Charter permits units of government to be established by ordinance submitted by the Mayor or City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 102 of the Charter defines "unit of government" as including "any subdivision of City government including any department, bureau, division, board, commission or magistrate court:" and

**WHEREAS**, in order to streamline and accelerate licensing and permitting, increase compliance with building codes and property maintenance codes, and better coordinate functions across departments, the Bureau of Building Inspection shall be raised to the level of a department and shall be renamed the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections.

**The Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:**

**Section 1.**

### **Chapter 114 - Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections**

#### **114.01 - Director as Head**

**The Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections shall be under the charge of a Director, who shall be the head thereof.**

#### **120.02 - Powers and Duties of Director**

**The Director of the Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections shall have the following powers and duties:**

- (a) The enforcement of all building, property maintenance, fire prevention, and licensing codes;**
- (b) The establishment and management of all inspection programs related to the enforcement of these codes;**
- (c) The issuance of permits and licenses related to these codes;**

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- (d) The condemnation and demolition of structures;
- (e) The signing of contracts and other signatory functions related to the Department;
- (f) Any other duties assigned by the Mayor.

**120.03 - Assuming Functions of Bureau of Building Inspection**

**The Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections and the Director thereof shall assume all codified roles, responsibilities, and functions of the Bureau of Building Inspection and the Chief thereof.**