

Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to adjust certain appropriations in the Fiscal Year 2025 Local Budget Act of 2024.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Fiscal Year 2025 Revised Local Budget Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2025”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Mayor and the Council previously adopted a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2025 pursuant to the Fiscal Year 2025 Local Budget Act of 2024, effective September 18, 2024 (D.C. Law 25-218; 71 DCR 8366).

(b) Since the time that budget was approved, Congress adjusted the District’s Fiscal Year 2025 budget through the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, approved March 15, 2025 (Pub. L. 119-4; 139 Stat. 9), and the Chief Financial Officer issued revised revenue estimates for Fiscal Year 2025. In addition, certain budget pressures have arisen since the beginning of Fiscal Year 2025.

(c) As part of Congress’s actions under the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, Congress appropriated the District’s Fiscal Year 2025 local budget at the level specified for *Fiscal Year 2024* in the Financial Services and General Government

31 Appropriations Act, 2024 (division B of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024,  
32 approved March 23, 2024 (Pub. L. 118-47; 138 Stat. 460)).

33 (d) This change unnecessarily and detrimentally impacted the District’s ability to spend  
34 approximately \$1.1 billion of its own locally generated revenue. Congress compounded this  
35 significant problem by taking its action during the middle of the fiscal year, and even though it  
36 had twice previously approved, through two prior continuing resolutions, the District’s own  
37 enacted Fiscal Year 2025 spending levels. These actions greatly reduced the District’s ability to  
38 fund important services for District residents, commuters, and visitors, such as public safety,  
39 educational supports, infrastructure improvements, and social services.

40 (e) The District is able to somewhat mitigate the impact of Congress’s action by utilizing  
41 the authority providing by Congress in Section 817 of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009,  
42 approved March 13, 2009 (123 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 47-369.02) (“Section 817”).

43 (f) Section 817 authorizes the District, “beginning in fiscal year 2009 and each fiscal year  
44 thereafter,” to increase the amounts appropriated in a fiscal year, when such an increase is  
45 consistent with revenue collections.

46 (g) In such a circumstance, the District may, pursuant to section 817, increase the amount  
47 appropriated for special-purpose revenue funds by an aggregate amount of up to 25% and to  
48 increase the amount appropriated for any other District funds by an aggregate amount of up to  
49 6%.

50 (h) Revenue collections from special-purpose revenue funds, dedicated taxes, and local  
51 funds in Fiscal Year 2025 exceed the amounts appropriated for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024.

52 (i) Appropriating these additional revenue collections will allow the District to provide  
53 support for public services, including public safety, education, and human services, above the  
54 levels authorized in Congress’s Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025.

55 (j) Unfortunately, however, even after these adjustments are made, Congress’s actions  
56 will have resulted in the unnecessary and detrimental reduction in the District’s ability to spend  
57 \$XXX million of its own local funds,

58 (k) Therefore, at this time, adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2025 budget are now necessary  
59 to recognize the adjustments made by Congress; recognize additional resources above the  
60 Congressionally adjusted amounts that are now available for appropriation by the District  
61 pursuant to section 817 of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, approved March 13, 2009  
62 (123 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 47-369.02); and address existing budget pressures.

63 (l) It is important to take immediate action to make these adjustments so that the  
64 associated modifications to District government programs and activities may be timely  
65 implemented and a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2025 may be maintained.

66 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
67 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Fiscal  
68 Year 2025 Revised Local Budget Emergency Act of 2025 be adopted after a single reading.

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