

A RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Historic Preservation of Derelict District Properties Act of 2016 to extend the completion date for rehabilitation of houses in Historic Anacostia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Historic Preservation of Derelict District Properties Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. (a) A new round of emergency and temporary legislation is necessary to allow the L’Enfant Trust to continue to rehabilitate the remaining historic homes in Anacostia for resale as workforce housing. Identical legislation was adopted by the Council last April.

(b) In 2016, the Council adopted legislation to transfer 4 historic properties held by the District to the L’Enfant Trust for their rehabilitation and resale at no cost to the District.

(c) Three of the 4 properties have been renovated and sold. The fourth should be completed within the next 3 years as the Trust continues to identify grants and other resources to complete the renovation.

(d) This has been a remarkable project with the L’Enfant Trust. The Trust has taken 4 dilapidated and vacant properties that were owned by the District, renovated to historic district standards, and is putting them back into use at no cost to the District.

(e) An extension of the time is necessary for the Trust to complete renovation and sale of the homes. The underlying legislation would extend the deadline to do this from 5 years (expiring in 2023) to 10 years (expiring in 2028).

Sec. 3. The Council finds that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Historic Preservation of Derelict District Properties Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.