



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

HEARINGS UPDATE

UPDATED FOR WEEK BEGINNING
April 24, 2017

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UPCOMING COUNCIL HEARINGS

Council Spring Recess begins April 14th through April 22nd, 2017 (No Hearings)

4/24/2017
10 am
Room 123

Committee on Human Services

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Assistance Level Increase Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-52

This bill increases the scheduled assistance level to 26.7% in Fiscal Year 2018.
Introduced by CM's Gray, Evans, and Bonds

TANF Child Benefit Protection Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-227

To remove the reduced benefit structure for individuals who receive TANF benefits for more than 60 months and provide that portions of TANF payments are designated for children and parents. The bill would amend the DCMR decreasing the reduction in benefits for individuals not in compliance with TANF work requirements. *Introduced by CM's Nadeau, Silverman, Todd, R. White, McDuffie, and T. White*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Department of Human Services

DC Healthcare Alliance Program Recertification Simplification Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-194

This bill permits Alliance enrollees to complete the semiannual recertification interview requirement with a qualified community health organization or over the phone with DHS.
Introduced by CM's Nadeau, Grosso, Silverman, Cheh, R. White, Allen, and Bonds

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Department of Healthcare Finance

Department of Human Services

4/24/2017
11 am
Room 120

Committee of the Whole

Language Access for Education Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-75

This bill expands the list of entities that must provide language access services, including the Secretary to the Council of the District of Columbia, the Department of General Services, and Mayor's Office of Community Affairs; IT requires the Office of Human Rights to publish an annual report of all decisions, orders, corrective actions, and fines issued; it establishes a new rule regarding when local education agencies must designate a language access coordinator; and establishes penalties for violations. *Introduced by CM's Grosso, Nadeau, Gray, Allen, R. White, Silverman, and McDuffie*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Office of Human Rights

DC Public Schools for awareness

DC Public Charter School Board for awareness

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education for awareness

4/26/2017
10 am
Chamber

Committee of the Whole

Short-term Rental Regulation and Affordable Housing Protection Act of 2017, Bill 22-92

This bill would create a new license category for short-term rentals fewer than 30 consecutive days, establishes requirements governing the use of short-term rentals and to permit limited vacation rentals 15 nights cumulatively. Also, requires the DCRA to monitor and investigate short term rentals for compliance with zoning regulations, building codes, health codes and housing codes among other things. DCRA must maintain records and statistics on licensed short-term rental activity and establishes penalties for violations. *Introduced by CM McDuffie*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

4/26/2017
3 pm
Room 123

Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

Primary Date Alteration Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-197

This bill proposes to comply with federal law by changing the date of the District of Columbia primary elections to the third Tuesday in June. *Introduced by CM Allen*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

DC Board of Election

5/2/2017
10 am
Chamber

Committee of the Whole

Legislative Meeting

5/3/2017
11 am
Room 123

Committee on Transportation and the Environment

The District Department of Transportation's Streetlight Modernization Project

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

District Department of Transportation

Office of Public-Private Partnerships

5/8/2017
10 am
Room 120

Date Change

Committee on Finance and Revenue

First Responder Income Tax Exclusion Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-42

This bill excludes the annual salary of those employed with the Fraternal Order of Police Metropolitan Police Department Labor Committee and of those employed with the International Association of Fire Fighters, Washington D.C. Fire Fighters Association Local 36 from gross income. *Introduced by CM's Gray, McDuffie, and Evans*

East End Commercial Real Property Tax Rate Reduction Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-43

This bill lowers the real property tax rates and special real property tax rates for taxable Class 2 Properties located East of the Anacostia River beginning October 1, 2017. *Introduced by CM's Gray, McDuffie, Evans, and T. White*

East End Grocery and Retail Incentive Program Tax Abatement Act of 2017, Bill 22-202

This bill waives deed recordation, real property, personal property, corporate franchise (including combined reporting) and sales taxes for eligible sites in Ward 7 and 8. *Introduced by CM's Gray, Evans, T. White, and Bonds*

Relieve High Unemployment Tax Incentives Act of 2017, Bill 22-218

This bill will provide for real and personal property tax abatement, tax credits and other incentives for the purposes of attracting new and retaining existing businesses to help relieve high unemployment in Wards and/or areas in the District. *Introduced by CM Evans*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Office of the Chief Financial Officer/Office of Tax and Revenue

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development

Metropolitan Police Department for awareness

Fire and EMS Department for awareness

Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity for awareness

5/8/2017
1 pm
Chamber

Committee on Business and Economic Development

Georgia Avenue Retail Priority Area Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-1

This bill will expand the boundaries of the Ward 4 Georgia Avenue Retail Priority Area. *Introduced by CM Nadeau*

H Street, N.E., Retail Priority Area Clarification Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-115

This bill clarifies the location of businesses eligible to receive retail development project grants within the H Street, N.E., Retail Priority Area. It also modifies the boundaries of the Bladensburg Road, N.E., Retail Priority Area. *Introduced by CM's Gray and McDuffie*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development

DC Main Streets Public Space Permit Fee Waiver Amendment Act of 2017, Bill 22-236

This bill will waive public space fees for active and accredited DC Main Street programs. *Introduced by CM's McDuffie, Gray, Evans, Bonds, and Allen*

Designated Executive Agency/Agencies

District Department of Transportation

Department of Small and Local Business Development for awareness

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development for awareness

5/16/2017
10 am
Chamber

Committee of the Whole
COW Meeting