



Councilmember Anita Bonds

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to authorize the Mayor to issue regulations to establish requirements for cleaning and maintenance of District of Columbia hotels and motel rooms, with the exception of certain establishments operating on an “extended stay” model, and to establish standards for public notice of lodging establishment service disruptions.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Hotel Enhanced Cleaning and Notice of Service Disruption Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024.”

Sec 2. (a) There is an immediate need to re-authorize the Mayor to issue regulations to establish requirements for cleaning and maintenance of District of Columbia hotels and motel rooms and to establish standards for public notice of lodging establishment service disruptions.

Sec. 3. (a) On December 19, 2023, the Council approved the Hotel Enhanced Cleaning and Notice of Service Disruption Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2023. The temporary act was transmitted to Congress on January 18, 2024, became effective on March 1, 2024, and will expire on October 12, 2024.

(b) During the pandemic, most hotels and motels implemented enhanced cleaning of guest rooms and shared areas to limit the spread of COVID-19. Some hotels and motels, however, suspended or lessened the frequency with which they provided cleaning services leaving staff and patrons at risk of contracting COVID-19.

33 (c) The recovery of the tourism industry is vital to our economic recovery, but some
34 visitors are surprised that some hotels and motels are not offering daily cleaning services. This is
35 despite the fact that the tourism industry is booming in the District. Last year, nearly 26 million
36 people visited DC, which is a 17% jump from 2022 and more than the previous record of 24.6
37 million visitors in 2019, right before the pandemic. All in all, tourists spent \$10.2 billion during
38 their travels to DC, up from \$8.1 billion in 2022. This tourism helped to support 102,366 jobs in
39 DC. Both are new records. Tourism rose 10% from the previous year and is now about 9% short
40 of 2019 levels.

41 (d) Tourism in the District is literally better than ever, and we must meet these demands
42 by providing hotel cleaning services that are in line with post-pandemic travel trends. It is
43 essential that we meet the demands of our guests by continuing to provide both routine and
44 enhanced housekeeping

45 (e) Lastly, hotel and motel patrons should have the security and assurance of knowing that
46 the hotel or motel is abiding by its agreement to provide safe, secure, and comfortable
47 accommodations.

48 (f) In order to mitigate the potential of a gap in the law, which could compromise
49 compliance with the cleaning requirements, it is necessary to approve emergency legislation.

50 Sec. 4. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
51 enumerated in section 3 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Hotel
52 Cleaning and Notice of Service Interruption Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024 be
53 approved on an emergency basis.

54 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.