

  
Councilmember Tommy Wells

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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Councilmember Tommy Wells introduced the following bill, which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.

To provide equitable real property tax relief to St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Community Garden, a tax-exempt religious organization, so long as it is used as a  
community garden.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
act may be cited as the "St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church Community Garden  
Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2013".

Sec. 2. Equitable tax relief.

The Council of the District of Columbia orders that all real property taxes, interest,  
penalties, fees, and other related charges assessed against real property located at Lot 301,  
Square 546 be forgiven for the period of tax years 2009 through 2015, and that any payments  
made for this period be refunded, so long as the property is used as a community garden.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,  
approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813, D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(3)).

37           Sec. 4. Effective date.

38           This act shall take effect following approval of the Mayor (or in the event of a veto by the  
39 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as  
40 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
41 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02 (c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
42 Columbia Register.