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Glen Lee Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

ТО:	The Honorable Phil Mendelson
	Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
FROM:	Glen Lee Chief Financial Officer Hand Man
DATE:	October 28, 2024
SUBJECT:	Fiscal Impact Statement – Closing of Public Streets and Alleys Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043 Clarification Amendment Act of 2024
REFERENCE:	Bill 25-10, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 17, 2024

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

Park Morton is a public housing community located in Ward 1 near the Georgia Avenue, N.W. corridor, just south of the Petworth neighborhood. The property, which is owned by the District of Columbia Housing Authority,¹ is undergoing a two-phase redevelopment to create affordable housing in a mixed-income community with integrated human services to support the community's residents. To support the redevelopment, the Council approved² the closure of alley and street segments located within the block bounded by Park Road, N.W., Georgia Avenue, N.W., and Morton Street, N.W.

¹ The property encompasses portions of the properties known for assessment and tax purposes as Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043.

² Closing of Public Streets and Alleys and Dedication of Land for Public Street and Alley Purposes Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043, S.O. 17-21093 and S.O. 17-21094, Act of 2020, effective March 16, 2021 (D.C. Law 23-239; 68 DCR 3661).

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FIS: Bill 25-10, "Closing of Public Streets and Alleys Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043 Clarification Amendment Act of 2024," as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 17, 2024

and a component of Morton Street, N.W. At the same time, Council accepted the dedication of new street segments of 6th Street, N.W.,³ Luray Place, N.W.,⁴ and Morton Street, N.W.⁵

The bill directs the District's Surveyor to approve the street and alley closures and dedications in phases to align with the project's two-phased development timeline. These approvals are contingent upon the plats submitted by the developer conforming to Zoning Commission Order 16-12.⁶ The bill directs the closures and dedications north of Morton Street, N.W. to occur by December 31, 2024 and those south of Morton Street, N.W. by December 31, 2025. The bill also allows the Surveyor to extend either of these dates by up to two years.

These directives are consistent with temporary legislation⁷ approved by the Council, which expired in October 2023.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The Surveyor can record the street and alley closures and dedications consistent with the bill's phasing schedule within the office's existing budgeted resources.

³ Running south from Park Road, N.W. to a public alley just south of Morton Street, N.W.

⁴ Luray Place will be created from the southern end of the new 6th Street, N.W. segment eastward to a public alley.

⁵ Morton Street, N.W. will be extended east to Warder Street, N.W.

⁶ Ordered July 15, 2016.

⁷ Closing of Public Streets and Alleys Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043 Clarification Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2022, effective March 10, 2023 (D.C. Law 24-326; 70 DCR 3557).