

A RESOLUTION

23-349

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 4, 2020

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Act of 2019 to expand the lots that the Mayor is authorized to acquire by the exercise of eminent domain for the purposes of warehousing and storage.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. (a) The District government has a significant need for warehousing and storage space for equipment, records, property, and supplies.

(b) The District’s need for warehousing and storage space is near to exceeding the District’s current capacity at its owned facilities and there is a reduction in the supply of, and limited vacancy within, warehouse space available for lease in the District.

(c) The District has identified a site located on or near W Street, N.E., east of Brentwood Road, N.E., Lots 36, 41, and 0802 in Square 3942 and Parcels 0143/107 and 0143/110 (“W Street Site”) as a strong site for warehousing and storage purposes.

(d) The W Street Site is currently occupied by a private trash-transfer station.

(e) Acquisition of the W Street Site will allow the District to construct and operate a warehouse and storage facility at the W Street Site before the District runs out of District-owned space for these purposes.

(f) The Council enacted the Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Act of 2019, effective September 11, 2019 (D.C. Law 23-18; 66 DCR 9722) (“Law 23-18”), which authorized the Mayor to acquire, through the exercise of eminent domain, Lots 36 and 41 in Square 3942 and Parcel 0143/107.

(g) The authorization granted by Council under Law 23-18 does not include all of the lots associated with the trash-transfer station business and does not meet the District’s significant warehousing and storage needs.

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(h) Legislation is needed, on an expedited basis, to authorize the Mayor to acquire all the lots associated with the trash-transfer business by the exercise of eminent domain for the purposes of meeting the District's warehousing and storage needs.

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 Warehousing and Storage Eminent Domain Authority Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.