

A RESOLUTION

22-478

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 park in Lot 68 in Square 749, bounded by L Street, N.E., 2nd Street, N.E., K Street, N.E., and 3rd Street, N.E., in Ward 6, as Swampoodle Park.

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

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to officially designate the park in Lot 68 in Square 749, bounded by L Street, N.E., 2nd Street, N.E., K Street, N.E., and 3rd Street, N.E., in Ward 6, as “Swampoodle Park”.

(b) Beginning in 2014, the NOMA Parks Foundation partnered with the District Department of Parks and Recreation to create an 8,300-square-foot community park located at L Street, N.E. and 3rd Street, N.E., in the NOMA Neighborhood.

(c) After an engaging public process facilitated by the NOMA BID and NOMA Parks Foundation, the community selected the name “Swampoodle Park” for the unnamed park to pay homage to the neighborhood’s history.

(d) Construction of the park began in late 2017 and will be complete by April 2018.

(e) Bill 22-629, the Swampoodle Park Designation Act of 2018, is currently under review by the Council. However, to guarantee that the park signage will be installed before the park opens in mid-April 2018, it is necessary to designate the park as “Swampoodle Park” as soon as possible.

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 Swampoodle Park Designation Emergency Act of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.