

Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to authorize the Mayor to issue regulations to establish requirements for cleaning and maintenance of District of Columbia hotels and motel rooms and standards for public notice of lodging establishment service disruptions.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Hotel Enhanced Cleaning and Notice of Service Disruption Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022.”

Sec 2. There is an immediate need to authorize the Mayor to issue regulations to establish requirements for cleaning and maintenance of District of Columbia hotels and motel rooms and to establish standards for public notice of lodging establishment service disruptions.

Sec. 3. (a) Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen an increased need to protect the safety of our residents, domestic and international visitors to the District of Columbia, and our hospitality workers through, among other things, enhanced cleaning protocols.

(b) During the pandemic, most hotels and motels implemented enhanced cleaning of guest rooms and shared areas to limit the spread of COVID-19. Some hotels and motels, however, suspended or lessened the frequency with which they provided cleaning services leaving staff and patrons at risk of contracting COVID-19.

32 (c) The recovery of the tourism industry is vital to our economic recovery, but some
33 visitors are surprised that some hotels and motels are not offering daily cleaning services. As we
34 begin to see a return to pre-pandemic tourism levels, it is imperative for both safety and
35 consumer protections that guests be provided routine and enhanced housekeeping and
36 maintenance of communal spaces in hotels and motels unless the guest opts out of cleanings.

37 (d) Lastly, hotel and motel patrons should have the security and assurance of knowing
38 that the hotel or motel is abiding by its agreement to provide safe, secure, and comfortable
39 accommodations.

40 Sec. 4. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
41 enumerated in section 3 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Hotel
42 Enhanced Cleaning and Notice of Service Disruption Emergency Act of 2022 be approved on an
43 emergency basis.

44 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.