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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to prohibit a third-party meal delivery platform from arranging to deliver a meal order from a restaurant without first obtaining an agreement with the restaurant expressly authorizing the third-party meal delivery platform to collect meal orders and deliver meals prepared by the restaurant.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Fair Meals Delivery Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) The COVID-19 public health emergency has led many consumers to order more take-out meals from their homes using websites, mobile applications, or other internet services, which are often delivered by a third-party meal delivery platform. It is important that a restaurant know what third-party meal delivery platform is providing meal-delivery services of food from its restaurant.

(b) In 2021, the Council enacted emergency and temporary legislation that addressed the foregoing issue, including the Fair Meals Delivery Second Emergency Act of 2021, effective December 22, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-250; 68 DCR 14063) (“Act 24-250”), and the Fair Meals Delivery Second Temporary Act of 2021, effective March 2, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-90; 69 DCR 435) (“Law 24-90”) (collectively “Fair Meals”). Act 24-250 expired on March 22, 2022, and Law 24-90 will expire on October 13, 2022.

35           (c) It is important to keep the provisions of the Fair Meals legislation in effect, without  
36 interruption, until permanent legislation is in effect.

37           Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
38 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that Fair Meals  
39 Delivery Emergency Act of 2022 be adopted after a single reading.

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