


**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MEMORANDUM**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

TO: Chairperson Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie 
RE: Request to Agendize Measures for the June 25, 2024, Legislative Meeting
DATE: June 20, 2024

I write to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the June 25, 2024, Legislative Meeting:

Emergency and Temporary Legislation

- **2024 Summer Olympics, Paralympic Games, Art All Night, and Dine All Night Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **2024 Summer Olympics, Paralympic Games, Art All Night, and Dine All Night Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**
- **2024 Summer Olympics, Paralympic Games, Art All Night, and Dine All Night Temporary Amendment Act of 2024**

The 2024 Summer Olympic Games will be held in Paris, France between July 26, 2024 and August 11, 2024. The 2024 Paralympic Games will also be held in Paris, France between August 28, 2024 and September 8, 2024. In both events, thousands of athletes will compete in a series of international multisport competitions. The Art All Night event takes place this year on September 27, 2024 and September 28, 2024. Art All Night allows residents and visitors to enjoy performing and visual arts throughout the District’s business corridors and view local artists on the center stage. Art All Night, which is organized by the Department of Small and Local Business Development (“DSLBD”), has grown since 2011 to over 20 participating neighborhoods located in all 8 wards with over 180,000 attendees from across the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia region. In addition, the District will hold the second annual Dine All Night event from September 19, 2024 through September 29, 2024. Dine All Night is an all-night dining and culinary event organized by DSLBD that involves qualifying restaurants and food establishments. Dine All Night provides residents and visitors with an opportunity to enjoy the boundless creativity and artistic skills of our local chefs and mixologists.

The emergency legislation will allow restaurants, food establishments, and other businesses to participate in these events and to extend their hours of operation to 24 hours a day, including offering alcoholic beverages between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. for sale, service, and consumption. Businesses participating in Art All Night or Dine All Night may offer outdoor entertainment until 11 p.m. and indoor entertainment until 2 a.m. during those dates that they are registered to participate with DSLBD. Businesses participating in Art All Night or Dine All Night with a valid certificate of occupancy may sell, serve, and permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages during those dates that they are registered with DSLBD to participate. The emergency legislation requires licensees and eligible businesses to register with the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration and the Metropolitan Police Department by July 25, 2024, prior to the start of the 2024 Summer Olympic Games and 2024 Paralympic Games, and by September 26, 2024, prior to the start of Art All Night, to allow for the advance planning of staffing and resources. Consequently, it is necessary for the Council to consider the legislation on an emergency basis.

- **Medical Cannabis Conditional License and Unlicensed Establishment Closure Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024**
- **Medical Cannabis Conditional License and Unlicensed Establishment Closure Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2024**
- **Medical Cannabis Conditional License and Unlicensed Establishment Closure Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024**

The first one-year conditional license issued by the ABC Board to medical cannabis manufacturer and cultivation center applicants will expire on June 28, 2024. On May 1, 2024, the District's Zoning Administrator released guidance expanding where a medical cannabis manufacturer or cultivation center business can locate. It is imperative that the conditional licensing period be extended from one year to 2 years to provide these existing medical cannabis business conditional license holders with additional time to find permitted locations under this new guidance.

There is also a significant need to clarify when and how ABCA may inspect, seize contraband product, and summarily close unlicensed establishments selling or exchanging cannabis or cannabis products. To respond to the threat to the health or safety of the public posed by unlicensed establishments, ABCA needs clear statutory authority to summarily close those businesses and seize any cannabis contraband. To facilitate this work by ABCA, it is also necessary to clarify in District law that ABCA investigators possess the statutory authority to conduct announced and unannounced inspections of unlicensed establishments and that existing public-comment period provisions apply to all unlicensed establishment registration applications.

The draft measures are attached. Feel free to contact Legislative Director, Doni Crawford, at dcrawford@dccouncil.gov, with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Office of the Secretary
Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Budget Director