

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman

DATE: September 17, 2026

RE: **Request to Place Emergency Measures on the Agenda for the September 22, 2026 Additional Legislative Meeting**

This memorandum is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the September 22, 2026 Additional Legislative Meeting:

- **Food & Friends Property Tax Exemption Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026**
- **Food & Friends Property Tax Exemption Emergency Amendment Act of 2026**
- **Food & Friends Property Tax Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2026**

On November 4, 2025, the Council approved the “Food & Friends Property Tax Exemption Emergency Amendment Act of 2025” (D.C. Act 26-211; 72 DCR 13678)(“emergency act”) to ensure that Food & Friends retains an administrative exemption from real property tax on 97% of the land located at 219 Riggs Road, N.E. The emergency act expired on February 22, 2026.

On December 2, 2025, the Council approved the “Food & Friends Property Tax Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 2025” (D.C. Law 26-91; 73 DCR 00007)(“temporary act”), which is identical to the emergency act. The temporary act expires on September 25, 2026.

The expiration of the temporary measure, without a new round of emergency legislation, would have an adverse impact on the operation of Food & Friends. As such, a second round of emergency legislation is necessary. The Committee of the Whole intends to mark up a permanent version of the bill on September 22nd or October 6th.

Draft copies of the measures are attached. Please call me or Blaine Stum, Deputy Committee Director, if you have any questions at (202) 724-8092.