

A RESOLUTION

22-575

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2018

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978 to provide that grants available to assist homeowners with the rehabilitation of historic property under the Targeted Homeowner Grant Program may be used to rehabilitate a structure that contributes to the character of the Emerald Street Historic District, bounded by F Street, N.E., 13th Street, N.E., E Street, N.E., and 14th Street, N.E., in Ward 6, the Kingman Park Historic District, bounded by East Capitol Street, N.E., 19th Street, N.E., Maryland Avenue, N.E., M Street, N.E., and the Anacostia River, in Ward 7; and the Wardman Flats Historic Landmark, located within Square 519, bounded by 3rd Street, N.W., R Street, N.W., 4th Street, N.W., and Florida Avenue, N.W., in Ward 5.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Targeted Historic Preservation Assistance Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to amend the Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978 to provide that grants available to assist homeowners with the rehabilitation of historic property under the Targeted Homeowner Grant Program may be used to rehabilitate a structure that contributes to the character of the Emerald Street Historic District, bounded by F Street, N.E., 13th Street, N.E., E Street, N.E., and 14th Street, N.E., in Ward 6; the Kingman Park Historic District, bounded by East Capitol Street, N.E., 19th Street, N.E., Maryland Avenue, N.E., M Street, N.E., and the Anacostia River, in Ward 7; and the Wardman Flats Historic Landmark, located within Square 519, bounded by 3rd Street, N.W., R Street, N.W., 4th Street, N.W., and Florida Avenue N.W., in Ward 5.

(b) The Targeted Homeowner Grant Program, administered by the Office of Planning, helps preserve the affordability of housing for low- and moderate-income homeowners who reside in the city’s historic districts by making non-taxable grants available for home repairs.

(c) The Office of Planning will be accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2019 Targeted Homeowner Grant Program through July 2018.

(e) Permanent legislation that would provide for such grants, the Targeted Historic Preservation Assistance Amendment Act of 2018, passed on 1st reading on July 10, 2018 (Engrossed version of Bill 22-434), is currently under review by the Council. However, passing

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similar legislation on an emergency basis would allow eligible low- and moderate-income homeowners who reside in the recently designated Emerald Street Historic District, Kingman Park Historic District, and Wardman Flats Historic Landmark to be eligible to apply for grants in time for the July 2018 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 Targeted Historic Preservation Assistance Emergency Amendment Act of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.