

Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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REVISED AND ABBREVIATED

COUNCILMEMBER KENYAN R. McDUFFIE, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

PR24-0132 – “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION FREDERICK P. MOOSALLY CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2021”

PR24-0192 – “ABRA TECHNICAL AMENDMENT APPROVAL RESOLUTION OF 2021”

PR24-0196 – LICENSE AND PERMIT CATEGORIES APPROVAL RESOLUTION OF 2021”

AND

B24-0044 – “REOPEN WASHINGTON DC ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2021”

Monday, May 10, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Remote Hearing via Virtual Platform

Broadcast live on DC Council Channel 13

Streamed live at www.dccouncil.us and entertainment.dc.gov.

On Monday, May 10, 2021, Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie, Chairperson of the Committee on Business and Economic Development, will hold a public hearing to consider PR24-0132, the “Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration Frederick P. Moosally Confirmation Resolution of 2021,” PR24-0192, the “ABRA Technical Amendment Approval Resolution of 2021,” PR24-0196, the “License and Permit Categories Approval Resolution of 2021,” and B24-0044, the “Reopen Washington DC Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2021.”

PR24-0132, the “Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration Frederick P. Moosally Confirmation Resolution of 2021”, would reappoint Mr. Frederick P. Moosally as the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (“ABRA”) in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 25-207(a). Mr. Moosally served as the General Counsel of ABRA from 2001 to 2009 and from July 2009 up to date, he has served as the Director of the agency. Mr. Moosally earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University in 1997 and he is barred in both Maryland and Washington, D.C. He is a resident of Ward 3.

PR24-0192, the “ABRA Technical Amendment Approval Resolution of 2021” would amend Title 23 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (“DCMR”) by making conforming amendments in accordance with the following four Council bills that took effect on February 21, 2020: (1) The Alcoholic Beverage Enforcement Amendment Act of 2019 (D.C. Law 23-50); (2) The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board License Categories, Endorsements, and Hourly and

Percentage Rate Amendment Act of 2019 (D.C. Law 23-51); (3) The Alcoholic Beverage Procedural and Technical Amendment Act of 2019 (D.C. Law 23-52); and (4) The Manufacturer and Pub Permit Parity Amendment Act of 2019 (D.C. Law 23-54).

PR24-0196, the “License and Permit Categories Approval Resolution of 2021” would amend Chapter 2 of Title 23 of the DCMR in its entirety. Since Chapter 2 was promulgated in 2004, it has not been updated comprehensively with the numerous statutory amendments the Council has passed. Some statutory amendments include revising the pub permits and storage facility requirements, and strengthening the pub crawl licensing process. In addition, Chapter 2 would be updated to include current practices and processes of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. These processes and practices have not been updated since 2004.

B24-0044, the “Reopen Washington DC Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2021”, would make numerous technical and substantive amendments to Title 25 of the D.C. Official Code. Some amendments include: (1) Allowing licensed establishments to sell, serve, and deliver alcoholic beverages from two additional locations; (2) Allowing on-premises retailer licenses, class C or D, manufacturer licenses, class A or B, or Convention Center food and establishment businesses to sell, serve, or allow the consumption alcoholic beverages on new or expanded ground level or street level outdoor public or private space; and (3) Allowing applicants for solicitor and Alcoholic Beverage Control Manager licenses to self-certify their applications.

The Committee invites the public to testify remotely or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify must sign up in advance by contacting the Committee by e-mail, at BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us, or by phone, and providing their name, phone number or e-mail address, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2021**. Witnesses are encouraged to electronically submit written testimony in advance of the hearing to BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us. Public witnesses will participate remotely, and the Committee will follow-up with witnesses with additional instructions on how to provide testimony through a web conferencing platform.

Please be advised that this notice has been revised and abbreviated to include PR24-0192, the “ABRA Technical Amendment Approval Resolution of 2021,” and PR24-0196, the “License and Permit Categories Approval Resolution of 2021.” These resolutions have been added to allot sufficient time for the resolutions to pass through the Council’s full legislative process before they would be deemed disapproved on Sunday, August 1, 2021.

All public witnesses will have a maximum of three minutes to testify. The length of time provided for oral testimony may be reduced or extended at the discretion of the Committee Chair.

The Committee encourages the public to submit written testimony to be included for the public record. Copies of written testimony should be submitted by e-mail to BusinessEconomicDevelopment@dccouncil.us. To be included in the record, please indicate that you are submitting testimony for this hearing in the subject line of the e-mail. **The record for this hearing will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 14, 2021.**

For accommodation requests, including spoken language or sign language interpretation, please inform the Committee by email of the need as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) business days before the proceeding. The Council will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, however requests received less than five (5) business days prior to the hearing may not be fulfilled and alternatives may be offered.

Please contact Ogochukwu Agwai, Senior Legislative Counsel, at oagwai@dccouncil.us for additional information.