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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare an emergency with respect to the need to amend the District of Columbia Traffic Act, 1925, to prevent non-District licensed and registered motor vehicles owned or operated by carsharing or car rental companies that are not registered or that do not have contracts with the District from taking advantage of the 60-day exemption from the District’s licensure and registration requirements afforded to a private owner or operator of a motor vehicle who is not a legal resident of the District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “ROSA Loophole Elimination Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) Immediate legislation is needed to address the issue of motor vehicles owned and operated by carsharing and car rental companies that are not registered or that do not have contracts with the District from taking advantage of the 60-day exemption from licensing and registration requirements for an owner or operator of any motor vehicle who is not a legal resident of the District outlined in section 8(a) of the District of Columbia Traffic Act, 1925, approved March 3, 1925, approved March 3, 1925 (43 Stat, 1123; D.C. Code § 50-1401.02(a)).

(b) Currently, multiple neighborhoods, including Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, Colonial Village, and Hawthorne have reported that non-District licensed and registered vehicles

35 owned or operated by car rental and carsharing companies that are not registered or that do not
36 have contracts with the District have been parking on neighborhood streets that do not have
37 residential permit parking zones for weeks and months at a time, sometimes occupying parking
38 spaces directly in front of neighborhood homes.

39 (c) Certain car rental and carsharing companies that are not registered or that do not have
40 contracts with the District are taking advantage of the 60-day exemption from registering their
41 motor vehicles with the District by storing their non-District registered motor vehicles on
42 neighborhood streets and instructing customers to come to specified addresses within the
43 District, usually in front of a resident's home, to pick up or drop off the vehicles, resulting in the
44 vehicles remaining in neighborhoods for weeks and months at a time.

45 (d) There have been multiple instances in which affected neighborhood residents have
46 reported that individuals have been sleeping in the aforementioned vehicles, causing safety
47 concerns amongst residents.

48 (e) Immediate Council action is necessary to prevent car rental and carsharing companies
49 that are not registered or that do not have contracts with the District from continuing to take
50 advantage of the 60-day exemption by using District streets for long-term parking and storage of
51 motor vehicles.

52 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
53 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the ROSA
54 Loophole Elimination Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

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