

A RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2017

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend section 500.4 of Title 17 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to reauthorize the technology-enhancement fee added to the total cost of each basic business license.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Business License Technology Fee Reauthorization Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. (a) In 2010, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (“Department”) promulgated section 500.4 of Title 17 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, which provided that, starting on October 1, 2010, the Director of the Department shall charge an additional fee of 10% on the total cost of each basic business license to cover the costs of enhanced technology capabilities of the basic business licensing system..

(b) The final rule for the technology-enhancement fee included a sunset date of October 1, 2013.

(c) Because the technology-enhancement fee continued to fund needed services for District residents, the Department issued a notice of proposed rulemaking on August 9, 2013 to remove the October 1, 2013 sunset date. Although the Department submitted a proposed resolution (PR20-579) to the Council on December 3, 2013 to approve the proposed rules and the proposed rules were deemed approved by the Council on February 11, 2014, the Department did not publish a final version of its proposed rules until January 20, 2017.

(d) The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs has continued to collect the technology-enhancement fee without interruption.

(e) In order to ensure that revenue collected to provide critical services to District residents is not jeopardized, it is necessary to adopt this emergency legislation reauthorizing the technology-enhancement fee back to the original sunset date.

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 Business License Technology Fee Reauthorization Emergency Amendment Act of 2017 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.