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12 IN THE COUNCIL OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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17 To amend the Urban Forest Preservation Act of 2002 to allow District residents with a combined
18 household income maximum of \$100,000 or less access to the Tree Fund to remove and
19 replace hazardous trees from private property and to give District residents more time to
20 eliminate the hazard once notified by the District.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
23 act may be cited as the “Income Contingent Hazardous Tree Mitigation Program Amendment
24 Act of 2020”.

25 Sec. 2. The Urban Forest Preservation Act of 2002, effective June 12, 2003 (D.C. Law
26 14-309; DC Code § 8-651.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

27 (a) Section 106 (D.C. Official Code § 8-651.06(c)) is amended as follows:

28 (1) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the phrase “10 days” and inserting the
29 phrase “21 days” in its place.

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

31 “(e) An owner of a single-family dwelling in the District with a combined household
32 income of \$100,000 or less is entitled to reimbursement from the Tree Fund if the owner takes
33 corrective action to eliminate the hazard and incurs costs in doing so. Reimbursement shall

34 include the cost of the abatement action including any administrative costs incurred by the
35 owner.”.

36 (b) Section 107(b)(1)(B) (D.C. Official Code § 8-651.07(b)(1)(B)) is amended by striking
37 the phrase “District residents” and inserting the phrase “owners of single-family dwellings in the
38 District with a combined household income of \$100,000 or less” in its place.

39 Sec. 3. Applicability

40 (a) This act shall apply upon the date of inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved
41 budget and financial plan.

42 (b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of the inclusion of the fiscal effect in
43 an approved budget and financial plan and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council
44 of the certification.

45 (c)(1) The Budget Director shall cause the notice of the certification to be published in
46 the District of Columbia Register.

47 (2) The date of publication of the notice of the certification shall not affect the
48 applicability of this act.

49 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

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

53 Sec. 5. Effective date.

54 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
55 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
56 provided in section 602(c)(2) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

57 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(2)), and publication in the District of
58 Columbia Register.