

Council of the District of Columbia
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TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau *BrianneK.Nadeau*
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the February 1, 2022 Legislative Meeting
DATE: January 27, 2022

I request that the following measures be agendized for the February 1, 2022, Legislative Meeting:

Emergency and Temporary Legislation:

- **“Department of Human Services Emergency Powers Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”**
- **“Department of Human Services Emergency Powers Emergency Amendment Act of 2022”**
- **“Department of Human Services Emergency Powers Temporary Amendment Act of 2022”**

The authority provided to the Department of Human Services, under “Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021” expires on February 4, 2022. As evidenced by the extremely transmissible Omicron variant, there continues to be a need for the ability to protect some of the District’s most vulnerable residents from exposure in congregate settings operated by the Department of Human Services. It is important that the Department’s emergency authority be extended to coincide with the public emergency declared by the Mayor.

These measures would amend, on an emergency and temporary basis, the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to grant the Director of the Department of Human Services the authority to exercise emergency powers regarding Continuum of Care services during the existence of a public emergency declared by the Mayor pursuant to the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980. This would maintain, on an emergency and temporary basis, the powers extended to the Department of Human Services under the “Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021.”

Draft copies of the measures are attached. Please contact Aamir Mansoor, Committee and Legislative Director, at amansoor@dccouncil.us or (202) 724-4353 if you have any questions.

- **“Closing of Public Streets and Alleys Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043 Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”**
- **“Closing of Public Streets and Alleys Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043 Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2022”**
- **“Closing of Public Streets and Alleys Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043 Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2022”**

These measures 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. Identical emergency and temporary measures passed by the Council last year are set to expire on March 10, 2022, requiring an extension of this authority.

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 3506 Georgia Avenue, N.W. and at the former Bruce Monroe School site on Georgia Avenue, N.W. between Columbia Street, N.W. and Irving Street, N.W.

The Council passed 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, effective March 16, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-239; 68 DCR 1482) to effectuate the necessary alley closures and street dedications for this new construction.

Phase one is due to break ground later in 2021, allowing Park Morton residents to be able to stay in units on the south side of the footprint while replacement units are being constructed. However, additional language was needed to enable the street and alley closure and dedication plats to be recorded in multiple phases in order to guarantee this build-first phasing. These measures provide continuity, as the second phase has not yet been recorded.

Draft copies of the measures are attached. Please contact David Meni, Research Analyst, at dmeni@dccouncil.us or (202) 724-8101 if you have any questions.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
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