

A RESOLUTION

22-711

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 18, 2018

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to authorize the transfer of jurisdiction over U.S. Reservation 724 (Lot 896, less and except the northern portion previously retained by the District, and Lot 897 within Square 620) in the District of Columbia, from the United States of America, acting by and through the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, to the District of Columbia, and to consent to the extinguishment of covenants affecting real property in Square 620.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Revised Transfer of Jurisdiction over U.S. Reservation 724 (Lots 896 and 897 within Square 620) and Extinguishment of Covenants Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to approve emergency legislation to authorize the transfer of jurisdiction over a portion of U.S. Reservation 724 from the National Park Service (“NPS”) to the District and to consent to the extinguishment of two obsolete covenants.

(b) On November 7, 2017, the Council adopted the Transfer of Jurisdiction over U.S. Reservation 724 (Lots 896 and 897 within Square 620) Emergency Approval Resolution, effective November 7, 2017 (Res. 22-298; 64 DCR 12563) (“Resolution”), to authorize the transfer of two lots from NPS to the District to facilitate the improvement of a park space as part of the Sursum Corda Cooperative redevelopment, which would provide for pedestrian circulation along First Street, N.W.

(c) The applicant and the Surveyor found an error in the plat incorporated by the Resolution, so the plat never was recorded.

(d) The applicant also found two 1968 covenants related to the original Sursum Corda development that are no longer necessary and require release by the District. Those covenants affect the ability of the development to move forward expeditiously.

(e) Permanent legislation authorizing the transfer of jurisdiction and consenting to the extinguishment of the covenants, the Revised Transfer of Jurisdiction over U.S. Reservation 724 (Lots 896 and 897 within Square 620) and Extinguishment of Covenants Act of 2018, passed on 2nd reading on December 4, 2018 (Enrolled version of Bill 22-979) (“Permanent Act”), has been transmitted to the Mayor.

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(f) Adoption of emergency legislation authorizing the transfer of jurisdiction and consenting to the extinguishment of the covenants will authorize the Surveyor to record the correct plat to allow the Sursum Corda redevelopment project to move forward before congressional review of the Permanent Act is completed.

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 Revised Transfer of Jurisdiction over U.S. Reservation 724 (Lots 896 and 897 within Square 620) and Extinguishment of Covenants Emergency Act of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.