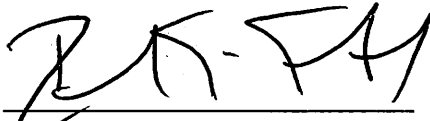
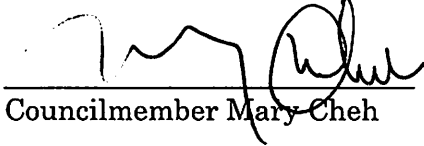
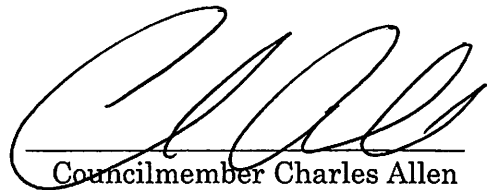


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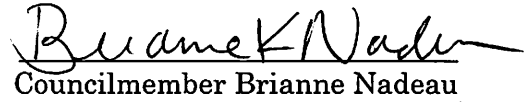
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19 To amend the Rodent Control Act of 2000 to modify the definitions of the terms “grease” and
20 “rodent-proof” or “rodent-proofing”; to amend Chapter 28 of Title 47 of the District of
21 Columbia Official Code to require businesses with a Public Health: Food
22 Establishment Retail endorsement to create a plan to mitigate infestations of rats; to
23 amend Chapter 25 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to require newly
24 built or converted food establishments to design space to mitigate infestations of rats;
25 and to give the Department of Health additional authority and ongoing funding to
26 remedy health code violations related to rat harborage when a property owner will
27 not.

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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
30 act may be cited as the “Making Rodent Syndicates Flee Restaurants, Interior Settings,
31 Basements, and Yards Amendment Act of 2017”.

32 Sec. 2. Rodent prevention plan for food establishments.

33 (a) The Rodent Control Act of 2000, effective October 19, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-172;
34 D.C. Official Code § 8-2101.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

35 (1) Section 904 (D.C. Official Code § 8-2103.01) is amended as follows:

36 (A) Paragraph (3) is amended striking the phrase “intended for
37 recycling or disposal”.

38 (B) Paragraph (6) is amended to read as follows:

39 “(6) “Rodent-proof” or “rodent-proofing” includes the following:

40 “(A) Storing waste in heavy duty plastic or metal containers with
41 tightly-fitting lids fastened to the container;

42 “(B) Using hardware cloth to seal building openings;

43 “(C) Enclosing waste storage containers when feasible;

44 “(D) Ensuring proper disposal and storage of grease; and

45 “(E) Developing an ongoing pest control maintenance plan.”.

46 (2) A newly added section 906a is added to read as follows:

47 “Sec. 906a. Rodent control fund.

48 “(a) There is established as a special fund the Rodent Control Fund (“Fund”), which
49 shall be administered by the Mayor in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

50 “(b) Revenue from fines, civil penalties, costs and judgments recovered, and monies
51 received as reimbursement by the District government pursuant to this title and
52 regulations promulgated by the Mayor shall be deposited in the Fund.

53 “(c) Money in the Fund shall be used for inspection, enforcement, or mitigation of
54 violations of this title and regulations promulgated by the Mayor.

55 “(d) The money deposited into the Fund, and interest earned, shall not revert to the
56 unrestricted fund balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of a
57 fiscal year, or at any other time.”.

58 (b) Chapter 28 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as
59 follows:

60 (1) The table of contents is amended by adding a new section 47-2851.03e to
61 read as follows:

62 “§ 47-2851.03e. Public Health: Food Establishment endorsement requirements.”.

63 (2) A new section 47-2851.03e is added to read as follows:

64 “§ 47-2851.03e. Public Health: Food Establishment endorsement requirements.

65 “An applicant for a basic business license that is required to have a Public Health:
66 Food Establishment Retail endorsement shall include with the license application a
67 detailed rodent prevention plan that has been approved by the Department of Health. The
68 rodent prevention plan shall include plans to rodent-proof the property, as defined in § 8-
69 2103.01.”.

70 (c) Title 25 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations is amended as follows:

71 (1) Chapter A4201.1 is amended by adding a new subsection (c-1) to read as
72 follows:

73 “(c-1) A rodent prevention plan, including plans to enclose waste storage containers
74 and install grease traps when feasible.”.

75 (2) Chapter I2 is amended as follows:

76 (A) Section 200.1 is amended by adding a new subsection (b-1) to read
77 as follows:

78 “(b-1) The creation of a system for the proper storage and removal of grease.”.

79 (B) Section 200.2 is amended by striking the phrase “before the
80 permit” and inserting the phrase “and that a rodent prevention plan is in place to apply for
81 the duration of the project, before the permit” in its place.

82 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

83 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
84 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
85 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

86 Sec. 4. Effective date.

87 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by
88 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional
89 review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved

90 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the
91 District of Columbia Register.