

35 (d) Seniors and low-income residents especially rely on food retailers in close proximity
36 to their homes as they often have limited access to vehicles and face mobility challenges.

37 (e) A lack of healthy food stores leads to unhealthy food choices and related health
38 problems.

39 (f) As development in the District continues and the city sees continued population
40 increases, it is vital that every neighborhood has access to essential grocery store services.
41 Restrictive covenants undermine food services competition and the advent of revitalized
42 communities with large and small retailers, including independent butchers and bakeries.

43 (g) The circumstances described above underscore the need for the Council to act in order
44 to prohibit such restrictive covenants and prevent the creation of food deserts in the District.

45 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
46 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
47 Grocery Store and Food Retail Restrictive Covenant Prohibition Emergency be adopted after a
48 single reading.

49 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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