

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

COUNCILMEMBER ANITA BONDS, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE

on

Bill 23-0643, the “Keeping Cool Elderly Tenants and Tenants with a Disability
Amendment Act of 2020”

and

Bill 23-0237, the “Rent Concession Amendment Act of 2019”

Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

John A. Wilson Building, Room 412

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20004

On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Councilmember Anita Bonds, Chairperson of the Committee on Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization, will hold a public hearing on Bill 23-0643 and Bill 23-0237. The hearing will take place in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of Bill 23-0643, the “Keeping Cool Elderly Tenants and Tenants with a Disability Amendment Act of 2020”, is to require landlords to provide air conditioning to apartments that are rented to elderly tenants and tenants with a disability, upon request by the tenant. With the global rise in temperatures in recent years, both groups are increasingly at risk to the consequences of heat-related illnesses.

The purpose of Bill 23-0237, the “Rent Concession Amendment Act of 2019”, is to clarify that the abolition of rent ceilings applies to all unimplemented and expired rent increases and that rent increases may not be implemented more than 30 days after a housing provider is first eligible to take the increase. The bill resets rents based on the rent charged and any unexpired rent surcharges in effect on the effective date of the act.

Those who wish to testify are requested to telephone the Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization at 202.724.8198 or email housing@dccouncil.us and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any), by close of business on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged to **submit 15 copies of written testimony**. Oral testimony will be limited to 3 minutes.

Witnesses who anticipate needing language interpretation or require sign language interpretation are requested to inform the Committee of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding. The Committee will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

If you are unable to testify at the public hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite G6, Washington, D.C. 20004 or email housing@dccouncil.us. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.