WHAT DOES THIS LICENSE DO?
For the first time, tire dealers in Philadelphia will be required to obtain a license from the City. The license costs $300 and must be renewed annually.

To get the license, owners must:
- Provide contact information, including home and billing addresses and business location(s)
- Contract for disposal of waste tires with a State-registered hauler and identify that hauler
- Pass an L&I inspection confirming compliance with Philadelphia Fire, Property Maintenance, and Zoning Codes

License-holders must keep a “manifest” (detailed record) and all documentation showing where every tire came from and where every tire went.

Requirements include:
- A registered waste hauler must sign manifest next to listing for each specific tire it picks up for disposal.
- Manifests and documentation must be made available for inspection at any time to verify compliance.

WHY CREATE THIS LICENSE?
On November 11, 2018, City Council passed Bill No. 180648 to prevent and address the quality of life issues related to short dumping of tires throughout Philadelphia. This legislation requires tire dealers to certify proper waste disposal practices in order to get their license to operate. This license is part of the City’s Zero Waste strategy for a cleaner Philadelphia and focuses on tires, which are so often “short dumped.”
PHILADELPHIA TIRE DEALER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

HOW WILL THE LICENSE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Proper tire disposal is prioritized. By requiring tire dealers to certify proper waste disposal practices in order to get the license they need to operate, and requiring that they contract with a registered waste hauler before they even apply, we are building in right up front that properly disposing of tires is an integral part of being a tire dealer, not an afterthought.

Supporting illegal dumping enforcement efforts. Enforcement agencies will be able to access tire dealer licenses and manifests in the course of inspections and investigations. This includes illegal dumping investigations by the Philadelphia Police Department and other law enforcement agencies, as well as L&I inspections conducted annually and in response to 311 complaints. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is expected to inspect tire dealerships chosen at random to make sure that manifests for tire recycling facilities match up with the manifests required by the ordinance. In addition to criminal penalties, tire dealers found to be dumping will face fines, and license suspension or revocation may be imposed upon non-compliant tire dealers.

Improving safety and quality of life. The ordinance will protect public health and quality of life, because tire dealers cannot get a license unless and until they demonstrate to L&I that they have fire safety and appropriate storage measures in place.

WHEN WILL THE LICENSE REQUIREMENT GO INTO EFFECT?

L&I will begin issuing the tire dealer license in the fall of 2020. All tire dealers must be licensed by December 31, 2020. The City will reach out to businesses to notify them about the tire dealer license requirements and how to comply with the license law.

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