

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 Chapter 46 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide an income tax exemption for homeowners of the River East at Grandview Condominium related to financial assistance from the District government, and to provide that any District financial assistance be excluded from income calculations by District agencies for those residents.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “River East at Grandview Condominium Assistance Tax Exemption Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) On August 16, 2021, engineers from the Falcon Group issued a letter to homeowners at the River East at Grandview Condominiums advising them to vacate the premises within two weeks due to uninhabitable conditions based on the emergence of significant safety concerns from ongoing structural issues.

(b) On August 26, 2021, the Falcon Group provided additional detail to their original assessment by determining that families in approximately 30 of the 46 condominium units should move out.

31 (c) Subsequently, homeowners of these units were forced to vacate their homes and find
32 alternative living arrangements very quickly, and without vital information related to a
33 timeframe for their opportunity to return to their homes.

34 (c) The District government developed multiple assistance programs in response to the
35 displacement of these homeowners, including the use of housing certificates and other resources
36 to ease the transition into temporary residence until appropriate repairs can be made to the
37 Talbert Street property.

38 (d) In order to ensure that displaced homeowners are receiving the full value of the
39 assistance provided by the District government, it is necessary to approve emergency legislation.

40 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
41 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the River
42 East at Grandview Estates Condominium Assistance Tax Exemption Emergency Amendment
43 Act of 2023 be adopted after a single reading.

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