

A RESOLUTION

25-375

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 5, 2023

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend section 25-113 of the District of Columbia Official Code to extend the expiration date of the Streatery Program.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Streatery Program Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) On June 30, 2022, the Reopen Washington DC Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2022 took effect (D.C. Law 24-127), which allows Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (“Board”) licensed establishments that register with the Board to offer beer, wine, or spirits for sale on expanded outdoor space until December 31, 2023 (“Streatery Program”).

(b) As of October 17, 2023, there are currently 178 licensed establishments that have registered and possess temporary Streatery Program endorsements from the Board that will expire on December 31, 2023.

(c) On October 11, 2023, the District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) announced the extension of temporary Streatery Program permits through December 31, 2024, to allow DDOT more time to develop regulations and guidelines needed to facilitate a permanent Streatery Program.

(d) The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (“ABCA”) is currently working on legislation that would amend Title 25 of the District of Columbia Official Code to create a permanent Streatery Program endorsement. ABCA is also working collaboratively with DDOT on a permanent Streatery Program. In the interim, emergency legislation is necessary to extend the Streatery Program for an additional year while permanent legislation is considered by the Council.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Streatery Program Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.