

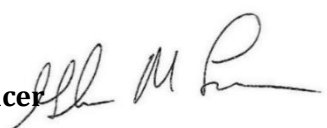
Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



**Glen Lee**  
Chief Financial Officer

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Glen Lee  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** December 19, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Litter Control Amendment Act of 2023

**REFERENCE:** Bill 25-412, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on December 18, 2023

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

**Background**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (SWEEP) team educates District property owners and investigates solid waste, sanitation, and recycling complaints or other potential nuisance conditions. If the SWEEP team discovers a condition that requires action, it can issue a Notice of Violation (NOV) to the person who created the nuisance or to the property owner. DPW can personally serve the NOV, affix it to the premises, or send it to the person responsible or owner via certified mail.<sup>1</sup>

The bill authorizes DPW to also serve an NOV via first-class mail. If DPW chooses to serve the NOV via first-class mail, then DPW must give the recipient five additional days to take any action indicated on the NOV. The bill also authorizes the Mayor to inspect and investigate nuisance allegations involving residential buildings through observation from a public space.

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<sup>1</sup> Litter Control Administration Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-100; D.C. Official Code § 8-803).

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### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2027 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. DPW will, when appropriate, use first-class mail instead of certified mail. DPW's planned use of first-class mail could save the agency over \$300,000 annually depending on how many notices the agency sends using first-class rather than certified mail. DPW can absorb any costs associated with inspecting or investigating a nuisance allegation located on residential premises within the agency's existing budgeted resources.