

A RESOLUTION

23-270

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 5, 2019

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to extend protections for unpaid federal workers, employees of contractors of the federal government, and household members of federal workers and employees of contractors from eviction, late fees, and foreclosure in the event of another federal government shutdown; and to enable the District of Columbia to be able to address in an orderly manner the needs of any possible local homeless federal workers and contractors resulting from a federal government shutdown.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Federal Worker Housing Relief Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. (a) Last January, the country endured the longest government shutdown in the history of our nation. Federal workers and contractors experienced severe financial hardship from the shutdown because of missed paychecks.

(b) These federal workers and contractors were facing eviction, foreclosure, and possible homelessness. The sudden onslaught of large numbers of homeless District residents would create a severe hardship for the unpaid federal workers and would also greatly tax the District’s homeless services system.

(c) On January 22, 2019, the Council passed emergency and temporary legislation to help alleviate the hardship of federal workers and contractors who were not receiving paychecks from eviction, late fees, and foreclosure during a federal government shutdown. As the permanent version of these bills is not yet ready and the specter of another federal shutdown still looms, these bills would continue the protections of the bills passed last January 22nd.

(d) It is important that these bills be enacted to continue to protect federal workers and contractors from the financial hardships thrust upon them in the event of another federal government shutdown. Further, it is important that the District of Columbia be able to address the needs of any possible future homeless federal workers and contractors in an orderly manner.

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 Federal Worker Housing Relief Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2019 be adopted after a single reading.

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Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.