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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1 To amend Chapter 10 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Code to clarify that the real
2 property tax abatement granted by § 47-1045 remains in effect, to update the organization
3 name to the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Mason and Order of the Eastern Star
4 Charitable Educational Foundation, to correct the tax lots subject to the abatement, and to
5 refund any payments made for tax year 2023 and 2024; and to amend Section 2032 of the
6 Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited Grant-Making
7 Authority Act of 2012 to support the implementation of recommendations of the Shaw/U
8 Street Cultural Destination District Plan.

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
11 act may be cited as the “1000 U Street NW Property Tax Clarification and Limited Grantmaking
12 Amendment Act of 2025”.

13 Sec. 2. Chapter 10 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Code is amended as follows:

14 (a) The table of contents to the chapter is amended by striking the section designation "§
15 47-1045. Prince Hall Freemason and Eastern Star Charitable Foundation, lot 0826 in square
16 0333." and inserting “§ 47-1045. Prince Hall Free and Accepted Mason and Order of the Eastern
17 Star Charitable Educational Foundation.” in its place.

18 (b) Section 47-1045 is amended as follows:

19 (1) The heading is amended to read as follows:

20 “§ 47-1045. Prince Hall Free and Accepted Mason and Order of the Eastern Star

21 Charitable Educational Foundation.”

22 (2) The existing text is labeled as subsection (a).

23 (3) Strike the phrase “described as lot 0826 in square 0333 situated at 1000 “U”
24 Street, N.W.” and insert the phrase “currently described for assessment and taxation purposes as
25 Square 333 Lots 37 and 828” in its place.

26 (4) Strike the phrase “in the name of the Prince Hall Freemason and Eastern Star
27 Charitable Foundation” and insert the phrase “in the name of the Prince Hall Free and Accepted
28 Mason and Order of the Eastern Star Charitable Educational Foundation, or any successor in
29 interest,” in its place.

30 (5) Strike the phrase “purposes and activities of the Prince Hall Freemason and
31 Eastern Star Charitable Foundation” and insert “purposes and activities of the Prince Hall Free
32 and Accepted Mason and Order of the Eastern Star Charitable Educational Foundation”.

33 (6) A new subsection (b) is added to read as follows:

34 “(b) Any real property tax payments, including payments of penalties and interest, made
35 for tax years 2023, and 2024 in association with the real property described in subsection (a) of
36 this section shall be refunded to the payor.”.

37 Sec. 3. African American Civil War Memorial sub-district and cultural arts center limited
38 grantmaking authority.

39 Section 2032 of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development Limited
40 Grant-Making Authority Act of 2012, effective September 20, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-168; D.C.
41 Code § 1-328.04), is amended by adding a new subsection (ii) to read as follows:

42 “(ii) Notwithstanding the Grant Administration Act of 2013, effective December 24,
43 2013 (D.C. Law 20-61; D.C. Official Code § 1-328.11 *et seq.*), the Deputy Mayor may make a

44 grant to the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Mason and Order of the Eastern Star Charitable
45 Educational Foundation (“Foundation”), or a commercial tenant of space leased by the
46 Foundation at 1000 U Street, N.W., in order to support the implementation of recommendations
47 for that space and the adjacent plaza made in the Shaw/U Street Cultural Destination District
48 Plan, as approved by the Shaw/U Street Cultural Destination District Plan Approval Resolution
49 of 2005, effective June 21, 2005 (Res. 16-209; 52 DCR 4185).”

50 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

54 Sec. 5. Effective date.

55 This act shall take effect after approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
56 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
57 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
58 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
59 Columbia Register.