

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to officially designate a portion of the public alley system within Square 1090, bounded by 16th Street, S.E., D Street, S.E., 17th Street, S.E., and E Street, S.E., as Adelaide Alley.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Adelaide Alley Designation Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. (a) On June 25, 2019, the Council passed on final reading the Adelaide Alley Designation Act of 2019, passed on 2nd reading on June 25, 2019 (Enrolled version of Bill 23-22) (“Designation Act”), which has been transmitted to the Mayor for her signature, with a response due on July 16, 2019.

(b) The Designation Act would officially name a portion of the public alley system within Square 1090, bounded by 16th Street, S.E., D Street, S.E., 17th Street, S.E., and E Street, S.E., (“public alley”) as Adelaide Alley.

(c) Once the public alley is officially named, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (“DCRA”) will be able to issue official addresses to lots in the public alley.

(d) The Mayor, Council, and Zoning Commission have all committed to increasing density to address the ongoing affordable housing crisis in the District, including through the Zoning

34 Commission's 2016 changes to the Zoning Code that facilitate development of new housing in
35 alleys.

36 (e) At least one housing development project is planned for a lot in the public alley, which
37 cannot begin construction until DCRA issues a construction permit. However, DCRA has adopted
38 a policy of not issuing construction permits for projects that do not have an official address.

39 (f) Emergency legislation is necessary to allow DCRA to issue construction permits for
40 projects in the public alley before the Designation Act becomes effective.

41 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
42 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Adelaide
43 Alley Designation Emergency Act of 2019 be adopted after a single reading.

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