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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D.C. LAW 10-212

"Business Regulatory Reform Commission Act of 1994".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P.L. 93-198 "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 10-481 on first and second readings, November 1, 1994 and December 6, 1994, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on December 15, 1994, this legislation was assigned Act No. 10-349, and published in the December 23, 1994, edition of the D.C. Register (Vol. 41 page 8029) and transmitted to Congress on January 31, 1995, for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602(c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 10-212, effective March 16, 1995.

Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

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District of Columbia Code

D.C. ACT 10-349

(1995 Supplement) New Chapter 41, Title 2

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DECEMBER 15, 1994

To establish the Business Regulatory Reform Commission for the purposes of identifying and recommending legislation to eliminate or modify business regulations in the District of Columbia that are obsolete, inconsistent, or duplicative; recommending legislation to assure timely disposition of permit and license applications and objections to such applications; and recommending administrative changes to improve governmental reviews of permit and license applications.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Business Regulatory Reform Commission Act of 1994".

Sec. 2. Business Regulatory Reform Commission.

There is established a Business Regulatory Reform Commission ("Commission") in the District which shall consist of 19 voting members as follows:

(1) There shall be 7 ex officio members, who each may designate from time to time a representative to perform the member's responsibilities under this act, as follows:

(A) The Mayor of the District of Columbia;

(B) The Corporation Counsel of the District of

Columbia;

(C) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs:

(D) The Administrator of the Business Regulation Administration of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs;

(E) The Administrator of the Building and Land Regulation Administration of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs:

(F) The Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia ("Council"); and

(G) The Chairperson of the Council's Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

(2) There shall be 12 public members, including the chairperson of the Commission, each of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. The public members shall be nominated as follows:

(A) One member shall be nominated from a list of persons recommended by the District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce,

New Section 2-4101 each of whom shall be a District resident or a nonresident who represents a business, occupation, or profession regulated in the District:

- (B) One member shall be nominated from a list of persons recommended by the Greater Washington Board of Trade, each of whom shall be a District resident or a nonresident who represents a business, occupation, or profession regulated in the District;
- (C) One member shall be nominated from a list of persons recommended by the District of Columbia Building Industry Association, each of whom shall be a resident or a nonresident who represents a business, occupation, or profession regulated in the District:
- (D) One member shall be nominated from a list of persons recommended by the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington, each of whom shall be a District resident or a nonresident who represents a business, occupation, or profession regulated in the District;
- (E) One member shall be nominated from a list of persons recommended by the Washington Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Washington Chapter, each of whom shall be a District resident or a nonresident who represents a business, occupation, or profession regulated in the District;
- (F) One member shall be nominated from a list of persons recommended by the Washington, D.C., Association of Realtors, each of whom shall be a District resident or a nonresident who represents a business, occupation or profession regulated in the District;
- (G) One member shall be nominated from a list of persons recommended by the Board of Governors of the District of Columbia Bar, each of whom shall be a District resident or a nonresident who has demonstrated interest or expertise in businesses, occupations, or professions regulated in the District; and
- (H) Five members shall be nominated by the Mayor, who shall be District residents and representative, to the greatest degree possible, of the demographic diversity of the District, and each of whom shall not be an official representative of any business, profession, or occupation regulated in the District.
- (3) Members of the Commission shall be nominated by the Mayor within 45 days of the effective date of this act. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner that the original appointment was made.
- (4) The Commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson, who shall convene the first meeting of the Commission not later than 15 days after all appointments have been made, and who shall require the Commission to meet not less often than once each month.
- (5) A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. An audio or written transcript or transcription shall be kept for all meetings at which a vote is taken.
- (6) Members of the Commission shall not be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties and shall not be compensated for time expended in the performance of official duties.
- (7) The Commission may request from any department, agency, or instrumentality of the District government, including independent agencies, any information necessary to carry out the provisions of this

- act. Each department, agency, instrumentality, or independent agency of the District shall cooperate with the Commission and provide any information, in a timely manner, that the Commission requests to carry out the provisions of this act.
- (8) The Mayor shall provide administrative and technical support, office space, staff, and other resources needed by the Commission to carry out the provisions of this act.
- (9) In addition to funds appropriated or allocated by the District government, the Commission may solicit, receive, accept, and expend contributions or grants from private or federal sources to carry out the provisions of this act. Any Commission solicitation, receipt, acceptance, or expenditure of contributions or grants from private sources must be approved by the Mayor before it occurs.
- (10) The Commission may enter into contracts, for which sufficient appropriations or other public or private funding is available and provided, with federal or state agencies, private firms, institutions, or individuals to conduct research or surveys, prepare reports, and perform other activities necessary to the discharge of its duties.
- (11) The Commission may establish such advisory groups, committees, or subcommittees, consisting of members or nonmembers, as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.
- (12) The Commission shall cease to exist 60 days after the report required by section 3 is submitted to the Mayor and the Council.
 - Sec. 3. Duties of the Commission; recommended legislation.
- (a) Within 1 year from the date of the first meeting of its members, the Commission shall submit a written report to the Mayor and the Council which includes the following information:
- (1) An identification of statutes and regulations in the District of Columbia that are obsolete, inconsistent, or duplicative, with particular focus upon laws administered by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs which govern the permitting or licensing of building and land uses, businesses, occupations, and professions;
- (2) Recommendations, including proposed legislation, to eliminate or modify the obsolete, inconsistent, or duplicative statutes and regulations identified pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection;
- (3) Recommendations, including proposed legislation, to assure timely disposition of permit and license applications, and objections to these applications; and
- (4) Recommendations for administrative changes to improve the processing of permit and license applications, and objections to these applications, including, but not limited to, proposals to revitalize the one stop permit center and otherwise improve public accessibility to and interaction with the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs; provided that nothing in this act shall preclude the Mayor from implementing these administrative improvements during the pendency of the Commission's work.
- (b) The Chairman of the Council, upon request of the Commission, shall introduce in the Council any proposed legislation which the Commission determines to be necessary to further the purposes set forth in this act.

New Section 2-4102

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Sec. 4. This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in either the District of Columbia Register, the District of Columbia Statutes-at-Large, or the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.

Chairman

Council of the District of Columbia

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APPROVED: December 15, 1994



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