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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on an emergency basis, the Construction Codes Approval and Amendment Act of 1986 to prohibit for a specified period of time the issuance of any building permit that would allow a one-unit or 2-unit residence to be converted into a multi-family dwelling.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Prohibition on Single Family Dwelling Conversions Emergency Amendment Act of 2015”.

Sec. 2. Section 6a of the Construction Codes Approval and Amendment Act of 1986, effective March 21, 1987 (D.C. Law 6-216; D.C. Official Code § 6-1405.01), is amended by adding a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

“(f)(1) The Mayor, or the Mayor’s designee, shall not issue any building permit, as required by section 10 of An Act Providing for the zoning of the District of Columbia and the regulation of the location, height, bulk, and uses of buildings and other structures and of the uses of land in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, approved June 20, 1938 (52 Stat. 800; D.C. Official Code § 6-641.09), for pop-up construction.

“(2) For the purpose of this subsection, the term “multi-unit dwelling” means 3 or more units and the term “pop-up construction” means any building project to increase

25 the height, or otherwise convert an existing one-unit or 2-unit house, including a row house, into  
26 a multi-unit dwelling.”.

27 “(3) This subsection shall expire upon the issuance and implementation of  
28 final regulations by the District of Columbia Zoning Commission pertaining to pop-up  
29 construction.”.

30 Sec.3. Fiscal impact statement.

31 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact  
32 statement required by section 602(C)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved  
33 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

34 Sec. 4. Effective date.

35 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
36 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), and shall remain in effect for no longer than  
37 90 days, as provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section  
38 412(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788;  
39 D.C. Official Code § 1-204.12(a)).