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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to require that tax abatements for housing in downtown be awarded competitively, ensure proper recording of the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act exemption, extend the timeframe for receiving a certificate of occupancy, and remove a calculation that is no longer applicable.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Housing in Downtown Tax Abatement Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) There existed an immediate need to require that tax abatements for housing in downtown be awarded competitively, ensure proper recording of the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act exemption, extend the timeframe for receiving a certificate of occupancy, and remove a calculation that is no longer applicable.

(b) In January 2024, the Council enacted the Housing in Downtown Tax Abatement Technical Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, effective February 1, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-386; 71 DCR 1460), (“emergency legislation”) and the Housing in Downtown Tax Abatement Technical Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, passed on 2nd reading on February 6, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-399; 71 DCR 2093) (“temporary legislation”) to address the above-mentioned issues.

32 (c) The temporary legislation expires on November 21, 2024. The permanent  
33 legislation was passed by Council and signed by the Mayor on October 31 , 2024 (D.C.  
34 Act 25-617) (“permanent legislation”), but must still complete the 30-day review period  
35 required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved  
36 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and will not  
37 become law until after the temporary legislation has expired.

38 (d) It is necessary that the provisions of the emergency and temporary legislation  
39 continue in effect, without interruption, until the permanent legislation is in effect.

40 Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2  
41 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that Housing in Downtown Tax  
42 Abatement Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a  
43 single reading.

44 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.