

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 adopt the local portion of the budget of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Fiscal Year 2026 Local Budget Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2025”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Council is expected to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Local Budget Act of 2025 in late July or early August, after which it will be transmitted to the Mayor for the Mayor’s review and approval. The act will then be transmitted to Congress for a 30-day passive review period required by section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)).

(b) In order for the District government to operate fully and provide necessary services to District residents, visitors, businesses, and others in Fiscal Year 2026, legislation approving the Fiscal Year 2026 budget must be effective prior to October 1, 2025, the start of Fiscal Year 2026.

(c) Due to the timing of the submission and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget and the congressional recess schedule, the Fiscal Year 2026 Local Budget Act of 2025 is not expected to complete the congressional review period before October 1, 2025.

31 (d) The Mayor therefore transmitted to the Council the Fiscal Year 2026 Local Budget
32 Emergency Act of 2025, which is not subject to a congressional review period but is limited in
33 its duration of effectiveness, so that an approved budget and financial plan for Fiscal Year 2026
34 may be effective before the start of the fiscal year while the Fiscal Year 2026 Local Budget Act
35 of 2025 completes its congressional review period.

36 Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute
37 emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Fiscal Year 2026 Local Budget
38 Emergency Act of 2025 be adopted after a single reading.

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