

A RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend Title 17, Chapter 5 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to reauthorize the technology enhancement fee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Business License Technology Fee Reauthorization Declaration Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2.(a) On June 1, 2010, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs added a technology enhancement fee of ten percent to all business license applications.

(b) The technology enhancement fee included a sunset date of October 1, 2013.

(c) Because the technology fee continued to fund needed services for District residents, the Department issued a notice of proposed rulemaking on August 9, 2013 and submitted a resolution to the Council of the District of Columbia on December 3, 2013 to approve the proposed rules.

(d) The Council approved those proposed rules through PR20-579, the District of

1 Columbia Business License and Corporate Division Filings Resolution of 2013, on February 11,  
2 2014, but the Department did not publish a final version of the rules until January 20, 2017.

3 (e) The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs has, however, continued  
4 collecting the technology enhancement fee without interruption.

5 (f) In order to ensure that revenue collected to provide critical services to District  
6 residents is not jeopardized, it is necessary to adopt this emergency legislation reauthorizing the  
7 technology enhancement fee back to the original sunset date.

8 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
9 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the  
10 “Business License Technology Fee Reauthorization Emergency Amendment Act of 2017 be  
11 adopted after a single reading.

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