

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

**REVISED & ABBREVIATED**

**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

**Bill 22-573, Slumlord Deterrence Amendment Act of 2017**

**Bill 22-596, Housing Rehabilitation Incentives Regulation Amendment Act of 2017**

**Bill 22-615, Housing Code Enforcement Integrity Amendment Act of 2017**

on

**Tuesday, July 3, 2018**

**9:30 a.m., Council Chamber, John A. Wilson Building**

**1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW**

**Washington, DC 20004**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on **Bill 22-573**, the “Slumlord Deterrence Amendment Act of 2017,” **Bill 22-596**, the “Housing Rehabilitation Incentives Regulation Amendment Act of 2017,” and **Bill 22-615**, the “Housing Code Enforcement Integrity Amendment Act of 2017.” The hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 in **Council Chamber (Room 500)**, of the John A. Wilson Building. **This notice has been revised to reflect the updated hearing room pursuant to Council Rule 421(c)(1).**

The stated purpose of **Bill 22-573** is to authorize the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to deny basic business licenses and building permits to rental property owners who neglect their properties. The stated purpose of **Bill 22-596** is to amend the Construction Codes Approval and Amendments Act of 1986 to dedicate certain housing fines to a Housing Condition Abatement Fund to provide for the summary correction of housing regulation violations, to reimburse impacted tenants, and to reimburse inspection and re-inspection fees for compliant properties; to amend Section 105 of Title 14 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to mandate referrals of repeated housing violations to the Office of the Attorney General and to limit the enforcement discretion of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for repeat or unabated housing code violations; and to amend Title 16 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to require the issuance of a Notice of Abatement to property owners who have corrected housing regulation violations and to provide for housing regulation violations to be treated with increasing severity if they are unabated for 6 months or more. The stated purpose of **Bill 22-615** is to amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to provide for expedited hearings for appeals of housing code violations; to require the Mayor to articulate and maintain a public record of the basis for each deadline extension granted to property owners that are required to correct housing code violations; and to require the Mayor correct, and assess to the property owner via a real property tax lien the cost of correction, conditions that caused an infraction that has not been corrected within 6 months.

Those who wish to testify are asked to email the Committee of the Whole at [cow@dccouncil.us](mailto:cow@dccouncil.us), or call Randi Powell at (202) 724-8196, and to provide your name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business **Friday, June 29, 2018**. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on June 29, 2018 the testimony will be distributed to Councilmembers before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to four minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses. Copies of the legislation can be obtained through the Legislative Services Division of the Secretary of the Council's office or on <http://lims.dccouncil.us>. Hearing materials, including a draft witness list, can be accessed 24 hours before the hearing at <http://www.chairmanmendelson.com/circulation>.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 410 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on July 17, 2018.