COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING

on

Bill 25-669, Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act of 2024

on

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. (or immediately following the preceding hearings)

Council Chamber (Track A)
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
DC Council Website (www.dccouncil.gov)

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on Bill 25-669, the "Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act of 2024." The hearing will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 (or immediately following the preceding hearing).

The stated purpose of Bill 25-669 is to enact the Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act which would allow homeowners to remove unlawful restrictive covenants from the deeds to their homes and for condominiums and other homeowner associations to remove unlawful restrictive covenants from their governing documents. It would also permit a homeowner or multi-family association to fill out an amendment form and record the amendment to the property title to effectively remove the unlawful restriction. This bill is similar to Bill 25-482 addressing restrictive covenants in land records. However, Bill 25-669 was developed by the Uniform Law Commission and, if enacted, would be consistent with the law in other states.

Those who wish to testify must register using the Council's Hearing Management System at https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024. Testimony is limited to four minutes. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding by emailing cow@dccouncil.gov. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. Witnesses will receive instructions on how to participate by Zoom prior to the hearing. If you have additional questions, please contact Evan Cash, Committee and Legislative Director, at (202) 724-7002 or ecash@dccouncil.gov.

Public witnesses will participate virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. Testimony should be submitted through the Council's Hearing Management System (https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings) in advance of the hearing. Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Statements for the record should be submitted through the Hearing Management System or left by voicemail by calling (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). The record will close at 5:00 pm on March 26, 2024.