

A RESOLUTION

21-647

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 1, 2016

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Great Streets Neighborhood Retail Priority Areas Approval Resolution of 2007 to expand the boundaries of the Ward 4 Georgia Avenue Retail Priority Area.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Georgia Avenue Retail Priority Area Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2016”.

Sec. 2. (a) Recent changes to the Great Streets Neighborhood Retail Priority Areas Approval Resolution of 2007 contained errors related to the boundaries of the Ward 4 Georgia Avenue Retail Priority Area that wrongly excluded certain streets along the Georgia Avenue corridor.

(b) Approximately 9 blocks were affected by this error, principally the streets between Euclid Street, N.W., and Kenyon Street, N.W.

(c) This error is particularly problematic as these blocks represent an area with many small businesses, which arguably have the highest need for the benefits of the Great Streets program.

(d) The original application deadline for the Great Streets program was October 21, 2016. Because of the boundary error, the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development extended the deadline to November 6, 2016.

(e) Accordingly, the boundaries must be corrected immediately to ensure that all affected businesses may apply to the Great Streets program by the November 6 deadline.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Georgia Avenue Retail Priority Area Emergency Amendment Act of 2016 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.