

A RESOLUTION

23-48

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 19, 2019

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005 to authorize emergency financial assistance to eligible small businesses affected by District-financed capital infrastructure projects of District-owned property.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists a need to amend the Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Act of 2005 to provide financial assistance to distressed businesses that have experienced significant financial losses as a result of the District-financed capital infrastructure projects of District-owned property.

(b) As a result of the ongoing construction, renovation, replacement, maintenance, or improvement of District-owned infrastructure, several highways, roads, bridges, and Metro stations were temporarily shut down from May 2018 through September 2018 affecting small business owners whose businesses are in close proximity to the capital infrastructure projects.

(c) The capital infrastructure projects disincentivized patrons from driving, walking, riding, or taking the Metro to patronize the small businesses in close proximity to the affected projects and this inadvertently disturbed their revenue stream.

(d) The emergency legislation would allocate funds to eligible small businesses in this predicament to mitigate the financial distress they are experiencing and minimize the chances of a similar situation occurring in the future.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Small and Certified Business Enterprise Development and Assistance Emergency Amendment Act of 2019 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.