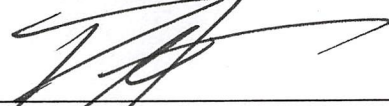
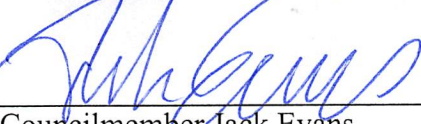


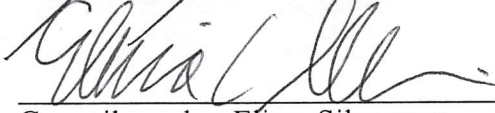
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27 To provide that an entity holding a basic business license with an "Entertainment:
28 Moving picture theater" endorsement shall provide open movie captioning at
29 specified times; to provide that a violation shall be a unlawful discriminatory
30 practice; and to require notice of the requirements of this act.
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32 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

33 That this act may be cited as the "Open Movie Captioning Requirement Act of 2019".

34 Sec. 2. Definitions.

35 For purposes of this act, the term:

36 (1) "Movie theater" means an entity holding a basic business license with
37 an "Entertainment: Moving picture theater" endorsement.

38 (2) "Open movie captioning" means the written, on-screen display of a
39 motion picture's dialogue and non-speech information, including music, the identity of
40 the character who is speaking, and other sounds and sound effects.

41 (3) "Peak movie attendance hours" means:

42 (A) A movie that begins after 5:59 p.m. and finishes before 11:01 p.m. on
43 Friday; or

44 (B) A movie that begins after 11:59 a.m. and finishes before 11:01 p.m. on
45 Saturday or Sunday.

46 Sec. 3. Open movie captioning required.

47 (a)(1) A movie theater with more than one screen shall provide scheduled showings of
48 motion pictures with open movie captioning such that at least 12% of the weekly
49 scheduled showings of each motion picture currently showing at the movie theater have
50 open movie captioning; provided, that if a motion picture has fewer than 7 scheduled
51 showings in a week, the movie theater shall not be required to provide open movie
52 captioning for the motion picture.

53 (2)(A) At least half of the scheduled showings required pursuant to paragraph
54 (1) of this subsection shall be provided during peak movie attendance hours.

55 (B) At least half of the scheduled showings required pursuant to paragraph
56 (1) of this subsection that are scheduled outside of peak movie attendance hours shall
57 start after 5:59 p.m. and finish before 11:01 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or
58 Thursday.

59 (b) A movie theater with one screen shall provide a screening of a motion picture
60 produced with open movie captioning as follows:

61 (1) Once per month; or

62 (2) Upon receipt of a request made through a process established by the
63 Mayor pursuant to the requirements of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure
64 Act, effective October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1206; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 et seq.).

(c) This section shall not prohibit the showing of a motion picture that is produced and distributed without open movie captioning; provided, that the movie theater shall provide notice to the public of which motion pictures shown by the movie theater are produced and distributed without open movie captioning.

(d) A violation of this section shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice, pursuant to section 231 of the Human Rights Act of 1977, effective December 13, 1977 (D.C. Law 2-38; D.C. Official Code § 2-1402.31).

Sec. 4. Notice required.

(a) A movie theater shall advertise the date and time of motion picture showings required by section 3 in the same manner as the movie theater advertises all other motion picture showings.

(b) A movie theater shall provide, through radio and television advertisement, social media, and print media, and by posting inside in the movie theater, notice to all customers of the following:

(1) The availability of showings of motion pictures with open movie captioning; and

(2) The notice required by subsection 3(c).

(c)(1) The Mayor shall coordinate with the Office of Disability Rights and other agencies the Mayor deems appropriate to create an awareness campaign publicizing the requirements of this act and explaining the benefits provided by this act, including by requiring movie theaters to provide information about open movie captioning.

(2) All outreach information shall comply with the Language Access Act of 2004, effective June 19, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-167; D.C. Official Code § 2-1931 et seq.).

Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

89 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
90 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of
91 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

92 Sec. 6. Effective date.

93 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
94 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional
95 review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,
96 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and
97 publication in the District of Columbia Register.