

A RESOLUTION

25-458

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2024

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Construction Codes Approval and Amendments Act of 1986 to require a property owner, contractor, or person applying for certain permits for construction work to demonstrate that the person's insurance covers adjacent and adjoining property owners for loss or damage that arises out of the proposed construction work.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024".

Sec. 2. (a) On January 9, 2024, the Council unanimously approved the Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, effective January 25, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-373; 71 DCR 1209) ("Emergency Act"), which expires on April 24, 2024.

(b) On February 6, 2024, the Council unanimously approved on second reading the Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Temporary Amendment Act of 2024, enacted on February 22, 2024 (D.C. Act 25-398; 71 DCR 2091) ("Temporary Act"), which was transmitted to Congress on February 28, 2024, and has a projected law date of May 2, 2024.

(c) This identical emergency legislation is necessary to prevent a gap in the law between the expiration of the Emergency Act and the effective date of the Temporary Act.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances, making it necessary that the Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.