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A BILL

23-661

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



To amend An Act Authorizing the sale of certain real estate in the District of Columbia no longer required for public purposes to require the Department of General Services to provide the Council with an annual account of green space owned by the District, and to require DGS to include the square footage of green space at a real property in surplus resolutions transmitted to the Council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Surplus Green Space Retention Amendment Act of 2020”.

Sec. 2. 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 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 1 (D.C. Official Code § 10-801) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (a) is amended by adding a new paragraph (4) to read as follows:

“(4) Within 180 days after the effective date of the Surplus Green Space Retention Amendment Act of 2020, as approved by the Committee on Facilities and Procurement on November 9, 2020 (Committee Print of B23-0661), and on an annual basis thereafter, the Department of General Services (“DGS”) shall transmit to the Council a report on green space in the District, which shall include:

28 “(A) The total square footage of green space owned by the District, broken
29 down by ward and then by the District agency that owns the real property;

30 “(B) The square footage of green space that the District gained or lost over
31 the preceding year, broken down by ward and then by the District agency that owns the real
32 property; and

33 “(C) A summary of measures taken over the preceding year to increase
34 access to green space for District residents.”.

35 (2) Subsection(a-1)(2)(A) is amended by striking the phrase “by the Mayor,” and
36 inserting the phrase “by the Mayor, the square footage of green space on the real property,” in its
37 place.

38 (b) Section 1a (D.C. Official Code § 10-801.01) is amended to read as follows:

39 “Sec. 1a. Definitions.

40 “For the purposes of this act, the term:

41 “(1) “Green space” means an area of grass, trees, or other vegetation that is
42 located on real property owned by the District and accessible to the public.

43 “(2) “Real property” means land titled in the name of the District or in which the
44 District has a controlling interest and includes all structures of a permanent character erected
45 thereon or affixed thereto, any natural resources located thereon or thereunder, all riparian rights
46 attached thereto, or any air space located above or below the property or any street or alley under
47 the jurisdiction of the Mayor.”.

48 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

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

52 Sec. 4. Effective date.

53 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
54 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
55 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
56 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
57 Columbia Register.