

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

PR23-822

July 21, 2020

Chairman Mendelson

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~~Chairman Phil Mendelson~~
~~at the request of the Mayor~~

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A ~~PROPOSED~~ RESOLUTION

~~23-822~~

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

9 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to adopt the local portion of the
10 budget of the District of Columbia government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021.

11 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution
12 may be cited as the "Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020".

13 Sec. 2. (a) ~~In March 2020, schools, stores, hotels, restaurants, and other workplaces closed~~
14 ~~to control the spread of COVID-19. These closures have helped stem the tide of the coronavirus,~~
15 ~~but have caused a~~ ~~The~~ sharp decline in local fund revenues for ~~fiscal~~ Fiscal year Year 2021 ~~due to the~~
16 ~~COVID-19 pandemic and,~~ delayed the submission of the ~~fiscal~~ Fiscal year Year 2021 ~~budget~~ Budget and
17 ~~F~~financial plan by 60 days.

18 (b) ~~The Mayor transmitted Bill 23-761, t~~The Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act of 2020, on
19 ~~was transmitted on~~ May 18, 2020; ~~that measure , and~~ is scheduled to have it second and final reading to
20 ~~be considered by the Council at a legislative meeting on July 7th and~~ July 21, 2020st.

21 (c) ~~The~~ Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Financial Plan ~~Local Budget Act of 2020~~ must be effective
22 ~~enacted~~ prior to October 1, 2020, the start of the new fiscal year. Due to the congressional review period
23 and the -congressional calendar, Bill 23-761 however, because of the Congressional review period

24 ~~required of legislative acts approved by the District government the Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act~~
25 ~~of 2020~~ will not be effective prior to October 1, 2020.

26 (d) Anticipating this obstacle, the Mayor transmitted Bill 23-766, the Fiscal Year 2021 Local
27 Budget Emergency Act of 2020 to ensure that the approved budget and financial plan would be
28 approved prior to the start of the fiscal year.

29 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in
30 section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Fiscal Year 2021 Local
31 Budget Emergency Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

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