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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 due to with respect to the need to amend section 47-363 of the District of Columbia Official Code to allow reprogramming requests during a recess of the Council; and to amend the Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021 to revise the work search requirement for unemployment insurance, and to clarify the authority of the Mayor to enter into an agreement with a Business Improvement District corporation for the maintenance and improvement of District-owned assets or public space.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Recess Reprogramming Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. (a) On July 13, 2021, the Council adopted changes to its rules regarding transmittal of contracts, reprogramming requests, and grant budget modification requests during the Council’s summer recess.

(b) It has come to the Council’s attention that a clarifying conforming change is necessary to the District of Columbia Official Code to allow reprogramming requests to be transmitted during the Council’s summer recess.

38 (c) This legislation is related to the COVID-19 pandemic in that the Executive has  
39 indicated a need to submit reprogramming requests to the Council during recess as a result of  
40 federal pandemic relief funds being sent to the District.

41 (d) The Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act, effective June 24, 2021 (D.C.  
42 Law 24-9; 68 DCR 4824) (“Coronavirus Temporary”), contains a provision that waives work  
43 search requirements for individuals receiving unemployment assistance during the pandemic.

44 (e) With businesses reopening, hiring improving, and the end of federally-funded  
45 unemployment benefits in early September, the District must begin to transition its  
46 unemployment compensation program to normal operations. Therefore, the "work search"  
47 requirement in the District should resume on August 30, 2021, the day most DCPS students go  
48 back to the classroom.

49 (f) The Public Space Maintenance Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, effective  
50 December 23, 2020 (D.C. Law 23-175; 67 DCR 13238) (“Public Space Temporary”), and a  
51 clarifying amendment to the Public Space Temporary, the Public Space Maintenance and Arts  
52 Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, effective March 16, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-262;  
53 68 DCR 1186), will expire on August 4, 2021. The Public Space Temporary authorized the  
54 Mayor to enter into an agreement with a Business Improvement District corporation for the  
55 maintenance and improvement of public space and was limited to the COVID-19 pandemic.

56 (g) The Mayor has indicated that the public health emergency will not continue after July  
57 25, 2021, but it is still necessary to continue this authority like most other provisions of the  
58 Coronavirus Temporary through November 5, 2021. This legislation would amend the  
59 Coronavirus Temporary to add expiring language contained in the Public Space Temporary.

60           Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
61 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Recess  
62 Reprogramming Emergency Amendment Act of 2021 be adopted after a single reading.

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