


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council
FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 
DATE: May 26, 2021
RE: **Request to Place Measures on the June 1, 2021 Legislative Meeting Agenda**

This memo is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the June 1, 2021 Legislative Meeting:

- **Engineering License Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021**
- **Engineering Licensure Emergency Amendment Act of 2021**
- **Engineering Licensure Temporary Amendment Act of 2021**

Until the signing of D.C. Law 21-272 in 2017, employees and consultants who engaged in engineering work on behalf of the District government or independent agencies were exempted from requirements to obtain a professional engineering license. Agencies have made progress in coming into compliance but cannot easily shift responsibilities or remove current employees from projects to accommodate time for educational or testing requirements for licensure. DCRA has indicated, nevertheless, that it will start penalizing individuals at independent agencies who are not compliant as of August 1, 2021. This likely will adversely affect agencies temporarily. To ensure agencies are not negatively impacted, the emergency and temporary measures would re-establish the exemption repealed by D.C. Law 21-272 and require professional engineers to verify any work done by these employees or consultants is compliant with all applicable District laws and rules. Permanent legislation that would set a date certain at which government and independent agencies need to be in full compliance will be introduced soon.

Copies of the measures are attached. Please contact me or Blaine Stum at 724-8092 if you have any questions.

cc: All Councilmembers
Council Officers