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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 amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Submission Requirements Resolution of 2025 to provide for a new date for transmission of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget by the Mayor to the Council.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Submission Requirements Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2025”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Submission Requirements Resolution of 2024, adopted on December 2, 2024 pursuant to the Home Rule Act, set the date as April 2, 2025 for the transmission of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to the Council. However, the Mayor did not meet that date.

(b) The February 28, 2025 revenue estimate upon which the Mayor’s proposed budget is to be based included significant slowing of revenue growth, requiring reductions in recurring programs as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. In addition, Congress has excluded a standard appropriations provision when adopting the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 continuing appropriations resolution that has forced the District to revise its Fiscal Year 2025 spending levels to levels appropriated in Fiscal Year 2024, a cut of over $1 billion from the current year budget.

(c) The date of transmission is based on:

(1) More certainty from the Mayor as to when they will be “pencils down” on the Fiscal Year 2025 supplemental they have chosen to pursue; and

(2) A better understanding from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer how long they will need to process the supplemental budget and how flexible they will be as to when they issue newly revised revenue estimates, which would ordinarily issue after the Council completes its work on the budget, but because of the Mayor’s delay, this year the revenue estimates will issue during Council consideration.

(d) Approval on an emergency basis of the change in the date of the budget transmission is necessary to provide the Council and the public certainty as to schedule for the Council to complete action on the revised Fiscal Year 2025 budget and the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, and will allow the Council to move forward with setting a revised schedule of Committee meetings, markup, and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the “Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Submission Requirements Emergency Approval Resolution of 2025” be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.