

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & THE COMMITTEE ON THE  
JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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**CHAIRMAN PHIL MENDELSON  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
&  
CHAIRWOMAN BROOKE PINTO  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**ANNOUNCE A PUBLIC HEARING**

on

**Bill 25-918, Secure Apartments for Everyone (SAFE) Regulation Amendment Act of 2024**

on

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 11:30 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 and Councilmember Brooke Pinto announce a joint public hearing of the Committee of the Whole and the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety on **Bill 25-918**, the “Secure Apartments for Everyone (SAFE) Regulation Amendment Act of 2024.” The hearing will be held at **11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024**.

The stated purpose of Bill 25-918 is to include in the definition of “drug-, firearm-, or prostitution related nuisance property” (D.C. Official Code § 42-3101 *et seq.*) any real property where dangerous crimes or crimes of violence are committed, to authorize the Court to order security inspections, tamper-resistant locks and doors, and increased lighting at such nuisance properties, and to specify the damages that may be assessed against the owner of a nuisance property should the owner fail to abate the nuisances. Bill 25-918 also amends Section 10 of the Construction Codes Approval and Amendments Act of 1986 to require a code official to conduct a security assessment of certain nuisance properties and provide copies of the assessment to specific agencies and individuals, and to require properties with five or more dwelling units to install doors that close and lock automatically and maintain lighting at or near entrances that meet specific wattage requirements.

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 Friday, December 6, 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 Friday, December 20, 2024.