


Councilmember Charles Allen

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Personal Delivery Device Act of 2018 to increase the weight limit for personal delivery devices.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Personal Delivery Device Weight Limit Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Personal Delivery Act of 2018, effective July 17, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-137; D.C. Code § 50-1101 *et seq.*) created a permitting process for eligible entities to operate personal delivery devices (“PDDs”) that did not exceed 90 pounds in weight.

(b) Since the adoption of the Personal Delivery Act of 2018, several companies have developed new PDD models that exceed the existing weight limit. The weight limit originally adopted seven years ago now presents a barrier to the introduction and use of newer PPD models, some of which with enhanced hardware features.

(c) Many states already allow for the operating of PDDs exceeding 90 pounds in weight. At least 12 states allow PDDs to exceed 500 pounds in weight, and another seven states that have approved PDDs have not established a weight limit in statute.

31 (d) On May 6, 2025, Councilmembers Charles Allen, Zachary Parker, and Christina
32 Henderson introduced Bill 26-0245, the “Personal Delivery Device Weight Limit Amendment Act
33 of 2025 (“permanent bill”). The permanent bill would allow the operation of PDDs weighing up
34 to 275 pounds. The Committee held a hearing on the bill on October 16, 2025.

35 (f) To allow for the deployment of PDDs that exceed the current weight limit, the Council
36 passed the Personal Delivery Device Weight Limit Emergency Amendment Act of 2025, effective
37 August 12, 2025 (D.C. Act 26-125; 72 DCR 8603) (“emergency act”). The Council also passed
38 the Personal Delivery Device Weight Limit Temporary Amendment Act of 2025, effective October
39 1, 2025 (D.C. Law 26-48; __ DCR ____) (“temporary law”). The emergency act expired on, and
40 the temporary law is set to expire on May 14, 2025.

41 (e) This new round of emergency and temporary legislation is needed to prevent a gap in
42 the law between the expiration of the temporary law and the passage of a permanent bill.

43 Sec. 3. The Council finds the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency
44 circumstances making it necessary that the “Personal Delivery Device Weight Limit Emergency
45 Amendment Act of 2026” be adopted after a single reading.

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