



Councilmember Charles Allen

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Office of District Waterways Management Establishment Act of 2022 to make the process for Mayoral appointment of members of the District Waterways Advisory Commission consistent with that of similar commissions, to add the Department of Parks and Recreation as an *ex-officio* non-voting member of the Commission, to adjust the Commission meeting schedule, to allow sufficient time for engagement with stakeholders and the Commission in plan development, to provide the Commission with authority to determine whether the plan needs to be updated and expand the update period to at least every three years, and to provide a process for periodic review of the effectiveness of the Commission’s form.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Office of District Waterways Management Establishment Emergency Amendment Act of 2024”.

Sec. 2. The Office of District Waterways Management Establishment Act of 2022, effective March 22, 2023 (D.C. Law 24-336; D.C. Official Code § 8-191.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 3 (D.C. Official Code § 8-191.02) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (b)(1)(A) is amended by striking the phrase “section 2(e) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-141; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01(e)),” and inserting the phrase “section 2(f) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-141; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01(f)),”.

37 (2) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

38 (A) Paragraph (9) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” inserting a
39 semicolon in its place.

40 (B) Paragraph (10) is amended by striking the period and inserting the
41 phrase “; and” in its place.

42 (C) A new paragraph (11) is added to read as follows:

43 “(11) The Department of Parks and Recreation.”

44 (3) Subsection (f) is amended by striking the phrase “once every month” and
45 inserting the phrase “once every two months” in its place.

46 (b) Section 4 (D.C. Official Code § 8-191.03) is amended as follows:

47 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “one year” and inserting the
48 phrase “two years” in its place, and by striking the phrase “develop and adopt” and inserting the
49 word “develop” in its place.

50 (2) Subsection (b)(2) is amended by striking the phrase “At least 60 days prior to
51 adoption of an Advisory Plan, the” and inserting the word “The” in its place.

52 (3) Subsection (c) is amended to read as follows:

53 “(c) After conclusion of the public comment period, and within 60 days of completing
54 revisions, if any, the voting members of the Commission shall adopt the Advisory Plan.
55 Thereupon, the Advisory Plan shall be submitted to the Office of Waterways Management for
56 publication.”

57 (4) Subsection (d) is amended to read as follows:

58 “(d) If deemed necessary by the Commission, the Advisory Plan shall be updated at least
59 once every 3 years, following the same process required for the initial Advisory Plan pursuant to
60 subsections (b) and (c) of this section.”

61 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

62 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
63 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
64 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

65 Sec. 4. Effective date.

66 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
67 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than
68 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section
69 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;
70 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).

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