

AN ACT
D.C. ACT 23-326

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To provide, on an emergency basis, for the health, safety, and welfare of District residents and support to businesses during the current public health emergency; and for other purposes

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Coronavirus Support Emergency Amendment Act of 2020”.

that may be imposed for failure to timely pay any taxes due pursuant to Chapters 20 and 22 of this title for periods ending on February 29, 2020, or March 31, 2020; provided, that all taxes for such periods are paid in full on or before July 20, 2020.

“(2) This subsection shall not apply to hotels or motels permitted to defer real property tax under § 47-811(b).”.

(e) Section 47-2855.04 is amended by adding a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) There shall be no late fee for trade name renewal applications required by rules promulgated under subsection (a) of this section to be filed by April 1, 2020; provided, that the trade name renewal application be filed by June 1, 2020.”.

Sec. 208. 8th and O disposition extension.

Section 1 of An Act Authorizing the sale of certain real estate in the District of Columbia no longer required for public purposes, approved August 5, 1939 (53 Stat. 1211; D.C. Official Code § 10-801), is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (b-3) is amended by adding a new paragraph (8) to read as follows:

“(8)(A) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of this subsection, for the disposition of the District-owned real property located at 1336 8th Street, N.W., 50% of the affordable units shall be for housing for which a low-income household will pay no more than 30% of its income toward housing costs, and 50% of the units shall be housing for which a moderate-income household will pay no more than 30% of its income toward housing costs, whether or not the units to be constructed are rental units or ownership units.

“(B) The Land Disposition and Development Agreement in the form approved by Council pursuant to the 8th & O Streets, N.W., Disposition Approval Resolution of 2016, effective February 2, 2016 (Res. 21-374; 63 DCR 1498), remains in full force and effect, including, without limitation, the Affordable Housing Covenant attached as an exhibit thereto, which shall be recorded against the property at closing.

(b) Subsection (d-7) is amended by striking the date “February 2, 2020” and inserting the date “September 15, 2020” in its place.

TITLE III. CONSUMER PROTECTION AND REGULATION

Sec. 301. Opportunity accounts expanded use.

The Opportunity Accounts Act of 2000, effective April 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-266; D.C. Official Code § 1-307.61 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 (D.C. Official Code § 1-307.61) is amended by adding a new paragraph (2A) to read as follows:

“(2A) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking.”.

(b) Section 8 (D.C. Official Code § 1-307.67) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the figure “\$2” and inserting the figure “\$1” in its place.

(2) Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

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(A) The lead-in language is amended by striking the figure “\$2” and inserting the figure “\$3” in its place.

(B) Paragraph (1) is amended as follows:

(i) Strike the phrase “in at least the same amount” and insert the phrase “consistent with subsection (a) of this section” in its place.

(ii) Strike the phrase “; and” and insert a semicolon in its place.

(C) Paragraph (2) is amended as follows:

(i) Strike the phrase “than \$3,000” and insert the phrase “than \$6,000” in its place;

(ii) Strike the period and insert the phrase “; and” in its place.

(D) A new paragraph (3) is added to read as follows:

“(3) The Commissioner may waive the requirement of subsection (a) of this section and provide to an administering organization matching funds of up to \$4 for every dollar the account holder deposits into the opportunity account when adequate federal or private matching funds are not available.”.

(c) Section 9(a) (D.C. Official Code § 1-307.68(a)) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (6) is repealed.

(2) Paragraph (8) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the phrase “; and” in its place.

(3) A new paragraph (9) is added to read as follows:

“(9) To pay for any cost, expense, or item authorized by the Commissioner by rule issued pursuant to section 14, or by order during a declared public health emergency.”.

(d) Section 10 (D.C. Official Code § 1-307.69) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

(A) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase “; or” and inserting a semicolon in its place.

(B) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the phrase “; and” in its place.

(C) A new paragraph (4) is added to read as follows:

“(4) Making payments necessary to enable the account holder to meet necessary living expenses in the event of a sudden, unexpected loss of income.”.

(2) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the phrase “An account holder” and inserting the phrase “Except during a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), an account holder” in its place.

(3) New subsections (c-1), (c-2), and (c-3) are added to read as follows:

“(c-1) If an account holder makes an emergency withdrawal for the purposes set forth at subsection (b)(2) or (3) of this section, the account holder shall withdraw only funds deposited by the account holder and shall not withdraw matching funds.

“(c-2) If an account holder makes an emergency withdrawal for the purposes set forth at subsection (b)(1) of this section, the account holder shall withdraw only funds deposited by the account holder and shall not withdraw matching funds, unless the withdrawal is for a medical emergency.

“(c-3) If an account holder makes an emergency withdrawal for the purposes set forth at subsection (b)(4) of this section, the account holder may withdraw funds deposited by the account holder and matching funds.”.

(4) The lead-in language of subsection (e) is amended to read as follows:

“An account holder shall not be required to repay funds withdrawn from the opportunity account for an emergency withdrawal but shall be required to resume making deposits into the opportunity account no later than 90 days after the emergency withdrawal. If the account holder fails to make a deposit no later than 90 days after the emergency withdrawal:”.

Sec. 302. Funeral services consumer protection.

(a) The District of Columbia Funeral Services Regulatory Act of 1984, effective May 22, 1984 (D.C. Law 5-84; D.C. Official Code § 3-401 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 4a to read as follows:

“Sec. 4a. For a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), there shall be established a Funeral Bill of Rights designed to inform consumers of required pricing disclosures and other available consumer rights. The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, in consultation with the Board of Funeral Directors and the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (“Attorney General”), shall write the Funeral Bill of Rights, which shall be published in the District of Columbia Register no later than May 8, 2020. If the foregoing does not occur on or before May 1, 2020, the Attorney General may write the Funeral Bill of Rights and shall have it published in the District of Columbia Register no later than May 15, 2020.”.

(b) Section 28-3904 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (jj) is amended by striking the phrase “; or” and inserting a semicolon in its place.

(2) Subsection (kk) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the phrase “; or” in its place.

(3) New subsections (ll) and (mm) are added to read as follows:

“(ll) violate any provision of 17 DCMR § 3013; or”

“(mm) violate any provision of 17 DCMR § 3117.”.

(c) Title 17 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (17 DCMR § 100 *et seq.*) is amended as follows:

(1) Section 3013.2(l) (17 DCMR § 3013.2(l)) is amended as follows:

(A) The lead-in language of subparagraph (8) is amended by striking the phrase “customer, or failing to passing” and inserting the phrase “customer, failing to provide to

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the customer any receipts for amounts advanced, paid, or owed to third parties on behalf of the customer, or failing to pass" in its place.

(B) Subparagraph (24) is amended by striking the phrase "; or" and inserting a semicolon in its place.

(C) Subparagraph (25) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon in its place.

(D) New subparagraphs (26), (27), (28), and (29) are added to read as follows:

"(26) Failing to clearly and conspicuously post a General Price List, a Casket Price List, or an Outer Burial Container Price List that meets the requirements of the Funeral Industry Practices Rules of the Federal Trade Commission (16 C.F.R. § 453 *et seq.*) on any website maintained by the applicant or licensee;

"(27) Failing to provide to any customer a General Price List, a Casket Price List, or an Outer Burial Container Price List that meets the requirements of the Funeral Industry Practices Rules of the Federal Trade Commission (16 C.F.R. § 453 *et seq.*);

"(28) Failing to clearly and conspicuously post the Funeral Bill of Rights, as specified in section 4a of the District of Columbia Funeral Services Regulatory Act of 1984, passed on emergency basis on May 19, 2020 (Enrolled version of Bill 23-757), on any website maintained by the applicant or licensee; or

"(29) Failing to provide to any customer the Funeral Bill of Rights, as specified in section 4a of the District of Columbia Funeral Services Regulatory Act of 1984, passed on emergency basis on May 19, 2020 (Enrolled version of Bill 23-757), during an initial meeting to discuss or make arrangements for the purchase of funeral goods or services."

(2) Section 3110 (17 DCMR § 3110) is amended by adding a new subsection 3110.9 to read as follows:

"3110.9 A funeral services establishment shall keep and retain records documenting any required disclosures to consumers, including disclosure of its General Price List, Casket Price List, and Outer Burial Container Price List, and the Funeral Bill of Rights signed by the consumer, as specified in section 4a of the District of Columbia Funeral Services Regulatory Act of 1984, passed on emergency basis on May 19, 2020 (Enrolled version of Bill 23-757), after the completion or termination of a funeral contract."

Sec. 303. Debt collection.

Section 28-3814 of the D.C. Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

(1) New paragraphs (1A) and (1B) are added to read as follows:

"(1A) "collection lawsuit" means any legal proceeding, including civil actions, statements of small claims, and supplementary process actions, commenced in any court for the purpose of collecting any debt or other past due balance owed or alleged to be owed.

“(1B) “debt” means money or its equivalent which is, or is alleged to be, more than 30 days past due and owing, unless a different period is agreed to by the debtor, under a single account as a result of a purchase, lease, or loan of goods, services, or real or personal property for personal, family, or household purposes or as a result of a loan of money that was obtained for personal, family, or household purposes whether or not the obligation has been reduced to judgment.”.

(2) A new paragraph (4) is added to read as follows:

“(4) “public health emergency” means a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to § 7-2304.01, or a state of emergency pursuant to § 28-4102.”.

(b) New subsections (l), (m), and (n) are added to read as follows:

“(l)(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, subsections (l) and (m) of this section shall apply to any debt, including loans directly secured on motor vehicles or direct motor vehicle installment loans covered by Chapter 36 of Title 28.

“(2) During a public health emergency and for 60 days after its conclusion, no creditor or debt collector shall, with respect to any debt:

“(A) Initiate, file, or threaten to file any new collection lawsuit;

“(B) Initiate, threaten to initiate, or act upon any statutory remedy for the garnishment, seizure, attachment, or withholding of wages, earnings, property, or funds for the payment of a debt to a creditor;

“(C) Initiate, threaten to initiate, or act upon any statutory remedy for the repossession of any vehicle; except, that creditors or debt collectors may accept collateral that is voluntarily surrendered;

“(D) Visit or threaten to visit the household of a debtor at any time for the purpose of collecting a debt;

“(E) Visit or threaten to visit the place of employment of a debtor at any time; or

“(F) Confront or communicate in person with a debtor regarding the collection of a debt in any public place at any time, unless initiated by the debtor.

“(3) This subsection shall not apply to collecting or attempting to collect a debt that is, or is alleged to be, owed on a loan secured by a mortgage on real property or owed for common expenses pursuant to § 42-1903.12.

“(4) Any statute of limitations on any collection lawsuit is tolled during the duration of the public health emergency and for 60 days thereafter.

“(m)(1) During a public health emergency and for 60 days after its conclusion, no debt collector shall initiate any communication with a debtor via any written or electronic communication, including email, text message, or telephone. A debt collector shall not be deemed to have initiated a communication with a debtor if the communication by the debt collector is in response to a request made by the debtor for the communication or is the mailing of monthly statements related to an existing payment plan or payment receipts related to an existing payment plan.

“(2) This subsection shall not apply to:

“(A) Communications initiated solely for the purpose of informing a debtor of a rescheduled court appearance date or discussing a mutually convenient date for a rescheduled court appearance;

“(B) Original creditors collecting or attempting to collect their own debt;

“(C) Collecting or attempting to collect a debt which is, or is alleged to be, owed on a loan secured by a mortgage on real property or owed for common expenses pursuant to § 42-1903.12; or

“(D) Receiving and depositing payments the debtor chooses to make during a public health emergency.

“(n) Subsections (l) and (m) of this section shall not be construed to:

“(1) Exempt any person from complying with existing laws or rules of professional conduct with respect to debt collection practices;

“(2) Supersede or in any way limit the rights and protections available to consumers under applicable local, state, or federal foreclosure laws; or

“(3) Supersede any obligation under the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct, to the extent of any inconsistency.”.

Sec. 304. Emergency credit alerts.

Title 28 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) The table of contents for Chapter 38 is amended by adding a new subchapter designation to read as follows:

“Subchapter IV. COVID-19 Emergency Credit Alert.

“28-3871. COVID-19 Emergency credit alert.

(b) A new section 28-3871 is added to read as follows:

“§ 28-3871. COVID-19 Emergency credit alert.

“(a) If a consumer reports in good faith that he or she has experienced financial hardship resulting directly or indirectly from the public health emergency declared pursuant to § 7-2304.01, a credit reporting agency maintaining a file on the consumer shall accept and include in that file a personal statement, if furnished by the consumer, indicating that the consumer has been financially impacted by the COVID-19 emergency and shall provide that personal statement along with or accompanying any credit report provided by the agency, beginning on the date of such request, unless the consumer requests that the personal statement be removed.

“(b) This section shall not apply to a federal credit union, as defined 12 U.S.C. § 1752(1) a national bank, as defined by 12 U.S.C. § 25b(a)(1), or a federal savings association, as defined by 12 U.S.C. § 1462(3); except, that an exception granted by this subsection shall not apply to any entity to which the savings clause at 12 U.S.C. § 25b(b)(2) applies.

“(c) When a District resident requests a copy of a credit report pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681j, the entity providing the credit report must notify the resident of his or her right to request a personal statement to accompany the credit report.

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“(d) If a credit reporting agency violates this section, the affected consumer may bring a civil action consistent with 15 U.S.C. § 1681n.

“(e)(1) The Attorney General may petition the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for temporary or permanent injunctive relief for, and for an award of damages for property loss or harm suffered by a consumer as a consequence of, a violation of this section, or fraudulent or deceptive conduct in violation of this section that harms a District resident.

“(2) In an action under this section, the Attorney General may recover:

“(A) A civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for each violation; and

“(B) Reasonable attorney’s fees and costs of the action.

“(f) The following terms shall have the same meaning as defined in § 28-3861:

“(1) “Consumer;”

“(2) “Credit report;” and

“(3) “Credit reporting agency.

“(g) This section shall not be construed in a manner inconsistent with the Fair Credit Reporting Act, (15 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*), or any other federal law or regulation.”.

Sec. 305. Enhanced penalties for unlawful trade practices.

Section 28-3903(a)(17) of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended by striking the phrase “by the Department.” and inserting the phrase “by the Department; except, that notwithstanding any other provision of District law or regulation, during a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to § 7-2304.01, a violation of this chapter or of any rule issued under the authority of this chapter shall be a Class 1 infraction within the meaning of 16 DCMR § 3200.1(a).”.

Sec. 306. Price gouging and stockpiling.

Title 28 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) The table of contents is amended by adding a new section designation to read as follows:

“28-4102.01. Stockpiling.”.

(b) Section 28-4102(a) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to charge more than the normal average retail price for any merchandise or service sold during a public health emergency declared pursuant to § 7-2304.01, or during an emergency resulting from a natural disaster declared pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.”.

(c) A new section 28-4102.01 is added to read as follows:

“§ 28-4102.01. Stockpiling.

“It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase, in quantities greater than those specified by the Mayor, the Department of Health (“DOH”), the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (“HSEMA”), or the federal government goods that the Mayor, DOH, HSEMA, or the federal government have declared:

“(1) Necessary for first responders or others following a natural disaster or a declaration of a public health emergency pursuant to § 7-2304.01 (“public health emergency”);

“(2) Necessary to maintain supply chains of commerce during a natural disaster or a public health emergency; or

“(3) Subject to rationing.”.

(d) Section 28-4103 is amended as follows:

(1) Strike the phrase “§ 28-4102(a)” wherever it appears and insert the phrase “§ 28-4102(a) or § 28-4102.01” in its place.

(2) A new subsection (c) is added to read as follows:

“(c) When the Office of the Attorney General brings a civil action for any violation of § 28-4102(a) or § 28-4102.01 under the authority granted in § 28-3909, the maximum penalty authorized by § 28-3909 shall be assessed for each such violation.”.

Sec. 307. Utility shutoff.

(a) Section 113a(c) of the District Department of the Environment Establishment Act of 2005, effective September 11, 2019 (D.C. Law 23-16, D.C. Official Code § 8-151.13a(c)), is amended as follows:

(1) The existing text is designated paragraph (1).

(2) A new paragraph (2) is added to read as follows:

“(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, during a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency (“PHE”) pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), and for 105 calendar days thereafter, money in the Fund may be used to assist low-income residential customers located in the District of Columbia with the payment of an outstanding water bill balance; except, that not less than \$1.26 million of funding allocated in the fiscal year in which the PHE occurs shall be reserved to assist nonprofit organizations located in the District with the payment of impervious area charges, pursuant to section 216b(a) of the Water and Sewer Authority Establishment and Department of Public Works Reorganization Act of 1996, effective October 30, 2018 (D.C. Law 22-168; D.C. Official Code § 34-2202.16b(a)), and not less than \$360,000 of funding allocated in the fiscal year in which the PHE occurs shall be reserved to assist residential customers with the payment of impervious area charges, pursuant to section 216b(b).”.

(b)(1) A cable operator, as that term is defined by section 103(6) of the Cable Television Communications Act of 1981, effective October 9, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-193; D.C. Official Code § 34-1251.03(6)), shall not disconnect, suspend, or degrade basic cable service or other basic cable operator services for non-payment of a bill, any fees for service or equipment, or any other charges, or for noncompliance with a deferred payment agreement during a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), or for 15 calendar days thereafter.

“(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term “other basic cable operator services” includes only basic broadband internet service and Voice over Internet Protocol service (known as VOIP service).”.

(c) The Retail Electric Competition and Consumer Protection Act of 1999, effective May 9, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-107; D.C. Official Code § 34-1501 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 106b to read as follows:

“Sec. 106b. Disconnection of service during a public health emergency prohibited.

“(a) For the purposes of this section, the term “public health emergency” means a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01).

“(b) An electric company shall not disconnect electric service for non-payment of a bill or fees during a public health emergency or for 15 calendar days thereafter.”.

(d) The Retail Natural Gas Supplier Licensing and Consumer Protection Act of 2004, effective March 16, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-227; D.C. Official Code § 34-1671.01 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 7b to read as follows:

“Sec. 7b. Disconnection of service during a public health emergency prohibited.

“(a) For the purposes of this section, the term “public health emergency” means a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01).

“(b) A gas company shall not disconnect gas service for non-payment of a bill or fees during a public health emergency or for 15 calendar days thereafter.”.

(e) Section 103 of the District of Columbia Public Works Act of 1954, approved May 18, 1954 (68 Stat. 102; D.C. Code § 34-2407.01), is amended by adding a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c)(1) For the purposes of this subsection, the term “public health emergency” means a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01).

“(2) During a public health emergency, or for 15 calendar days thereafter, notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the water supply to any property shall not be shut off for non-payment of a bill or fees.”.

(f) The Telecommunications Competition Act of 1996, effective September 9, 1996 (D.C. Law 11-154; D.C. Official Code § 34-2002.01 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 3a to read as follows:

“Section 3a. Disconnection of telecommunications service during a public health emergency prohibited.

“(a) For the purposes of this section, the term “public health emergency” means a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the

District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01).

“(b) A telecommunications service provider shall not disconnect, suspend, or degrade basic telecommunications service for non-payment of a bill, any fees for service or equipment, or other charges, or for noncompliance with a deferred payment agreement during a public health emergency or for 15 calendar days thereafter.”.

(g) Notwithstanding any District law, the Attorney General for the District of Columbia may use the enforcement authority set forth at D.C. Official Code § 28-3909 against any merchant, including a utility provider, that violates any provision of this act.

Sec. 308. Utility payment plans.

(a) During a program period, a utility provider shall offer a utility-payment-plan program (“program”) for eligible customers. Under its program, a utility provider shall:

(1) Make a payment plan (“payment plan”) available to an eligible customer for the payment of amounts that come due during the program period, with a minimum term length of one year, unless a shorter time period is requested by the customer.

(2) Waive any fee, interest, or penalty that arises out of the eligible customer entering into a payment plan;

(3) Not report to a credit reporting agency as delinquent the amounts subject to the payment plan; and

(4) Notify all customers of the availability, terms, and application process for its program.

(b)(1) Customers entering into a payment plan shall be required to make payments in equal monthly installments for the duration of the payment plan unless a shorter payment schedule is requested by the customer.

(2) A utility provider shall permit a customer that has entered into a payment plan to pay an amount greater than the monthly amount provided for in the payment plan.

(3) A utility provider shall not require or request a customer provide a lump-sum payment under a payment plan.

(4) A utility provider shall provide confirmation in writing to the customer of the payment plan entered into, including the terms of a payment plan.

(c) A utility provider shall utilize existing procedures or, if necessary, establish new procedures to provide a process by which a customer may apply for a payment plan, which may include requiring the customer to submit supporting documentation. A utility provider shall permit application for a payment plan to occur online and by telephone.

(d)(1) A utility provider shall approve each application for a payment plan submitted during the covered time period made by an eligible customer.

(2) If the customer is not eligible and the customer’s application for a payment plan is denied, the utility provider shall inform the customer, in writing, of the denial and of the option to file a written complaint pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

(e)(1) A utility provider shall not disconnect service for non-payment of a bill or fees when a customer has entered into a payment plan under this section and has made payments in accordance with the terms of the payment plan;

(2) When a customer fails to pay in full the amounts due under a payment plan and the customer and utility provider have not mutually agreed to a modification of the terms of the payment plan, nothing under this section shall prevent a utility provider from either offering the customer a new payment plan or disconnecting service.

(3) Notwithstanding any provision in this section, a utility provider is not required to offer a customer a new payment plan when a customer has defaulted on a previous payment plan offered pursuant to this section.

(f)(1) A utility provider that receives an application for a payment plan pursuant to this section shall retain the application, whether approved or denied, for at least 3 years.

(2) Upon request by the customer, a utility provider shall make an application for a payment plan available to:

(A) For utility providers regulated by the Public Service Commission and DC Water, the Office of the People's Counsel;

(B) For a cable operator, the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment; and

(C) For all other utility providers, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs and the Office of the Attorney General.

(g) A customer whose application for a payment plan is denied may file a written complaint with:

(1) For utility providers regulated by the Public Service Commission, the Public Service Commission, and the Office of the People's Counsel;

(2) For a cable operator, the Office of Cable Television, Film, Music and Entertainment; and

(3) For all other utility providers, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

(h) During a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency, a utility provider regulated by the Public Service Commission shall reconnect service to occupied residential property upon an eligible customer's request and not charge a fee for this reconnection.

(i) For the purposes of this section, the term:

(1) "Cable operator" shall have the same meaning as provided in section 103(6) of the Cable Television Communications Act of 1981, effective October 9, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-193; D.C. Official Code § 34-1251.03(6)).

(2) "DC Water" means the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority established pursuant to section 202(a) of the Water and Sewer Authority Establishment and Department of Public Works Reorganization Act of 1996, effective April 18, 1996 (D.C. Law 11-111; D.C. Official Code § 34-2202.02(a)).

(3) "Electric company" shall have the same meaning as provided in section 8 of An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, and for other purposes, approved March 4, 1913 (37 Stat. 976; D.C. Official Code § 34-207).

(4) "Eligible Customer" means a customer that:

(A) Has notified the utility provider of an inability to pay all or a portion of the amount due as a result, directly or indirectly, of the public health emergency;

(B) Agrees in writing to make payments in accordance with the payment plan.

(5) "Gas company" shall have the same meaning as provided in section 3(11) of the Retail Natural Gas Supplier Licensing and Consumer Protection Act of 2004, effective March 16, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-227; D.C. Official Code § 34-1671.02(b)).

(6) "Program period" means a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01) and:

(A) For a cable operator, or a telecommunications provider not regulated by the Public Service Commission, 60 days thereafter; or

(B) For any other utility provider, 6 months thereafter.

(7) "Telecommunications provider" means an entity that provides telecommunications services, whether through a telecommunications system or universal service, as those terms are defined, respectively, in section 2(21) and (22) of the Telecommunications Competition Act of 1996, effective September 9, 1996 (D.C. Law 11-154; D.C. Official Code § 34-2001(21) and (22)), or other telecommunication service, whether such service is regulated by the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia or the Federal Communications Commission, or is currently not regulated by either local or federal law.

(8) "Utility provider" means a cable operator, DC Water, an electric company, a gas company, or a telecommunications provider.

Sec. 309. Composting virtual training.

Section 112a(f) of the Sustainable Solid Waste Management Amendment Act of 2014, effective February 26, 2015 (D.C. Law 20-154; D.C. Official Code § 8-1031.12a(f)), is amended by adding a new paragraph (1A) to read as follows:

"(1A) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, during a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), the Mayor, or a contractor selected by the Mayor, may provide the training required by paragraph (1) of this subsection remotely through videoconference."

Sec. 310. Emergency Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking authority.

The Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation Establishment Act of 1996, effective May 21, 1997 (D.C. Law 11-268; D.C. Official Code § 31-101 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 5a to read as follows:

"Sec. 5a. Emergency authority of the Commissioner during a declared public health emergency.

"(a) For the duration of a public health emergency declared by the Mayor pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), and to address the circumstances giving rise to that emergency, the Commissioner may issue emergency rulemaking, orders, or bulletins that:

"(1) Apply to any person or entity regulated by the Commissioner; and

"(2) Address:

"(A) Submission of claims or proof of loss;

"(B) Grace periods for payment of premiums and performance of other duties by insureds;

"(C) Temporary postponement of:

"(i) Cancellations;

"(ii) Nonrenewals; or

"(iii) Premium increases;

"(D) Modifications to insurance policies;

"(E) Insurer operations;

"(F) Filing requirements;

"(G) Procedures for obtaining nonelective health care services;

"(H) Time restrictions for filling or refilling prescription drugs;

"(I) Time frames applicable to an action by the Commissioner under this section;

"(J) Temporarily waiving application of laws, rulemaking, or requirements to ensure that depository services, non-depository services, and securities transactions can continue to be provided, including allowing for the opening of a temporary service location, which may be a mobile branch, temporary office space, or other facility; and

"(K) Any other activity related to insurance, securities, and banking and under the purview of the Commissioner reasonably calculated to protect the health, safety, and welfare of District residents during the public health emergency.

"(b) The Commissioner may require licensees to answer questions related to, and submit documentation of, the licensee's continuity of operations plan.

"(c)(1) To accomplish the purposes of this section, the Commissioner may issue emergency rulemaking, orders, or bulletins pursuant to this section specifying:

"(A) That the rulemaking, order, or bulletin is effective immediately;

"(B) The line or lines of business or the class or classes of licenses to which the regulation, order, or bulletin applies;

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“(C) The geographic areas to which the regulation, order, or bulletin applies; and

“(D) The period of time for which the regulation, order, or bulletin applies.

“(2) A regulation issued under paragraph (1) of this subsection may not apply for longer than the duration of the effects of a declared public health emergency.”.

Sec. 311. Vacant property designations.

Section 6(b) of An Act To provide for the abatement of nuisances in the District of Columbia by the Commissioners of said District, and for other purposes, effective April 27, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-281; D.C. Official Code § 42-3131.06(b)), is amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph (8) is amended by striking the phrase “; or” and inserting a semicolon in its place.

(b) Paragraph (9) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; or” in its place.

(c) A new paragraph (10) is added to read as follows:

“(10) A commercial property that houses a business that has closed during a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), as a result of the circumstances giving rise to or resulting from the public health emergency, and for 60 days thereafter.”.

Sec. 312. Extension of licenses and registrations; waiver of deadlines.

Notwithstanding any provision of law during, or within 45 days after the end of, a period time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), the Mayor, may:

(1) Prospectively or retroactively extend the validity of a license, registration, permit, or authorization, including driver licenses, vehicle registrations, professional licenses, registrations, and certifications;

(2) Waive the deadlines for filings, and waive fees, fines, and penalties associated with the failure to timely renew a license, registration, permit, or other authorization or to timely submit a filing; or

(3) Extend or waive the deadline by which action is required to be taken by the executive branch of the District government or by which an approval or disapproval is deemed to have occurred based on inaction by the executive branch of the District government.

TITLE IV. HOUSING AND TENANT PROTECTIONS

Sec. 401. Mortgage relief.

(a) In accordance with section 5(b)(15) of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective March 5, 1981 (D.C. Law 3-149; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304(b)(15)),

and notwithstanding any provision of the Mortgage Lender and Broker Act of 1996, effective September 9, 1996 (D.C. Law 11-155; D.C. Official Code § 26-1101 *et seq.*), or any other provision of District law, during a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01) ("Public Emergency Act"), and for 60 days thereafter, a mortgage lender that makes or holds a residential mortgage loan or commercial mortgage loan in the District shall develop a deferment program for borrowers that, at a minimum:

- (1) Grants at least a 90-day deferment of the monthly payment of principal and interest on a mortgage for borrowers;
- (2) Waives any late fee, processing fee, or any other fee accrued during the period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to the Public Emergency Act; and
- (3) Does not report to a credit reporting agency as delinquent the amounts subject to the deferral.

(b) The mortgage lender shall establish application criteria and procedures for borrowers to apply for the deferment program. An application or summary of procedures shall be made available online or by telephone.

(c) The mortgage lender shall approve each application in which a borrower:

(1) Demonstrates to the mortgage lender evidence of a financial hardship resulting directly or indirectly from the public health emergency, including an existing delinquency or future inability to make payments; and

(2) Agrees in writing to pay the deferred payments within:

(A) A reasonable time agreed to in writing by the applicant and the mortgage lender; or

(B) If no reasonable time can be agreed to pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, 3 years from the end of the deferment period, or the end of the original term of the mortgage loan, whichever is earlier.

(d)(1) A mortgage lender who receives an application for deferment pursuant to this section shall retain the application, whether approved or denied, for at least 3 years after final payment is made on the mortgage or the mortgage is sold, whichever occurs first.

(2) Upon request, a mortgage lender shall make an application for deferment available to the Commissioner.

(3)(A)(i) A mortgage lender who approves an application for deferment pursuant to this section shall, on or before June 4, 2020, provide to the Commissioner notice of all approved applications on a form prescribed by the Commissioner.

(ii) After the initial submission prescribed in this paragraph, a mortgage lender who approves an application for deferment pursuant to this section shall provide the Commissioner with a list of all new approvals in 15-day intervals for the duration of the public health emergency and for 60 days thereafter.

(iii) The Commissioner may request information on the number and nature of approvals between 15-day intervals.

(B) The Commissioner shall maintain a publicly available list of approved commercial loan deferral applications. The requirement of this subparagraph may be satisfied by posting to the Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking website.

(e) A mortgage lender shall be prohibited from requesting or requiring a lump sum payment from any borrower making payments under a deferred payment program pursuant to this section, subject to investor guidelines.

(f) A person or business whose application for deferment is denied may file a written complaint with the Commissioner. The Commissioner is authorized to investigate the complaint in accordance with section 13 of the Mortgage Lender and Broker Act of 1996, effective September 9, 1996 (D.C. Law 11-155; D.C. Official Code § 26-1112).

(g) The provisions of this section shall apply to any lender who makes or holds a commercial mortgage loan in the District, with the exception of national banks and federally chartered credit unions.

(h) To the extent necessary to conform with the provisions of this section, the provisions in section 313(c)(1) of the Condominium Act of 1976, effective March 29, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-89; D.C. Official Code § 42-1903.13(c)(1)), are waived for the duration of the public health emergency.

(i) This section shall not apply to a property for which, as of March 11, 2020, a mortgage lender initiated a foreclosure action or exercised its right to accelerate the balance and maturity date of the loan on or before March 11, 2020.

(j) This section shall not apply to a mortgage loan that is a Federally backed mortgage loan, as that term is defined in section 4022(a)(2) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, approved March 27, 2020 (134 Stat. 281; 15 U.S.C. § 9056(a)(2)) ("CARES Act"), or a Federally backed multifamily mortgage loan, as that term is defined in section 4023(f)(2) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. § 9057(f)(2)).

(k) A mortgage lender that violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in section 19 of the Mortgage Lender and Broker Act of 1996, effective September 9, 1996 (D.C. Law 11-155; D.C. Official Code § 26-1118).

(l) For the purposes of this section, the term:

(1) "Commercial mortgage loan" means a loan for the acquisition, construction, or development of real property, or a loan secured by collateral in such real property, that is owned or used by a person, business, or entity for the purpose of generating profit, and includes real property used for single-family housing, multifamily housing, retail, office space, and commercial space that is made, owned, or serviced by a mortgage lender.

(2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking.

(3) "Mortgage lender" means any person that makes a mortgage loan to any person or that engages in the business of servicing mortgage loans for others or collecting or otherwise receiving mortgage loan payments directly from borrowers for distribution to any

other person. The term "mortgage lender" does not include the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, or the Government National Mortgage Association.

Sec. 402. Tenant payment plans.

(a) During a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), and for one year thereafter ("program period"), a provider shall offer a rent-payment-plan program ("program") for eligible tenants. Under its program, a provider shall:

(1) Make a payment plan available to an eligible tenant for the payment of gross rent that comes due during the program period and prior to the cessation of tenancy ("covered time period"), with a minimum term length of one year unless a shorter payment plan term length is requested by the eligible tenant.

(2) Waive any fee, interest, or penalty that arises out of an eligible tenant entering into a payment plan;

(3) Not report to a credit reporting agency as delinquent the rent subject to the payment plan;

(4) Provide that an eligible tenant does not lose any rights under the lease due to a default on the monetary amounts due during the lease period; provided, that the tenant does not default on the terms of the payment plan; and

(5) Notify all tenants of the availability, terms, and application process for its program.

(b)(1) Tenants entering into a payment plan shall be required to make payments in equal monthly installments for the duration of the payment plan unless a different payment schedule is requested by the tenant.

(2) A provider shall permit a tenant that has entered into a payment plan to pay an amount greater than the monthly amount provided for in the payment plan.

(3) A provider shall not require or request a tenant to provide a lump-sum payment under a payment plan.

(4) A provider shall agree in writing to the terms of a payment plan.

(c) A provider shall utilize existing procedures or, if necessary, establish new procedures to provide a process by which an eligible tenant may apply for a payment plan, which may include requiring the tenant to submit supporting documentation. A provider shall permit an application for a payment plan to occur online and by telephone.

(d) A provider shall approve each application for a payment plan submitted during a covered time period in which an eligible tenant:

(1) Demonstrates to the provider evidence of a financial hardship resulting directly or indirectly from the public health emergency:

(A) That is in addition to any delinquency or future inability to make rental payments in existence prior to the start of the public health emergency; and

(B) That would cause the tenant to be unable to qualify to rent the unit or space based on utilization of the same qualification criteria that were applied to the tenant at the time he or she was approved to rent the unit or space; and

(2) Agrees in writing to make payments in accordance with the payment plan.

(e)(1) A provider who receives an application for a payment plan shall retain the application, whether approved or denied, for at least 3 years.

(2) Upon request of the tenant, a provider shall make an application for a payment plan available to:

(A) For residential tenants, the Rent Administrator, Office of the Tenant Advocate; and

(B) For commercial tenants, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

(f)(1) A residential tenant whose application for a payment plan is denied may file a written complaint with the Rent Administrator. The Rent Administrator shall forward the complaint to the Office of Administrative Hearings for adjudication.

(2) A commercial tenant whose application for a payment plan is denied may file a written complaint with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

(g) During the program period, unless the provider has offered a rent payment plan pursuant to this section and approved a rent payment plan pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, that provider shall be prohibited from filing any collection lawsuit or eviction for non-payment of rent; provided, that the tenant does not default on the terms of the payment plan.

(h) For the purposes of this section, the term:

(1) "Eligible tenant" means a tenant of a residential or commercial retail property rented from a provider that:

(A) Has notified a provider of an inability to pay all or a portion of the rent due as a result of the public health emergency; and

(B) Is not a franchisee unless the franchise is owned by a District resident.

(2) "Housing provider" means a person or entity who is a residential landlord, residential owner, residential lessor, residential sublessor, residential assignee, or the agent of any of the foregoing or any other person receiving or entitled to receive the rents or benefits for the use or occupancy of any residential rental unit within a housing accommodation within the District.

(3) "Non-housing provider" means a person or entity who is a non-residential landlord, non-residential owner, non-residential lessor, non-residential sublessor, non-residential assignee, a non-residential agent of a landlord, owner, lessor, sublessor, or assignee, or any other person receiving or entitled to receive rents or benefits for the use or occupancy of a commercial unit.

(4) "Provider" means a housing provider or a non-housing provider.

(i) Notwithstanding section 1202, this section shall apply as of May 19, 2020.

Sec. 403. Residential cleaning.

(a) During a period of time for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), the owner or representative of the owner of a housing accommodation shall clean common areas of the housing accommodation on a regular basis, including surfaces that are regularly touched, such as doors, railings, seating, and the exterior of mailboxes.

(b) For the purposes of this section "housing accommodation" means any structure or building in the District containing one or more residential units that are not occupied by the owner of the housing accommodation, including any apartment, efficiency apartment, room, accessory dwelling unit, cooperative, homeowner association, condominium, multifamily apartment building, nursing home, assisted living facility, or group home.

(c) The Mayor may, pursuant to Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), promulgate rules to implement this section.

Sec. 404. Eviction prohibition.

(a) Title 16 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(1) Section 16-1501 is amended as follows:

(A) The existing text is designated as subsection (a).

(B) A new subsection (b) is added to read as follows:

"(b) During a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code 7-2304.01), and for 60 days thereafter, the person aggrieved shall not file a complaint seeking relief pursuant to this section."

(2) Section 16-1502 is amended by striking the phrase "exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays" and inserting the phrase "exclusive of Sundays, legal holidays, and a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01)" in its place.

(b) Section 501(k) of the Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3505.01(k)), is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase "; or" and inserting a semicolon in its place.

(2) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase "; or" in its place.

(3) A new paragraph (3) is added to read as follows:

"(3) During a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01)."

Sec. 405. Residential tenant protections.

(a) The Rental Housing Conversion and Sale Act of 1980, effective September 10, 1980 (D.C. Law 3-86; D.C. Official Code § 42-3401.01 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 510b to read as follows:

“Sec. 510b. Tolling of tenant deadlines during a public health emergency.

“The running of all time periods for tenants and tenant organizations to exercise rights under this act shall be tolled from the beginning of the period of a public health emergency declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), until the end of the public health emergency, and for 30 days thereafter.”.

(b) The Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3501.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(1) Section 202(b)(2) (D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.02(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2)(A) A majority of the Rental Housing Commissioners shall constitute a quorum to do business, and a single vacancy shall not impair the right of the remaining Rental Housing Commissioners to exercise all powers of the Rental Housing Commission.

“(B) In the event that a majority of the Rental Housing Commissioners (or any one Commissioner if there is a vacancy) will be unable to perform their official duties for an extended period of time due to circumstances related to a declared state of emergency in the District of Columbia, including quarantine or movement restrictions, illness, or the care of a close family member, one Commissioner shall constitute a quorum to do business.

“(i) If the Chairperson will be unable to perform his or her duties, he or she shall designate an acting Chairperson or, if only one Commissioner is available, that Commissioner shall be automatically designated as acting Chairperson.

“(ii) The Chairperson of the Rental Housing Commission shall notify the Mayor and the Chairperson of the Council in writing of any temporary vacancy and whether the Commission is operating as a quorum of one.

“(iii) For such time as the Rental Housing Commission is operating as a quorum of one, the Commission shall only issue, amend, or rescind rules on an emergency basis in accordance with section 105(c) of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1206; D.C. Official Code § 2-505(c)).

“(iv) The authority to operate as a quorum of one shall terminate when at least one Rental Housing Commissioner notifies the Chairperson in writing that he or she is able to resume his or her duties. The authority may extend beyond the termination of the original declared state of emergency if Commissioners are personally affected by continuing circumstances.

(2) Section 208(a)(1) (D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.08(a)(1)) is amended as follows:

(A) Subparagraph (F) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a semicolon in its place.

(B) Subparagraph (G) is amended by striking the period at the end and inserting the phrase “; and” in its place.

(C) A new subparagraph (H) is added to read as follows:

“(H) None of the circumstances set forth in section 904(c) applies.”.

(3) Section 211 (D.C. Official Code § 42-3502.11) is amended as follows:

(A) The existing text is designated as subsection (a).

(B) A new subsection (b) is added to read as follows:

“(b) If, during a public health emergency that has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01) (“Public Emergency Act”), and consistent with applicable law or an order issued by the Mayor pursuant to the Public Emergency Act, a housing provider temporarily stops providing:

“(1) An amenity that a tenant pays for in addition to the rent charged, then the housing provider shall refund to the tenant pro rata any fee charged to the tenant for the amenity during the public health emergency; or

“(2) A service or facility that is lawfully included in the rent charged, then the housing provider shall not be required to reduce the rent charged pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.”.

(4) Section 531(c) (D.C. Official Code § 42-3505.31(c)) is amended as follows:

(A) Paragraph (4) is amended by striking the phrase “or;” and inserting a semicolon in its place.

(B) Paragraph (5) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; or” in its place.

(C) A new paragraph (6) is added to read as follows:

“(6) Impose a late fee on a tenant during any month for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01).”.

(5) Section 553 (D.C. Official Code § 42-3505.53) is amended as follows:

(A) The existing text is designated subsection (a).

(B) A new subsection (b) is added to read as follows:

“(b) Any notice of intent to vacate that a tenant provided prior to the period for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), shall be tolled at the election of the tenant for the period of any such public health emergency such that the tenant shall have the same number of days to vacate remaining at the end of the public health emergency as the tenant had remaining upon the effective date of the public health emergency.”.

(6) Section 554 (D.C. Official Code § 42-3505.54) is amended by adding a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) Any notice of intent to vacate that a tenant provided prior to the period for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), shall be tolled at the election of the tenant for the period of any such public health emergency such that the tenant shall have the same number of days to vacate remaining at the end of the public health emergency as the tenant had remaining upon the effective date of the public health emergency.”.

(7) Section 904 D.C. Official Code § 42-3509.04) is amended by adding new subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

“(c) No housing provider may issue a rent increase notice to any residential tenant during a period for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01) (“Public Emergency Act”).

“(d)(1) Any rent increase, whether under this act, the Rental Accommodations Act of 1975, the Rental Housing Act of 1977, the Rental Housing Act of 1980, or any administrative decisions issued under these acts, shall be null and void and shall be issued anew in accordance with subsection (b) of this section if:

“(A) The effective date of the rent increase as stated on the notice of rent increase occurs during a period for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), and for 30 days thereafter;

“(B) The notice of rent increase was provided to the tenant during a period for which a public health emergency has been declared; or

“(C) The notice was provided to the tenant prior to, but the rent increase takes effect following, a public health emergency.

“(2) The Rent Administrator shall review all notices to a tenant of an adjustment in the rent charged filed by a housing provider with the Rental Accommodations Division of the Department of Housing and Community Development for consistency with this subsection and shall inform the housing provider that:

“(A) A rent increase is prohibited during the public health emergency plus 30 days pursuant to this section;

“(B) The housing provider shall withdraw the rent increase notice;

“(C) The housing provider shall inform tenants in writing that any rent increase notice is null and void pursuant to the Coronavirus Support Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, passed on emergency basis on May 19, 2020 (Enrolled version of Bill 23-757);

“(D) The housing provider shall within 7 calendar days, file a certification with the Rental Accommodations Division that the notice letter required by subparagraph (C) of this paragraph was sent to tenants, along with a sample copy of the notice and a list of each tenant name and corresponding unit numbers; and

“(E) If it is determined that the housing provider knowingly demanded or received any rent increase prohibited by this act or substantially reduced or eliminated related

services previously provided for a rental unit, the housing provider may be subject to treble damages and a rollback of the rent, pursuant to section 901(a).”.

(8) A new section 911 is added to read as follows:

“Sec. 911. Tolling of tenant deadlines during a public health emergency.

“The running of all time periods for tenants and tenant organizations to exercise rights under this act or under chapters 38 through 43 of Title 14 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (14 DCMR §§ 3800 through 4399) shall be tolled during a period for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), and for 30 days thereafter.”.

Sec. 406. Rent increase prohibition.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a rent increase for a residential property not prohibited by the provisions of section 904(c) of the Rental Housing Act of 1985, effective July 17, 1985 (D.C. Law 6-10; D.C. Official Code § 42-3509.04(c)), shall be prohibited during a period for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), and for 30 days thereafter.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a rent increase for a commercial retail property or a commercial property that is less than 6,500 square feet in size shall be prohibited during a period for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), and for 30 days thereafter.

Sec. 407. Nonprofit corporations and cooperative association remote meetings.

Title 29 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:

(a) Section 29-405.01(e) is amended by striking the phrase “The articles of incorporation or bylaws may provide that an annual” and inserting the phrase “Notwithstanding the articles of incorporation or bylaws, during a period for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), an annual” in its place.

(b) Section 29-910 is amended by striking the phrase “If authorized by the articles or bylaws” and inserting the phrase “During a period for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), regardless of whether remote regular and special meetings of members are authorized by the articles or bylaws” in its place.

Sec. 408. Foreclosure moratorium.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of District law, during a period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of

(c) The District, by enacting this subtitle or by taking any other action in connection with financing, refinancing, or reimbursing costs of the Project, does not provide any assurance that the Project is viable or sound, that the Borrower is financially sound, or that amounts owing on the Bonds or pursuant to the Loan will be paid. Neither the Borrower, any purchaser of the Bonds, nor any other person shall rely upon the District with respect to these matters.

Sec. 1195. Expiration.

If any Bonds are not issued, sold, and delivered to the original purchaser within 3 years of the effective date of this act, the authorization provided in this subtitle with respect to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds shall expire.

Sec. 1196. Severability.

If any particular provision of this subtitle or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this subtitle and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby. If any action or inaction contemplated under this subtitle is determined to be contrary to the requirements of applicable law, such action or inaction shall not be necessary for the purpose of issuing of the Bonds, and the validity of the Bonds shall not be adversely affected.

**TITLE XII. REPEALS; APPLICABILITY; FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT;
EFFECTIVE DATE**

Sec. 1201. Repeals.

(a) The COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective March 17, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-247; 67 DCR 3093), is repealed.

(b) The COVID-19 Response Supplemental Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective April 10, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-286; 67 DCR 4178), is repealed.

(c) The COVID-19 Supplemental Corrections Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective May 4, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-299; 67 DCR 5050), is repealed.

(d) The Coronavirus Omnibus Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, effective May 13, 2020 (D.C. Act 23-317; 67 DCR __), is repealed.

(e) The Foreclosure Moratorium Emergency Amendment Act of 2020, passed on emergency basis on May 5, 2020 (Enrolled version of Bill 23-743), is repealed.

(f) The COVID-19 Response Supplemental Temporary Amendment Act of 2020, passed on 2nd reading on April 21, 2020 (Enrolled version of Bill 23-734), is repealed.

Sec. 1202. Applicability.

Except as provided in section 402(i), Titles I through XI of this act shall apply as of March 11, 2020.


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Sec. 1203. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 1204. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).


Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
Mayor
District of Columbia
APPROVED
May 27, 2020



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[X] ACTION

Final Reading

[X] VOTE DATE

May 19, 2020

[] VOICE VOTE

RECORDED VOTE ON REQUEST

ABSENT

[X] ROLL CALL VOTE - Result

Passed

Council Member	Aye	Nay	NV	AB	Rec	Council Member	Aye	Nay	NV	AB	Rec	Council Member	Aye	Nay	NV	AB	Rec
Chairman Mendelson	X					Gray	X					R. White	X				
Allen	X					Grosso	X					Silverman	X				
Bonds	X					McDuffie	X					T. White	X				
Cheh	X					Nadeau	X					Todd	X				
X - Indicate Vote					AB - Absent					NV - Present, Not Voting					Rec - Recused		

CERTIFICATION RECORD

Secretary to the Council

5/26/2020

Date