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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, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Construction Codes Approval and Amendments Act of 1986 to require a property owner, contractor, or person applying for certain permits for construction work to demonstrate that the person’s insurance covers adjacent and adjoining property owners for loss or damage that arises out of the proposed construction work.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) On January 9, 2024, the Council unanimously approved the “Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Emergency Amendment Act of 2024,” enacted January 25, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-373; 71 DCR 1209) which expires on April 24, 2024.

(b) On February 6, 2024, the Council unanimously approved the “Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Temporary Amendment Act of 2024” on second reading (D.C. Act 25-398; 71 DCR 2091), which was transmitted to Congress on February 28, 2024 with a projected law date of May 2, 2024.

(c) This identical emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the emergency act and the effective date of the temporary measure.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the “Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Congressional Emergency Amendment Act of 2024” be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.