

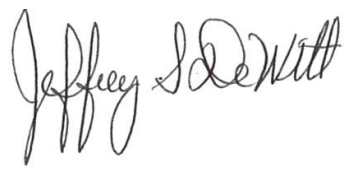
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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. DeWitt  
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**DATE:** October 25, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – 2017 District of Columbia Construction  
Codes Approval Resolution of 2019

**REFERENCE:** Draft resolution provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October  
18, 2019

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the resolution.

**Background**

The resolution approves rulemaking<sup>1</sup> to make clarifications and updates to the District of Columbia Construction Codes (“DCCC”). The changes include new construction requirements that reflect advances in technology, engineering and safety practices. The changes were adopted by the District’s Construction Codes Coordinating Board<sup>2</sup> as part of an approval process that allowed for public comments. The codes have not been comprehensively updated since 2014.

Among the changes, the updates align the DCCC with the Clean Energy DC Plan<sup>3</sup>, Sustainable DC 2.0<sup>4</sup>, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s requirements for new construction and improvements on sites within flood hazard zones. The changes also include additional notifications

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<sup>1</sup> 66 DCR 8854-9719 (July 26, 2019), available at <https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/DCR/Issues/IssueCategoryList.aspx?CategoryID=14&IssueID=800>.

<sup>2</sup> Construction Codes Coordinating Board web page (<https://dcra.dc.gov/service/construction-codes-coordinating-board>).

<sup>3</sup> Clean Energy DC Plan is published here (<https://doee.dc.gov/cleanenergydc>).

<sup>4</sup> Sustainable DC 2.0 plan is published her: ([https://doee.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddoe/service\\_content/attachments/sdc%202.0%20Edits%20V2%20web4.pdf](https://doee.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddoe/service_content/attachments/sdc%202.0%20Edits%20V2%20web4.pdf)).

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to neighboring properties when construction may affect the structural stability of an adjoining property.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2020 through fiscal year 2023 budget and financial plan to implement the resolution. The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs can absorb any costs of training its building inspectors and plans reviewers. There are no other anticipated costs to the District as a result of the resolution.