

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, with respect to the need to authorize, on an emergency basis, the transfer of jurisdiction over U.S. Reservation 724 (Lot 896, less and except the northern portion previously retained by the District, and Lot 897 within Square 620) in the District of Columbia, from the United States of America, acting by and through the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, to the District of Columbia, and to consent to the extinguishment of covenants affecting real property in Square 620.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Revised Transfer of Jurisdiction over U.S. Reservation 724 (Lots 896 and 897 within Square 620) and Extinguishment of Covenants Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2 (a) There exists an immediate need to approve emergency legislation to authorize the transfer of jurisdiction over a portion of U.S. Reservation 724 from the National Park Service to the District, and to consent to the extinguishment of two obsolete covenants.

(b) On November 7, 2017, the Council adopted legislation (Resolution 22-298) to authorize the transfer of two lots from NPS to the District to facilitate the improvement of a park space as part of the Sursum Corda Cooperative redevelopment which would provide for pedestrian circulation along First Street, N.W.

36 (c) The Applicant and the Surveyor of the District of Columbia found an error in the plat
37 incorporated by Resolution 22-298 so the plat was never recorded.

38 (d) The Applicant also found two 1968 covenants related to the original Sursum Corda
39 development that are no longer necessary and require release by the District. Those covenants
40 affect the ability of the development to move forward expeditiously.

41 (e) A permanent version of the measure, Bill 22-979, the “Revised Transfer of
42 Jurisdiction over U.S. Reservation 724 (Lots 896 and 897 within Square 620) and
43 Extinguishment of Covenants Act of 2018” was adopted on second reading by the Council on
44 December 4, 2018.

45 (g) Adoption of this emergency will authorize the Surveyor to record the correct plat and
46 will consent to extinguishment of the two easements to allow the Sursum Corda redevelopment
47 project to move forward before congressional review is completed.

48 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
49 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
50 “Relocation of a Passageway Easement in Square 696 Authorization Emergency Act of 2018” be
51 adopted after a single reading.

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