

Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND OPERATIONS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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COUNCILMEMBER BRIANNE K. NADEAU, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND OPERATIONS

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

B25-574, “DO RIGHT BY DC TENANTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2023”

**B25-639, “LICENSING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY OF MANAGEMENT PROPERTIES
AMENDMENT ACT OF 2023”**

AND

B25-749, “AMPLIFIED SOUND MITIGATION ACT OF 2024”

Tuesday, July 2, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

In the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 500 and virtual via
Zoom.

AND

Wednesday, July 3, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

In the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 412 and virtual via
Zoom.

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On **Tuesday, July 2, 2024 and Wednesday, July 3, 2024**, Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Works and Operations, will convene a public hearing to consider B25-0574, the “Do Right by DC Tenants Amendment Act of 2023,” B25-0639, the “Licensing for Accountability of Management Properties Amendment Act of 2023,” and B25-0749, the “Amplified Sound Mitigation Act of 2024.” The hearing will be held in person in the John A. Wilson Building and virtually via the Zoom platform beginning at 10:00am.

All public witnesses will testify on Tuesday, July 2, 2024. Upon completion of the public witness testimony, Chairperson Nadeau will recess the hearing, and reconvene for government witnesses at 10:00am on Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

B25-0574, the “Do Right by Tenants Amendment Act of 2023,” would prevent any individual or business from obtaining a new basic business license or building permit if anyone in the

ownership structure has received more than five Class 1 or Class 2 housing code violations in a 12-month period. Class 1 and Class 2 infractions are the most severe housing code violations, and they are enforced by the Department of Buildings through inspections. Class 1 infractions include imminent dangers to safety or health, failures to secure or repair an unsafe structure, allowing a nuisance that affects the health and safety of citizens, failures to obtain a required permit, and failures to maintain an operable fire door. Class 2 infractions include the presence of noxious gasses, unlawful use of uninhabitable rooms, failures to provide adequate heating or ventilation, and permitting an unlawful quantity of lead.

B25-0639, the “Licensing for Accountability of Management Properties Amendment Act of 2023,” would require entities that provide property management services in the District of Columbia to be licensed pursuant to applicable District laws. Currently, DC Code §47-2853.183 requires individual property managers to obtain a professional license from the Real Estate Commission, but the organization that operates as a property management company or entities that provide such services are not required to obtain a specific licensure as a real estate organization. Absent a licensing requirement for an entity that provides management services, there is no mechanism to hold such entity accountable for any wrongdoing or violation of business law, and those innocent victims are left without recourse for the wrongs done against them.

B25-0749, the “Amplified Sound Mitigation Act of 2024,” would make a number of changes to the current sound requirements, including: establish decibel levels for amplified sound, such as street performances; allow for faster and fairer enforcement by measuring decibels at the source of amplification; gives the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection authority to enforce the sound levels (DLCP already enforces other types of noise regulations); allows performers to remedy a violation before being given a fine and allows anyone issued a fine to enter a payment plan; and, updates the sound meter devices used for enforcement to modern standards. (D.C. sound regulations have not been updated since the 1970s).

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 Sunday, June 30, 2024**. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals (and any subsequent representatives of the same organizations) will be allowed a maximum of three 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 publicworks@dccouncil.gov. We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests. Witnesses will receive instructions on how to participate by Zoom or in person prior to the hearing. If you have additional questions, please email publicworks@dccouncil.gov.

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.

The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2024.