

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare an emergency with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Traffic Act, 1925, to prevent car-sharing motor vehicles that are not registered in and do not have contracts with the District from taking advantage of the 60-day exemption from the District’s licensure and registration requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “ROSA Loophole Elimination Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) Section 8(a) of the District of Columbia Traffic Act, 1925, approved March 3, 1925, approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat, 1123; D.C. Code § 50–1401.02(a)) provides an owner or operator of any motor vehicle who is not a legal resident of the District of Columbia a 60-day exemption period from the District’s licensure and registration requirements. Immediate legislation is needed to address the issue of non-District registered car-sharing motor vehicles taking advantage of this 60-day exemption.

(b) Multiple neighborhoods, including Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, Colonial Village, and Hawthorne, have reported that non-District registered motor vehicles owned or operated by carsharing companies have been parking on neighborhood streets that do not have residential

34 permit parking zones for weeks and months at a time, sometimes occupying parking spaces
35 directly in front of neighborhood homes.

36 (c) Certain carsharing companies are taking advantage of the 60-day exemption from
37 registering their motor vehicles with the District by storing their non-District registered motor
38 vehicles on neighborhood streets and instructing customers to come to specified addresses within
39 the District, usually in front of a resident's home, to pick up or drop off the vehicles.

40 (d) There have been multiple instances in which affected neighborhood residents have
41 reported that individuals have been sleeping in these vehicles, causing safety concerns amongst
42 residents.

43 (e) Emergency legislation is needed to prevent certain carsharing companies from
44 continuing to take advantage of the 60-day exemption by using District streets for long-term
45 parking and storage of their non-District registered motor vehicles, to the detriment of District
46 residents.

47 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
48 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the ROSA
49 Loophole Elimination Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

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