

the review panel shall be postponed until 7 business days following the end of the period of time for which the public health emergency was declared” in its place.

TITLE V. PUBLIC BODY MEETINGS

Sec. 501. Advisory Neighborhood Commission Meetings.

Section 14(b) of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975, effective March 26, 1976 (D.C. Law 1-58; D.C. Official Code § 1-309.11(b)), is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase “by the Commission.” and inserting the phrase “by the Commission; provided, that no meetings shall be required to be held during a period for which a public health emergency has been declared by the Mayor pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), and the number of meetings required to be held in a given year shall be reduced by one for every 30 days that a public health emergency is in effect during the year.”.

(2) A new paragraph (1B) is added to read as follows:

“(1B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during a period for which a public health emergency has been declared by the Mayor pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners may call a meeting and remotely participate in that meeting and vote on matters before the Commission without being physically present through a teleconference or through digital means identified by the Commission for this purpose. Members physically or remotely present shall be counted for determination of a quorum.”.

Sec. 502. Other boards and commissions.

Notwithstanding any provision of law, during a period time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01):

(a) Any requirement for a board, commission, or other public body to meet is waived, unless the Mayor determines that it is necessary or appropriate for the board, commission, or other public body to meet during the period of the public health emergency, in which case the Mayor may order the board, commission, or other public body to meet;

(b) Any vacancy that occurs on a board or commission shall not be considered a vacancy for the purposes of nominating a replacement; and

(c) The review period for nominations transmitted to the Council for approval or disapproval in accordance with section 2 of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-142; D.C. Official Code § 1-523.01), shall be tolled.

Sec. 503. Freedom of Information Act.

The Freedom of Information Act of 1976, effective March 29, 1977 (D.C. Law 1-96; D.C. Official Code § 2-531 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 202 (D.C. Official Code § 2-532) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

(A) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase “Sundays, and” and inserting the phrase “Sundays, days of a COVID-19 closure, and” in its place

(B) Paragraph (2)(A) is amended by striking the phrase “Sundays, and” and inserting the phrase “Sundays, days of a COVID-19 closure, and” in its place

(2) Subsection (d)(1) is amended by striking the phrase “Sundays, and” both times it appears and inserting the phrase “Sundays, days of a COVID-19 closure, and” in its place.

(b) Section 207(a) (D.C. Official Code § 2-537(a)) is amended by striking the phrase “Sundays, and” and inserting the phrase “Sundays, days of a COVID-19 closure, and” in its place.

(c) Section 209 (D.C. Official Code § 2-539) is amended by adding a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) “COVID-19 closure” means:

“(1) A period of time for which the Mayor has declared a public health emergency pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01); or

“(2) A period of time during which a public body is closed due to the COVID-19 coronavirus disease, as determined by the personnel authority of the public body.”.

Sec. 504. The Open Meetings Act, effective March 31, 2011 (D.C. Law 18-350; D.C. Official Code § 2-571 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 405(a) (D.C. Official Code § 2-575(a)) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase “; or” and inserting a semicolon in its place.

(2) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; or” in its place.

(3) A new paragraph (4) is added to read as follows:

“(4) During a period for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), the public body takes steps reasonably calculated to allow the public to view or hear the meeting while the meeting is taking place, or, if doing so is not technologically feasible, as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.”.

(b) Section 406 (D.C. Official Code § 2-576) is amended by adding a new paragraph (6) to read as follows:

“(6) The public posting requirements of paragraph (2)(A) of this section shall not apply during a period for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01).”.

(c) Section 407(a)(1) (D.C. Official Code § 2-577(a)(1)) is amended by striking the phrase “attend the meeting;” and inserting the phrase “attend the meeting, or in the case of a meeting held during a period for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01), steps are taken that are reasonably calculated to allow the public to view or hear the meeting while the meeting is taking place, or, if doing so is not technologically feasible, as soon as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.”.

(d) Section 408(b) (D.C. Official Code § 2-578(b)) is amended by adding a new paragraph (3) to read as follows:

“(3) The schedule provided in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection shall be tolled during a period for which a public health emergency has been declared pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01).”.

#### TITLE VI. COUNCIL AUTHORITY

##### Sec. 601. Budget submission requirements.

The Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Submission Requirements Resolution of 2019, effective November 22, 2019 (Res. 23-268; 66 DCR 15372), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 is amended by striking the phrase “not later than March 19, 2020,” and inserting the phrase “not later than May 6, 2020, unless another date is set by subsequent resolution of the Council” in its place.

(b) Section 3(2)(A) is amended by striking the phrase “the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act of 2020,” and inserting the phrase “the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act of 2020, the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Emergency Act of 2020, the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Temporary Act of 2020,” in its place.

##### Section 602. Virtual meetings.

Section 367 of the Rules of Organization and Procedure for the Council of the District of Columbia, Council Period 23, effective January 2, 2019 (Res. 23-1; 66 DCR 272), is amended by striking the phrase “remote voting or proxy shall” and inserting the phrase “proxy shall” in its place.

##### Section 603. Grant budget modifications.

(a) The Council approves the acceptance, obligation, and expenditure by the Mayor of the federal, private, and other grants related to the Declaration of Public Emergency (Mayor’s Order 2020-045) and the Declaration of Public Health Emergency (Mayor’s Order 2020-046), both