

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To prohibit, on an emergency basis, a third-party meal delivery platform from arranging to deliver a meal order from a restaurant without first obtaining an agreement with the restaurant expressly authorizing the third-party meal delivery platform to collect meal orders and deliver meals prepared by the restaurant.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Fair Meals Delivery Emergency Act of 2021”.

Sec. 2. Restrictions on third-party meals delivery companies.

(a) A third-party meal delivery platform shall not arrange for the delivery of an order from a restaurant without first obtaining an agreement with the restaurant expressly authorizing the third-party meal delivery platform to collect meal orders and deliver meals prepared by the restaurant.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(1) “Restaurant” shall have the same meaning as in D.C. Official Code § 25-101(43).

33 (2) “Third-party delivery platform” means any website, mobile application, or
34 other internet service that offers or arranges for the sale of food and beverages prepared by, and
35 the same-day delivery or same-day pickup of food and beverages from, restaurants.

36 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

37 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
38 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
39 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

40 Sec. 4. Effective date.

41 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
42 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
43 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
44 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
45 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).