

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need for the Department of Small and Local Business Development to award a grant to the Duke Business Improvement District to improve conditions for property owners, businesses, residents and visitors within the Greater Shaw/U Street area.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Duke District BID Grantmaking Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Duke Business Improvement District, d/b/a Duke District BID has been organized under the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act of 2010 to operate exclusively to improve business condition and act as a Business Improvement District for property owners, businesses, residents, and visitors within the Greater Shaw/U Street neighborhood (“Greater Shaw/U Street”) – referred to collectively as the “Duke District”, in honor of Duke Ellington, who grew up and launched his music career in this area, one that continues to be a vibrant cultural hub to this day.

(b) Pursuant to the Business Improvements District Act of 1996 (D.C. Law 11-134; D.C. Official Code § 2-1215.01), the Duke District BID has put together the business plan,

boundaries, and property owner petitions necessary to submit a BID application to the Department of Small and Local Business Development. The Duke District BID petition has surpassed the signatures necessary to advance with its application, which will be accompanied by Council legislation.

(c) In 2023, Council established the Greater U Street Performance Parking Zone to manage curbside availability, manage congestion during peak nightlife hours, and generate a local source of revenue deposited into the corresponding Greater U Street Parking Benefit Fund. In the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Support Act, \$1 million of revenue deposited into the fund was authorized to be issued as a grant in support of a place management organization in the area covered by the Greater U Street Performance Parking Zone. This funding was authorized with a BID organization in mind, but the Duke District BID had not yet attained the signatures necessary to advance. Per application materials, the proposed boundaries of the Duke District BID are coincident with the boundary of the Greater U Street Performance Parking Zone.

(d) Emergency and temporary legislation is necessary to appropriately direct place management grantmaking funds authorized in the Fiscal Year 2027 BSA, in order to advance the establishment of the Duke District BID and allow for services to be stood up. These funds will support the economic vitality, cultural vibrancy, cleanliness, safety, and overall quality of life of the community and District as a whole.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Duke District BID Grantmaking Emergency Amendment Act of 2026 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.