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14 To amend An Act Authorizing the sale of certain real estate in the District of Columbia no longer
15 required for public purposes to require the Department of General Services to provide the
16 Council with an annual account of green space owned or leased by the District, and to
17 require DGS to include the square footage of green space at a real property in surplus
18 resolutions transmitted to the Council.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
21 act may be cited as the “Surplus Green Space Retention Amendment Act of 2020”.

22 Sec. 2. An Act Authorizing the sale of certain real estate in the District of Columbia no
23 longer required for public purposes, approved August 5, 1939 (53 Stat. 1211; D.C. Official Code
24 § 10-801 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

25 (a) Section 1(a-1) (D.C. Official Code § 10-801(a-1)) is amended as follows:

26 (1) Paragraph (2)(A) is amended by striking the phrase “by the Mayor,” and
27 inserting the phrase “by the Mayor, the square footage of green space on the real property,” in its
28 place.

29 (2) A new paragraph (6) is added to read as follows:

30 “(6) Within 180 days after the effective date of the Surplus Green Space
31 Retention Amendment Act of 2020, as introduced on DATE, 2020 (Bill 23-XXX), and on an
32 annual basis thereafter, the Department of General Services (“DGS”) shall transmit to the
33 Council a report on green space in the District, which shall include:

34 “(A) The total square footage of green space owned by the District, broken
35 down by ward and then by the District agency that owns the real property;

36 “(B) The total square footage of green space leased by the District, broken
37 down by ward and then by the District agency that leases the real property;

38 “(C) The square footage of green space that the District gained or lost over
39 the preceding year, broken down by ward and then by the District agency that owns or leases the
40 real property; and

41 “(D) A summary of measures taken over the preceding year to increase
42 access to green space for District residents.”.

43 (b) Section 1a (D.C. Official Code § 10-801.01) is amended to read as follows:

44 “Sec. 1a. Definitions.

45 “For the purposes of this act, the term:

46 “(1) “Green space” means an area of grass, trees, or other vegetation that is
47 located on real property owned or leased by the District and accessible to the public.

48 “(2) “Real property” means land titled in the name of the District or in which the
49 District has a controlling interest and includes all structures of a permanent character erected
50 thereon or affixed thereto, any natural resources located thereon or thereunder, all riparian rights
51 attached thereto, or any air space located above or below the property or any street or alley under
52 the jurisdiction of the Mayor.”.

53 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

54 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
55 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
56 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

57 Sec. 4. Effective date.

58 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
59 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
60 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
61 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
62 Columbia Register.