

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend, on an emergency basis, the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982 and the Recreation Act of 1994 to allow for the temporary designation of sponsored Department of Parks and Recreation facilities and to clarify that non-profit organizations may sponsor facilities.

BE IT ENACTED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Athletic Field Naming and Sponsorship Emergency Amendment Act of 2015.”

Sec 2. The Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-201.01 *et seq.*) is amended as follows:

(a) Section 405 is amended by striking the phrase “No public space” and inserting the phrase “Except as otherwise provided under this act, no public space” in its place.

(b) A new section 410 is added to read as follows:

“Sec. 410. Naming of sponsored recreation facilities.

“(a) Notwithstanding section 401 of this act, the Mayor may name in honor of a person a Department of Parks and Recreation athletic field that is adopted or sponsored, pursuant to Section 5 of the Recreation Act of 1994 (D.C. Law 10-246; D.C. Code § 10-304), provided, that:

40           “(1) the naming is detailed in an agreement between the Mayor and the entity  
41 adopting or sponsoring the field;

42           “(2) the agreement requires the financial adoption or sponsorship of the field;

43           “(3) the name is that of a current or former professional sports player; and

44           “(4) the naming is not permanent.

45           “(b) The District may display the logo of the entity sponsoring or adopting a field on  
46 signage at the field, provided that the display of the logo is less prominent than the name of  
47 the person for whom the field is named, and that the display is consistent with the terms of  
48 the agreement required by section (a)(1).

49           Sec 3. Section 5(a) of the Recreation Act of 1994 (D.C. Law 10-246, D.C. Code § 10-  
50 304) is amended by replacing the sentence “Individuals, associations, corporations,  
51 partnerships, neighborhood and civic groups or other governmental entities may adopt or  
52 sponsor Departmental programs, sites, or operations.” with the sentence “Individuals,  
53 associations, corporations, partnerships, neighborhood and civic groups, non-profit  
54 organizations, or other governmental entities may adopt or sponsor Departmental programs,  
55 sites, facilities, fields, or operations.”.

56           Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

57           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the  
58 fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule  
59 Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-106.02(c)(3)).

60           Sec. 5. Effective date.

61           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by  
62 the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no  
63 longer than 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of  
64 Columbia in section 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

65 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).