

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER KENYAN R. MCDUFFIE, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

ANNOUNCE A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**B23-0116 – THE “WAREHOUSING AND STORAGE EMINENT DOMAIN AUTHORITY
ACT OF 2019”;**

**B23-0117 – THE “UNDERGROUND FACILITIES PROTECTION AMENDMENT ACT OF
2019”; AND**

**B23-0135 – THE “POWER LINE UNDERGROUNDING PROGRAM CERTIFIED
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019”**

**Monday, May 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Room 412, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Monday, May 13, 2019, Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development will hold a public hearing to consider Bill 23-0116, the “Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Act of 2019,” Bill 23-0117, the “Underground Facilities Protection Amendment Act of 2019,” and Bill 23-0135, the “Power Line Undergrounding Program Certified Business Enterprise Utilization Amendment Act of 2019.”

The stated purpose of Bill 23-0116 is to authorize the acquisition through the exercise of eminent domain of certain property located on W Street, NE for warehousing and storage purposes. The District government has a significant need for warehousing and storage equipment, records, property, and supplies, and the District’s need nearly exceeds the current capacity at its owned facilities. The property on W Street, NE, east of Brentwood Road, has been identified as a strong site for warehousing and storage purposes. The stated purpose of Bill 23-0117 is to amend the District’s excavation safety law, the Underground Facilities Protection Act of 1980 (“UFPA”), to better protect underground facilities such as gas and water lines. Currently, UFPA may only be enforced in the District of Columbia Superior Court however, this bill would grant the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs enforcement powers. Lastly, the stated purpose of Bill 23-0135 is to clarify and update certain provisions of the Electric Company Infrastructure Improvement Financing Act of 2014 to expand contracting opportunities for certified business

enterprises. The bill would amend the 100% goal in the current law to award the DC power line underground program (DC PLUG) construction contracts to certified business enterprises in the District rather than just businesses in the District that may not be certified.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact the Committee on Business and Economic Development via email at cautrey@dccouncil.us or at (202) 724-8053, and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Thursday, May 9th**. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Witnesses are encouraged to bring **ten single-sided copies** of their written testimony and, if possible, also submit a copy of their testimony electronically in advance to cautrey@dccouncil.us.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Business and Economic Development at cautrey@dccouncil.us or to Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004. **The record will close at the end of the business day on Monday, May 27th**.