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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Closing of Public Streets and Alleys and Dedication of Land for Public Street and Alley Purposes Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043, S.O. 17-21093 and S.O. 17-21094, Act of 2020 to authorize the Surveyor to record the street and alley closing and dedication plats in multiple phases.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That

this resolution may be cited as the “Closing of Public Streets and Alleys Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043 Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to close a portion of Morton Street, N.W., adjacent to Squares 3039 and 3040, and portions of the public alley system adjacent to Square 3039 in Ward 1, to accept the dedication and designation of 6th Street, N.W., Luray Place, N.W., and an extension of Morton Street, N.W., adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043, for public street purposes, and to accept the dedication of land adjacent to Square 3039 for public alley purposes in Ward 1 to enable, without further delay, the development of portions of the Park Morton Redevelopment Plan to replace public housing for residents of Park Morton in Ward 1.

(b) The Park Morton Redevelopment Plan, as approved by the Park Morton Redevelopment Initiative Plan Approval Resolution of 2008, effective February 19, 2008 (Res. 17-538; 55 DCR 1881) calls for a one-for-one replacement of all 174 public housing units at build-first sites at a small parcel located at 3506 Georgia Avenue, N.W.

1 and a much larger parcel at the former Bruce Monroe School site on Georgia Avenue,  
2 N.W. between Columbia Street, N.W. and Irving Street, N.W.

3 (c) The Council passed the Closing of Public Streets and Alleys and Dedication of  
4 Land for Public Street and Alley Purposes Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043,  
5 S.O. 17-21093 and S.O. 17-21094, Act of 2020, effective March 16, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-  
6 239; 68 DCR 1482) to effectuate the necessary alley closures and street dedications for  
7 this new construction.

8 (d) Phase I construction has commenced, allowing Park Morton residents to be  
9 able to stay in units on the south side of the footprint while replacement units are being  
10 constructed.

11 (e) On April 5, 2021, Council approved emergency and temporary measures when  
12 it was discovered that additional language was needed to enable the street and alley  
13 closure and dedication plats to be recorded in multiple phases in order to guarantee this  
14 build-first phasing. The temporary bill, Closing of Public Streets and Alleys Adjacent to  
15 Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043 Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2021” is set  
16 to expire on March 10, 2022, before the second phase of plats has been recorded.

17 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
18 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the  
19 Closing of Public Streets and Alleys Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043 Technical  
20 Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a single reading.

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