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10 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
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16 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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22 To declare the existence of an emergency, with respect to revising the authority of the Mayor to  
23 enter into an agreement with a Business Improvement District for maintenance and  
24 improvement of public space.  
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26 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
27 resolution may be cited as the “Public Space Maintenance Emergency Declaration Resolution of  
28 2020.”

29 Sec. 2. (a) On March 11, 2020, the Mayor of the District of Columbia issued Mayor’s  
30 Order 2020-45, 2020-46, declaring a public emergency and a public health emergency in the  
31 District due to the imminent threat to the health, safety, and welfare of District residents posed  
32 by the spread of COVID-19, and has issued several extensions of such public health emergency  
33 as authorized under the law.

34 (b) A critical component of reopening the District during the pandemic has been utilizing  
35 outdoor public space for various activities in order to allow for social distancing.

36 (c) Temporary or permanent modifications throughout the District are necessary to  
37 accommodate such activities in public space.

38 (d) In areas of the District covered by a Business Improvement District, some of this  
39 work can be done more efficiently by the District reimbursing a Business Improvement District  
40 for the work rather than the District contracting for the work.

41 (e) The proposed legislation would expand the existing authority to partner with BIDs by  
42 raising the cap from \$250,000 to \$800,00 annually and would clarify that the work to be done in  
43 public space is not limited to sidewalks and signage.

44 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in  
45 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Public Space  
46 Maintenance Emergency Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

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