

A RESOLUTION

22-479

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 10, 2018

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to officially designate 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.

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

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to officially designate the entire portion of the 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., as “Watkins Alley”.

(b) The purpose of the proposed alley designation is to permit the initiator, E Street LLC, to obtain a building permit to construct a townhouse on an interior lot within Square 1043 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 on a property without an address, and an address cannot be assigned for a property on an unnamed alley.

(d) Abutting neighbors have expressed support of the designation as a result of E Street LLC’s continued efforts to engage with the community over the past 3 years.

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

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

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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 Watkins Alley Designation Emergency Act of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.