

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A RESOLUTION

21-752

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 20, 2016

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 association within the geographical area of the Downtown Business Improvement District may petition to join the Downtown Business Improvement District, and to establish the residential tax rate for the Downtown Business Improvement District.

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

Sec. 2. (a) The Downtown Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2016, passed on 2nd reading on December 20, 2016 (Enrolled 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 Business Improvement District (“Downtown Bid”).

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

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

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

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

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.