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 Chairman Phil Mendelson

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to clarify tenant payment plans, commercial rent increases during a public health emergency small business microgrant eligibility, grants for promoting coronavirus awareness, and rules for serving alcohol on expanded outdoor restaurant seating.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Coronavirus Support Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020.”

Sec. 2. (a) On May 19, 2020, the Council adopted the Coronavirus Support Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2020. Following the passage of that act, stakeholders and staff identified certain provisions of law that need to be clarified or amended to effectuate the Council’s intent.

 (b) The proposed modifications include clarifying provisions, technical amendments or other minor amendments that must go into effect immediately to clarify the law and provide the necessary coronavirus-related supports.

 (c) There are also proposed new provisions including rules to allow for alcoholic beverage consumption on expanded outdoor restaurant patios and a new microgrant program to assist with the District’s coronavirus response.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Coronavirus Support Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.