

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Condominium Act of 1976 to authorize condominium unit owners’ associations to conduct virtual meetings and to clarify voting and quorum requirements for such meetings; to amend section 29-910 of the District of Columbia Official Code to allow cooperatives to conduct remote meetings; to amend the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Amendment Act of 2014 to permit the Mayor to administer virtual compost training; to amend the Open Meetings Act to provide that, for the period of time from March 11, 2020, until December 31, 2023, a meeting shall be deemed open to the public if the public body takes steps reasonably calculated to allow the public to view or hear the meeting while the meeting is taking place, or, if doing so is not technologically feasible, as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable; and to set standards for operators of third-party food platforms for the setting of commission fees and compensation rates for delivery service drivers.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Post-Public Health Emergency Protections Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) On October 5, 2021, the Council passed the Post-Public Health Emergency Protections Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2021, effective October 25, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-181; 68 DCR 11320) (“emergency act”), which expired on January 23, 2022.

(b) On November 2, 2021, the Council passed the Post-Public Health Emergency Protections Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021, effective March 2, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-83; 69 DCR 12375) (“temporary act”), which will expire on October 13, 2022.

39           (c) This emergency legislation is substantively identical to the temporary act, but for  
40 striking provisions governing utility disconnection relief under the District’s customer assistance  
41 program, as that program is no longer in operation, and incorporating language to authorize  
42 cooperative associations in addition to condominium unit owners’ associations to hold virtual  
43 meetings, including votes.

44           (d) This emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law following the  
45 expiration of the temporary act.

46           Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
47 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Post-  
48 Public Health Emergency Protections Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted  
49 after a single reading.

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