

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, regarding the need to amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to give housing providers until January 1, 2024, to comply with a legislative change that requires a 60-day notice of a rent increase to tenants.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Fairness in Renting Notice Clarification Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) On September 19, 2023, the Council passed Bill 25-0074, the Fairness in Renting Clarification Amendment Act of 2023, which took effect on November 28, 2023.

(c) Among other reforms, the legislation increased the notice period that housing providers must provide to tenants of a prospective rent increase from 30 days to 60 days.

(d) Because of the increased notice requirement, housing providers who planned to initiate rent increases between December 28, 2023, and January 27, 2024, including on January 1, cannot comply with the 60-day notice requirement.

(e) Similarly, housing providers who planned to initiate rent increases beginning February 1, 2024, would have had to provide notice to tenants by December 1, 2023, just 3 calendar days after the law took effect.

32 (f) Therefore, the Council passed the Fairness in Renting Notice Clarification
33 Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 on December 19, 2023, to give housing providers
34 sufficient time to comply with the new 60-day notice requirement, but that legislation will
35 expire on April 9, 2024.

36 (g) The accompanying Fairness in Renting Notice Clarification Temporary Amendment
37 Act of 2023 is not projected to become law until April 12th, 2024, making congressional review
38 emergency legislation necessary to avoid a gap in the law.

39 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
40 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
41 Fairness in Renting Notice Clarification Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act
42 of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

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