

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency, with respect to the need to amend 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.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Athletic Field Naming and Sponsorship Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2015”.

Sec. 2. (a) On September 16, 2015, Chairman Phil Mendelson and Councilmembers Evans, Allen, and Cheh, introduced Bill 21-340, the “Athletic Field Naming and Sponsorship Amendment Act of 2015.” That legislation was referred to the Committee of the Whole, which held a hearing on the bill on October 13, 2015, and reported the bill favorably on October 20, 2015.

(b) Bill 21-340 (the “legislation”) is scheduled to have a 1st reading on November 3, 2015 and a second reading would occur at least 14 days after. The legislation

1 would then need to be signed by the Mayor and undergo the standard congressional review
2 of 30 legislative days.

3 (c) The District of Columbia is attempting to enter into a philanthropic
4 partnership with the Washington Nationals baseball club to renovate a Department of
5 Parks and Recreation athletic field slated for completion by March 1, 2016.

6 (d) Based on the schedule for the permanent legislation, it does not seem
7 likely that the District will have the authority to enter in to this agreement with sufficient
8 time for the required agreements to be executed and the field renovations to occur.

9 (e) It is important that the provisions of the emergency legislation allow the
10 District to enter in to this partnership until the permanent legislation makes it through
11 congressional review.

12 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
13 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
14 Athletic Field Naming and Sponsorship Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act
15 of 2015 be adopted after a single reading.

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