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Nyasha Smith, Secretary  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today, Councilmember Nadeau and I, along with Councilmembers R. White and Gray, are introducing the Studio Theatre Tax Abatement Amendment Act of 2023. Please find enclosed a signed copy of the legislation.

In 2009, the Council unanimously passed B18-0204, tax abatement legislation supporting Studio Theatre's nonprofit activities—among them, the Apprentice Program. The ten-month Program hosts eleven early-career arts professionals annually and provides them with on-the-job training, programming, housing, living stipends, and mentorship. The legislation exempted Studio Theatre properties used for apprentice and visiting guest artist housing from property taxes for as long as those properties were owned by Studio Theatre and used in support of the Theatre's nonprofit activities. In 2021, Studio Theatre sold one of the exempted properties, 1630 Corcoran St. NW in Ward 2, and purchased another property, 1437 Clifton St. NW in Ward 1, to replace the sold property as apprentice housing.

This legislation amends D.C. Official Code § 47-1082(a)(2), which lists the lot and square of the sold property, to instead list the lot and square of the new property. The amendment will be consistent with the original intent of the tax abatement, which was to exempt the properties used for housing in support of the Theatre's non-profit activities. By replacing the previous building used for apprentice housing with the new building used for the same purpose, the Council will continue to provide Studio Theatre with the support that the original legislation intended.

Should you have any questions about this legislation, please contact my Legislative Counsel, Mason Grow, at [mgrow@dccouncil.gov](mailto:mgrow@dccouncil.gov).

Thank you,

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17 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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21 To amend section 47-1082(a)(2) of the District of Columbia Official Code to exempt from  
22 taxation certain real property of The Studio Theatre used for housing in support of the  
23 nonprofit activities of the theater.

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
26 act may be cited as the “Studio Theatre Housing Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act of  
27 2023”.

28 Sec. 2. Section 47-1082(a)(2) of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended by  
29 striking the phrase “Lot 0094, Square 179” and inserting the phrase “Lot 0058, Square 2664” in  
30 its place.

31 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

35           Sec. 4. Effective date.

36           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
37 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
38 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
39 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
40 Columbia Register.