

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To provide, on an emergency basis, for the health, safety, and welfare of District residents and support to businesses during the current public health emergency; and for other purposes.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Coronavirus Support Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021.”

Sec. 2. (a) The purpose of the underlying emergency measure is to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of District residents and for support to businesses during the coronavirus public health emergency; and for other purposes.

(b) Bill 23-757, the “Coronavirus Support Emergency Act of 2020 (D.C. Act 23-326) was enacted on an emergency basis on May 18, 2020 to provide for the public health, safety, and welfare of District residents and for support to businesses during the public health emergency. The emergency resolution accompanying that Act, the Coronavirus Support Emergency

35 Declaration Resolution of 2020 (Res. 23-418) described the conditions supporting the emergency  
36 act and those circumstances are incorporated herein by reference.

37 (c) Bill 23-758, the “Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2020,” became  
38 law on October 9, 2020 and contained the same provisions as Bill 23-757. Most provisions of  
39 the temporary act were retroactive to June 9, 2020 and will thus expire on March 31, 2021.

40 (d) A new round of emergency and temporary legislation is necessary to continue most of  
41 the provisions of the previous temporary act. A number of provisions must be removed because  
42 they are now moot. A number of new provisions and changes to the previous provisions must be  
43 included in the new emergency act given circumstances arising from the continued public health  
44 emergency.

45 (e) Necessary changes from the previous emergency and temporary act are proposed as  
46 follows due to the ongoing public health emergency:

47 (1) Amendments to Section 203 to incorporate and continue amendments regarding  
48 certified business enterprise assistance included in D.C. Act 23-524.

49 (2) Amendments to Section 204 to incorporate and continue amendments regarding  
50 alcohol sales included in several subsequent acts.

51 (3) Repeal of now-moot provisions including late fees for corporate filings and  
52 trade name renewals, the one-time sales tax deferral granted to businesses, and the one-time  
53 property tax deferral granted to hotels.

54 (4) Repeal of Section 208 regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> and O Street disposition extension.

55 (5) Repeal of Section 301 regarding Opportunity Account that was repealed by the  
56 FY21 Budget Support Act.

57                   (6)     Amendment to Section 306 regarding price gouging to account for the use  
58 of a seasonal pricing model for rental vehicles to consider the price at which the vehicle was set  
59 during the same week in the previous year rather than the 90-day period preceding the public  
60 health emergency.

61                   (7) Amendment to Section 507(a) to clean up a provision that does not affect the  
62 Mayoral access to any source of funding that is otherwise statutorily available

63                   (8) Amendments to section 507(c) to incorporate and continue amendments  
64 regarding public health emergency grants included in D.C. Act 23-524.

65                   (9) Amendments to section 507(d) to extend the Mayor’s authority to declare a  
66 public health emergency to June 15, 2021.

67                   (10) Repeal of Section 510 regarding a financial control board for United  
68 Medical Center that pertained to FY 2020, but which is now moot.

69                   (11) Repeal of Section 513 which required a food access study that has already  
70 been completed.

71                   (12) Amendments to Section 601 to incorporate and continue amendments  
72 regarding graduation requirements included in D.C. Act 23-524.

73                   (13) Repeal of Section 604-606 regarding 2020 specific education matters that  
74 are moot.

75                   (14) Amendment to Section 701 to require additional reporting on COVID-19  
76 testing and vaccination related to the Department of Corrections

77                   (15) Repeal of Section 704 regarding Office of Police Complaints board  
78 reporting extensions.

- 79                   (16) Amendments (for the emergency only) to Section 706 regarding good time  
80 credits and compassionate release to reflect subsequent updates contained in D.C. Act 23-568.
- 81                   (17) Repeal of Section 801 which authorized an increase in Board of Elections  
82 stipends that were only applicable for 2020.
- 83                   (18) Repeal of Sections 802 and 803 regarding an extension of time for  
84 submission of financial disclosures that were only applicable for 2020.
- 85                   (19) Repeal of Sections 804 and 805 regarding election preparedness that were  
86 only applicable for the 2020 election.
- 87                   (20) Repeal of Section 808 regarding tolling for FOIA requests which was made  
88 temporary through D.C. Act 23-595.
- 89                   (21) Amendment to Section 813 to remove provisions relating to tolling of  
90 Mayoral nominations transmitted to the Council.
- 91                   (22) Addition of a new Section 815 to allow for flexibility in hiring an Executive  
92 Director for the D.C. Retirement Board to assist the Board in its current search for candidates.
- 93                   (23) Addition of a new Section 816 to repeal the current term limit for  
94 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board members.
- 95                   (24) Repeal of Section 901 regarding amendments to Council Period 23 rules  
96 which are moot.
- 97                   (25) Amendment to Section 903 to delay submission of the FY22 budget to April  
98 31, 2021.
- 99                   (26) Repeal of Section 904 regarding tolling of matters transmitted to the  
100 Council.

101                   (27) Repeal of Title X regarding revenue bonds, all of which have been approved  
102 by resolution.

103                   (28) Repeal of Title XI regarding FY20 General Obligation and TRANS  
104 borrowing which are not necessary to continue in law.

105                   (f) It is also necessary to continue a version of the eviction moratoria contained in the  
106 previous emergency and temporary acts in the proposed new emergency act. It was and  
107 continues to be the Council’s intent that the eviction moratoria from notice and filing up and  
108 through executed evictions are necessary to stop people from moving during the public health  
109 emergency, and that the moratoria apply to all parts of the eviction process.

110                   Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in  
111 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Coronavirus Support  
112 Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 be adopted after a single reading.

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