



Councilmember Anita Bonds

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to extend the deadline by which the Office of the Tenant Advocate must develop the Rent Control Housing Database and transfer administration and maintenance of the database to the Rental Accommodations Division.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Rent Control Housing Database Deadline Extension Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. (a) On October 5, 2021, the Council enacted the “Rent Control Housing Database Deadline Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2021,” which extended the deadline by which the Office of the Tenant Advocate (“OTA”) must develop a rent control housing database to March 31, 2022. The act was applied retroactively to be effective as of August 5, 2021.

(b) Also on October 5, 2021, the Council passed on 1st reading the “Rent Control Housing Database Deadline Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021”.

(c) The Council is expected to take the temporary act up on 2nd reading at its meeting on November 2, 2021. If enacted, the “Rent Control Housing Database Deadline Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021” must still complete the 30-day review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and will not become law before the emergency legislation expires.

(d) It is important that the provisions of the emergency legislation continue in effect, without interruption, until the temporary legislation is in effect.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Rent

Control Housing Database Deadline Extension Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.