


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Phil Mendelson, Chairman 

DATE: July 9, 2026

RE: **Request to Place Emergency Measures on the Agenda for the July 14, 2026
Additional Legislative Meeting**

This memorandum is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the July 14, 2026 Additional Legislative Meeting:

- **Medical Cannabis Licensing and Unlicensed Establishment Enforcement Clarification Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2026**
- **Medical Cannabis Licensing and Unlicensed Establishment Enforcement Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2026**
- **Medical Cannabis Licensing and Unlicensed Establishment Enforcement Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2026**

On October 7, 2025, the Council approved the “Medical Cannabis Conditional Licensure Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2025” (D.C. Act 26-163). D.C. Act 26-163 amended D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.06 to extend the expiration dates of conditional licenses for medical cannabis cultivation centers, retailers, internet retailers, manufacturers, couriers, and testing laboratories by an additional year. D.C. Act 26-163 expired on January 21, 2026. On October 21, 2025, the Council approved the “Medical Cannabis Conditional Licensure Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2025” (D.C. Law 26-71; 73 DCR 604). D.C. Law 26-71 will expire on August 13, 2026, while the Council is on recess.

On July 1, 2025, the Council approved the “Streatery Program Endorsement Extension and Medical Cannabis Clarification Emergency Amendment of 2025” (D.C. Act 26-117), which included a clarifying amendment to D.C. Official Code § 7-1671.06(q)(1) regarding distance requirements for retailers and internet retailers. D.C. Act 26-117 expired on October 19, 2025. On October 7, 2025, the Council approved the “Streatery Program Endorsement Extension and Medical Cannabis Clarification Temporary Amendment of 2025” (D.C. Law 26-58; 72 DCR 13999). D.C. Law 26-58 will expire on July 24, 2026, while the Council is on recess.

On March 4, 2025, the Council approved the “Unlicensed Establishment Enforcement Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2025” (D.C. Act 26-38)(“Emergency Act”). The

emergency act expired on June 19, 2025. On April 1, 2025, the Council approved the “Unlicensed Establishment Enforcement Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2025” (D.C. Law 26-10; 72 DCR 6764)(“Temporary Act”). The temporary act expired on January 21, 2026, causing a lapse in the law.

The expiration of these measures necessitates a second round of emergency legislation. The Committee of the Whole intends to move permanent legislation in the fall that will include these provisions.

Draft copies of the measures are attached. Please call me or Blaine Stum, Deputy Committee Director, if you have any questions at (202) 724-8092.