



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 
Councilmember Charles Allen 

DATE: March 31, 2022

RE: **Request to Place Measures on the Agenda for April 5, 2022 Legislative Meeting**

Please place the following measures on the agenda for the April 5, 2022 Legislative Meeting:

- **Hotel Enhanced Cleaning and Notice of Service Disruption Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022**
- **Hotel Enhanced Cleaning and Notice of Service Disruption Emergency Amendment Act of 2022**
- **Hotel Enhanced Cleaning and Notice of Service Disruption Temporary Amendment Act of 2022**

This legislation, at the request of the Mayor, would authorize the Mayor to issue rules to establish requirements for the cleaning and maintenance of hotels and motel rooms and establish standards for public notice of lodging establishment service disruptions.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the District government has implemented various safety measures to protect the safety of residents, domestic and international visitors to the District of Columbia, and hospitality workers through, among other things, enhanced cleaning protocols. Over the course of the pandemic, most hotels and motels implemented enhanced cleaning of guest rooms and shared areas to limit the spread of COVID-19. However, some of these establishments suspended or decreased the frequency with which they provided cleaning services leaving staff and patrons at risk of contracting COVID-19.

The recovery of the tourism industry is vital to the District's economic recovery, but some visitors are surprised to learn that some hotels and motels are not offering daily cleaning services. As the city begins to see a return to pre-pandemic tourism levels, it is imperative for health, safety and consumer protection that guests be provided routine and enhanced housekeeping and maintenance of private and communal spaces in hotels and motels unless the guest opts out of cleanings. District hotel and motel patrons should feel assured that any hotel or motel is abiding by its responsibility to provide safe, secure, and comfortable accommodations.

Draft copies of the measures are attached. Please call me or Christian A. Washington, Special Counsel at (202) 724-8083 if you have any questions.

cc: All Councilmembers
Council Officers