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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To require timely removal of duplicative utility poles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Pull Out Leftover and Excess Structures Act of 2021”.

Sec. 2. (a) A utility company with a utility pole in the public space, when replacing the pole or taking it out of service shall:

(1) Remove the pole and associated ground stakes from the public space within 90 days;

(2) Notify any entity that has assets co-located on the pole, of the removal date, such notifications to be sent no later than 5 business days after replacing the pole or taking it out of service; and

(3) Repair any damaged sidewalk or pavement around the place where the pole was removed within 30 days of the removal.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the term “Utility company” shall have the same meaning as provided in the 3rd unnumbered paragraph of Paragraph 1 of section 8 of An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia

33 for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and for other purposes,
34 approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat 974; D.C. Official Code § 34-214).

35 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

36 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact
37 statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
38 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

39 Sec. 4. Effective date.

40 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
41 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
42 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
43 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
44 Columbia Register.