

## Council of the District of Columbia

**TO:** Chairperson Phil Mendelson  
**FROM:** Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.  
**RE:** Request to Agendize Emergency Measures for the July 12, 2022 Additional Legislative Meeting  
**DATE:** July 7, 2022

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Please place the following emergency measures on the agenda for the July 12, 2022 Additional Legislative Meeting.

- **2662 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, Southeast Tax Sale Certificate Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022**
- **2662 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, Southeast Tax Sale Certificate Emergency Amendment Act of 2022**
- **2662 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, Southeast Tax Sale Certificate Temporary Amendment Act of 2022**

The property located at 2662 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E. (subject property) was included in the District of Columbia's July 19, 2016 public tax sale. On May 1, 2019, the Superior Court of the District of Columbia issued an Order to the purchaser of the Certificate of Sale declaring that the purchaser successfully foreclosed the rights of redemption on the property in compliance with the statutory requirements of Chapter 13A of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code. The Order directed the Mayor, within 30 days, to deliver to the Certificate of Sale purchaser a deed for the subject property once the purchaser paid the outstanding tax deed bill on the subject property. The purchaser had one year to do so.

In 2020, the Certificate of Sale purchaser subsequently assigned its rights to the deed to the owner of adjacent parcel 2662 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE. On May 14, 2020, the assignee of the purchaser requested a final tax deed bill for the subject property from the District of Columbia's Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) to pay the tax deed bill and obtain the property deed. OTR's Tax Sale Unit manager confirmed with the assignee that although the one-year window had recently expired, the matter could be settled, and tax deed bill issued under the authority granted to OTR by the District's COVID-19 emergency legislation. As a result, the OTR manager indicated that his staff would issue a tax deed bill that day.

The assignee was prepared to make the tax deed bill payment, however OTR changed its position and did not issue the tax deed bill.