

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 Self Storage Act of 2003 to place a moratorium on the construction of self-service storage facilities in Ward 5.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Self-service Storage Facility Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. (a) There exists an immediate need to enact a moratorium on the issuances of permits for the erection, construction, reconstruction, conversion, or alteration of a building or structure to be used as a self-service storage facility in Ward 5.

(b) There has been a significant increase in the number of self-service storage facilities being located in Ward 5 in areas ripe to become active commercial corridors.

(c) The success of Union Market and other retail and maker businesses in Ward 5 attests to the opportunity to create a vibrant community with pedestrian-friendly corridors and exciting retail options.

(d) As currently constructed and configured, self-storage facilities effectively create dead space in the midst of areas that are ripe for workforce development and community development

32 with retail, along with self-service storage facilities. An assessment of the possibilities for such
33 development should be considered.

34 (e) The accompanying legislation places a moratorium on the issuance of permits for the
35 erection, construction, reconstruction, conversion, or alteration of a building or structure to be used
36 as a self-service storage facility in Ward 5 and requires the Mayor to submit a report on the location
37 and concentration of these facilities in the Ward.

38 (f) Emergency legislation is necessary to suspend a further increase in self-service
39 storage facilities in Ward 5, pending receipt of the Mayor's report.

40 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
41 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Self-
42 service Storage Facility Emergency Amendment Act of 2019 be adopted after a single reading.

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