

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, and with respect to the need to amend Section 47-4701 of the District of Columbia Official Code to clarify when a tax abatement financial analysis must be provided for a bill with a tax abatement that is not of general applicability.

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, Second Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) On July 9, 2024, the Council approved the Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5051, S.O. 21-00136, Emergency Act of 2024, effective July 26, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-547; 71 DCR 9984)(“emergency measure”). The emergency measure is set to expire on October 24, 2024. The Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5051, S.O. 21-00136, Act of 2024 (Bill 25-614)(“permanent measure”) was approved by the Council on final reading on October 1, 2024. Mayoral review of Bill 25-614 will end on October 29, 2024, after which the permanent measure must undergo Congressional review. Because the permanent measure must undergo congressional review, it will be in effect before the emergency measure expires. This new

33 emergency measure is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the
34 emergency measure and the effective date of the permanent measure.

35 (b) District law currently requires a completed tax abatement financial analysis (“TAFE”)
36 before the Council can hold a hearing on a bill with a tax exemption or abatement that is not of
37 general applicability. The Office of Chief Financial Officer estimates that, on average, a TAFE
38 may take as long as 4 weeks to complete. The Committee of the Whole has scheduled a hearing
39 for Bill 25-1004, the “Downtown Arena Revitalization Act of 2024,” to take place on November
40 14, 2024. The Office of Chief Financial Officer cannot complete a TAFE before this date. As
41 such, it is necessary to amend Section 47-4701 of the District of Columbia Official Code to
42 clarify that a TAFE must be completed and provided to the Council before final reading.

43 Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute
44 emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5051,
45 S.O. 21-00136, Second Emergency Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

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