

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare an emergency with respect to the need order the closing of the 20-foot-wide public alley stub in Square 5051 in Northeast, in Ward 7.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5051, S.O. 21-00136, Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to approve emergency legislation ordering the closing of a 20-foot-wide public alley in Square 5051 in Ward 7.

(b) The purpose of the alley closing is to facilitate the consolidation of two lots in Square 5051 into a single record lot, which will allow the owner to initiate the development of a 33,000 square foot office building with ground-floor retail uses. The site is part of a larger development project now known as the Northeast Heights Town Center, which includes the headquarters for the Department of General Services (which opened in June 2023), a new full-service grocery store, approximately 1,350 residential units, and approximately 130,000 square feet of retail or service uses.

(c) Permanent legislation (Bill 25-614) is on the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting on July 9, 2024 and will have first reading at the additional legislative meeting to follow.

32 Second reading will not take place until September. Making the alley closing effective sooner
33 than second reading on the permanent legislation and subsequent congressional review will
34 enable the project to proceed without risk of further delay.

35 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
36 enumerated in Section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
37 “Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5051, S.O. 21-00136, Emergency Act of 2024” be adopted
38 after a single reading.

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