

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Construction Codes Approval and Amendments Act of 1986 to require a property owner, contractor, or person applying for certain permits for construction work to demonstrate that the person’s insurance covers adjacent and adjoining property owners for loss or damage that arises out of the proposed construction work.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Second Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) On February 1, 2024, the Council unanimously approved the Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Temporary Amendment Act of 2024 (D.C. Law 25-155; 71 DCR 4427)(“temporary measure”). The temporary measure expires on November 21, 2024.

(b) On October 1, 2024, the Council unanimously approved the Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Amendment Act of 2024 (D.C. Act 25-598)(“permanent measure”) on second reading.

33 (c) The permanent measure was signed by the Mayor on October 24, 2024. It must now
34 complete a 30-day congressional review period before it becomes effective. Therefore, this
35 congressional review emergency is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration
36 of the temporary measure and the effective date of the permanent measure.

37 Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute
38 emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining
39 Property Owners from Construction Damage Second Congressional Review Emergency
40 Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

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