



Councilmember Charles Allen

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on a temporary 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 Temporary 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           (a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by  
67 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
68 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24,  
69 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
70 Columbia Register.

71           (b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

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