

**DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**REGULATIONS UNDER SECTIONS 4-A-1101 OF THE PHILADELPHIA CODE
RELATING TO THE ABATEMENT OF RATS AND OTHER VERMIN**

The Department of Licenses and Inspections and Department of Health hereby promulgate the following regulations relating to the abatement of rats and other vermin under Sections 4-A-1101 of The Philadelphia Code.

TITLE 4. PHILADELPHIA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPANCY CODE

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SUB-CODE A PHILADELPHIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

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CHAPTER 11 REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING RAT ABATEMENT SECTION

Current Code Language:

A-1101.1 Definitions: The following definitions apply to this Chapter:

“Structural Pest Control.” The control of household pests, including but not limited to rodents, vermin and insects which may invade households or structures.

A-1101.2 Requirements prior to demolition, full rehab, or new construction with excavation. Prior to any demolition, full rehabilitation, or new construction with excavation, the owner of the site shall prepare a rodent control management plan for the detection, inspection, and treatment of rodents at the site. At a minimum, the plan shall include provisions for abatement of the site by a licensed structural pest control company.

A-1101.3 Record Maintenance. The owner of the site shall maintain a written record of the plan and any pest control measures performed by pest management professionals at the site and include any reports and receipts prepared by the structural pest control company. The plan and records shall be maintained at the site until construction is completed and shall be open to inspection upon request by employees of the department.

Regulation:

A-1101.1(R) Additional definitions shall be incorporated:

“Full Rehabilitation.” The replacement of no more than two-thirds of the structural framing members when work involves the replacement of any portion of the exterior wall.

“Integrated Pest Management.” An environmentally sensitive approach to preventing pests and their damage that relies on a series of management evaluations, decisions and controls to effectively minimize both costs and risks to people, property and environment.

“Rodent Control Management Plan.” A plan that is created and implemented a minimum of 15 days prior to start of demolition, full rehabilitation, or new construction with excavation activity and that includes the following information:

- License and contact information for the structural pest control company used;
- Results of an initial site survey/inspection conducted by the structural pest control company;
- Information on rodent activity detected, and the associated treatment to abate rodents prior to demolition or construction activity;
- Details on the Integrated Pest Management approach for addressing rodents at the site, including Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) information on rodenticides that may be used; and
- Schedule of monitoring and follow-up inspections that will be conducted by the structural pest control company.

“Structural Pest Control Company.” A person or business that is licensed, registered or certified by the State of Pennsylvania to perform pest control services pursuant to the Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act of 1973, Act of March 1, 1974, P.L. 90, as amended, 3 P.S. § 111.21, *et seq.*