

Government of the District of Columbia  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
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**DATE:** August 18, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – “Closing of a Public Alley in Square 197, S.O. 15-23895, Act of 2015”

**REFERENCE:** Bill 21-240, Draft Committee Print given to the Office of Revenue Analysis on July 28, 2015

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2016 through FY 2019 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The bill authorizes the closing of a portion of the public alley system in Square 197, space bounded by L Street, N.W., 15th Street, N.W., M Street, N.W., and 16th Street, N.W. The space is currently the Washington Post headquarters building, but it will be replaced with a new office building by the developer, 1100 15th Street, LLC. The existing dead-end alley will be replaced with a larger, privately owned alley that continues through the property to the adjacent street. The developer must agree to keep the new alley open for public use, and to maintain the alley, before the closing will be deemed approved.<sup>1</sup>

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2016 through FY 2019 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. District executive agencies and utilities do not object to the closing of this alley space. The developer, and not the District, will be required to maintain the new alley space. In addition, by authorizing the closure of a public alley, the bill will increase taxable land in the District.

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<sup>1</sup> This is done by recording an easement covenant for the new alley.