

  
Councilmember Jack Evans

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Business Improvement Districts Act of 1996 to provide that a board of directors of a Condominium within the geographical area of the Downtown Business Improvement District may petition to join the Downtown Business Improvement District, and to establish the residential rate for the Downtown Business Improvement District.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "DowntownDC Business Improvement District Emergency Declaration Resolution 2016".

Sec. 2. (a) The DowntownDC Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2016, passed on 1st reading on December 6, 2016 (Engrossed version of Bill 21-905) ("permanent legislation") amends the Business Improvement Districts Act of 1996, effective May 29, 1996 (D.C. Law 11-134; D.C. Official Code § 2-1215.01 *et seq.*), to provide that a board of directors of a condominium association may petition to join the Downtown Bid.

(b) In addition, the permanent legislation establishes the rate of BID taxes within the Downtown BID for residential properties. Tax bills will be mailed in February, with payment is due in March.

(c) Following enactment, the permanent legislation, which is scheduled for second

1 reading on December 20, 2016, must complete the District's legislative process and then be  
2 transmitted to Congress for the 30-day review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the District  
3 of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §  
4 1-206.02(c)(1)). The permanent legislation will not become law prior to the February mailing.

5 (d) It is important that the residential tax rate established in the permanent legislation,  
6 which is mirrored in the proposed emergency legislation, be in effect for, and reflected in, the  
7 upcoming billing cycle.

8 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that circumstances  
9 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the  
10 DowntownDC Business Improvement District Emergency Amendment Act of 2016 be adopted  
11 after a single reading.

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