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Councilmember Charles Allen



Chairman Phil Mendelson

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the designation of the entire portion of the public alley system within Square 1043, bounded by 13th Street, S.E., Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., G Street, S.E., 14th Street, S.E., and E Street, S.E., in Ward 6, as Watkins Alley.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Watkins Alley Designation Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2.

(a) There exists an immediate need to name the entire alley within Square 1043, bounded by 13th Street, S.E., Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., G Street, S.E., 14th Street, S.E., and E Street, S.E., as Watkins Alley.

(b) The purpose of the proposed alley designation is so that the initiator, E Street LLC can obtain a building permit to construct a townhouse on an interior lot within Square 1043’s alley system in accordance with the Zoning Commission’s approval of E Street LLC’s residential development project.

(c) Currently, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs will not issue a building permit to construct a residence without an address, and an address cannot be designated on an unnamed alley.

(d) Abutting neighbors have expressed support of the naming, as a result of E Street LLC’s continued efforts to engage with the community over the past three years.

(e) Officially designating the alley in Square 1043 as “Watkins Alley” will facilitate the assignment of addresses to the unnamed alley and honor the neighborhood’s history.

37 (f) Bill 22-538, the “Watkins Alley Designation Act of 2018” is currently under
38 review by the Council. However, in order to avoid extension of the delay in naming this alley
39 and to permit development on the alley, it is necessary to give the alley a name as soon as
40 possible.

41 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that the circumstances enumerated
42 in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the “Watkins Alley
43 Designation, Emergency Act of 2018” be adopted after a single reading.

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