

  
Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Green Building Act of 2006 to clarify the applicability of net zero energy requirements to housing projects already funded or in progress prior to the applicability of those requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this Act may be cited as the “Green Housing Transition Emergency Amendment Act of 2023”.

Sec. 2. Section 3(a)(3)(C) of the Green Building Act of 2006, effective March 8, 2007 (D.C. Law 16-234; D.C. Official Code § 6-1451.02(a)(3)(C)), is amended to read as follows:

“(C) Maintain net zero energy compliance, provided:

“(1) This subparagraph shall not apply to residential projects selected by the District or a District instrumentality for financing or land disposition for the purposes of providing rent or income-restricted affordable housing for tenants with designated household annual incomes if the District commits such assistance prior to December 31, 2023; and

“(2) Nothing in this subparagraph shall be interpreted to allow housing projects to violate any other building energy mandate, including section 2(b) of the Clean Energy DC Building Code Amendment Act of 2022, effective September 21, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-177; D.C. Official Code § 6-1453.01).

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

31           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
32 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved  
33 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

34           Sec. 4. Effective date.

35           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
36 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
37 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section  
38 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;  
39 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).