

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

PR26-210

July 28, 2025

Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to adopt the local portion of the budget of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

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

Sec. 2. (a) The Mayor transmitted the Fiscal Year 2026 Local Budget Act of 2025 to the Council of the District of Columbia on May 27, 2025; that measure is scheduled for its second and final reading on July 28, 2025. ~~The Council is expected to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Local Budget Act of 2025 in late July or early August, after which it will be transmitted to the Mayor for the Mayor’s review and approval. The act will then be transmitted to Congress for a 30-day passive review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)).~~

(b) In order for the District government to operate fully and provide necessary services to District residents, visitors, businesses, and others in Fiscal Year 2026, the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and Financial Plan ~~legislation approving the Fiscal Year 2026 budget~~ must be effective prior to October 1, 2025, the start of Fiscal Year 2026.

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31 (c) Due to the timing of the submission and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget and
32 the congressional recess schedule, the Fiscal Year 2026 Local Budget Act of 2025 is not
33 expected to complete ~~the~~its congressional review period before October 1, 2025.

34 (d) Accordingly, ~~t~~The Mayor ~~therefore~~ transmitted to the Council the Fiscal Year 2026
35 Local Budget Emergency Act of 2025, which is not subject to a congressional review period but
36 is limited in its duration of effectiveness, so that an approved budget and financial plan for Fiscal
37 Year 2026 may be effective before the start of the fiscal year while the Fiscal Year 2026 Local
38 Budget Act of 2025 completes its congressional review period.

39 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
40 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Fiscal
41 Year 2026 Local Budget Emergency Act of 2025 be adopted after a single reading.

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