

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

**Bill 25-1003, Vacant to Vibrant to Amendment Act of 2024**

on

**Friday, November 15, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Room 412 (Track B)  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
DC Council Website ([www.dccouncil.gov](http://www.dccouncil.gov))**

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson announces a public hearing before the Committee of the Whole on **Bill 25-1003**, the “Vacant to Vibrant to Amendment Act of 2024.” The hearing will be held at **11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 2024**.

The stated purpose of Bill 25-1003 is to require the Department of Aging and Community Living to create a tangled title information sheet and to require funeral service providers to give the information sheet to survivors of a deceased District resident, to amend Title 18 of the District of Columbia Official Code to require the creation of an electronic will registry, to establish a single-family home rehabilitation program, to amend Chapter 8 of Title 47 of District of Columbia Official Code to authorize payment plans for the payment of delinquent real property taxes, to amend Title 29 of the District of Columbia Official Code to require all commercial registered agents to accept service of process by electronic mail, to amend An Act To provide for the abatement of nuisances in the District of Columbia by the Commissioners of said District, and for other purposes, to make changes to statutory definitions, factors for establishing vacancy or blight, and exemptions from registration, to require the submission of vacant building maintenance plans, to allow the Mayor to petition the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for vacant property receivership actions, to amend the Construction Codes Approval and Amendments Act of 1986 to require the Department of Buildings to establish an expedited permit review process for certain construction and building permits for Class 3 and 4 properties, to amend Section 47-812 of the District of Columbia Official Code to establish new tax rates for Class 3 and 4 properties, to amend Chapter 13A of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to establish a new process for tax sales of Class 3 and 4 properties, and to amend Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to establish a tax credit for the renovation or rehabilitation of Class 3 or 4 properties, and to establish a tax abatement for the renovation or rehabilitation of Class 3 or 4 properties that are used for commercial purposes.

Those who wish to testify must register using the Council’s Hearing Management System at <https://lims.dccouncil.gov/hearings> by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2024**. **Testimony is limited to four minutes**. Witnesses who anticipate needing spoken language interpretation, or require sign language interpretation, are requested to inform the Committee office of the need as soon as possible but no later than five business days before the proceeding by emailing [cow@dccouncil.gov](mailto:cow@dccouncil.gov). We will make every effort to fulfill timely requests, although alternatives may be offered. Requests received in less than five business days may not be fulfilled. Witnesses will receive instructions on how to participate by Zoom prior to the hearing. If you have additional questions, please contact Blaine Stum, Senior Policy Advisor, at (202) 724-8092 or [bstum@dccouncil.gov](mailto:bstum@dccouncil.gov).

Public witnesses may participate virtually via the Internet on the Zoom Video Conference platform. Testimony should be submitted through the Council's Hearing Management System in advance of the hearing. Testimony will be publicly accessible upon Committee review. If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Statements for the record should be submitted through the Hearing Management System or left by voicemail by calling (202) 430-6948 (up to 3 minutes which will be transcribed). The record will close at 5:00 pm on Thursday, November 29, 2024