

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to modify the expiration date of the District’s Streatery Program and to provide clarity to licensees and the public with regard to the requirements for operating under the Streatery Program.

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

Sec. 2. (a) On April 6, 2021, the Council passed the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021 (D.C. Law 24-0009), which took effect on June 24, 2021. The temporary legislation, which expires on February 4, 2022, allows ABC-licensed establishments that register with the Board to offer beer, wine, or spirits for sale on expanded outdoor space until December 31, 2021.

(b) The December 31, 2021 expiration date for registered streateries was initially adopted by the Council on October 6, 2020 as part of the Revised Streatery and Pop Up Locations Programs Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 (Act 23-0478) as well as related temporary legislation, which have both expired.

(c) The Mayor’s Reopen Washington DC Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2021, which is currently being considered by the Council, would

33 allow registered streateries to start operating again after the December 31, 2021 statutory
34 expiration date on May 1, 2022.

35 (d) Many alcoholic beverage licensed establishments continue to struggle
36 financially due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Some patrons continue to prefer to dine
37 outdoors, including during winter, due to health concerns regarding the Coronavirus
38 pandemic.

39 (e) There remains a need to accommodate concerned patrons and aid these
40 establishments by allowing registered streateries to continue to operate between January
41 1, 2022 and April 30, 2022 at no cost to the licensee while the Council considers the
42 Mayor’s Reopen Washington DC Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of
43 2021.

44 (f) There also remains a need to provide clarity to licensees and the public
45 regarding the current requirements that a registered streatory may operate under Title 25
46 of the D.C. Official Code.

47 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
48 in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Streatory
49 Program Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 be adopted after a single
50 reading.

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