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Glen Lee Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

| ТО: | The Honorable Phil Mendelson |
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| | Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia |
| FROM: | Glen Lee Chief Financial Officer III Man |
| DATE: | July 14, 2025 |
| SUBJECT: | Fiscal Impact Statement – Elmore-Friendship Court Designation Act of 2025 |
| REFERENCE : | Bill 26-220, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on July 3, 2025 |

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the proposed revised fiscal year 2025 budget and proposed fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The alley system located within the block bounded by 16th Street, N.E., East Capitol Street, N.E., 17th Street, N.E., and A Street, N.E.¹ served as a gathering place for neighbors and the community for decades. Morgan B. Elmore operated his upholstery shop out of the alley behind 1615 A Street, N.E. Family and friends would often play horseshoes in the alley next to the shop. During the COVID-19 public health emergency, the alley again became a gathering spot for friends and neighbors seeking safe, outdoor spaces to interact.

The bill officially designates the alley system located within the above-described block as Elmore-Friendship Court. The owner of the property located at 1608 East Capitol Street, N.E. also owns a carriage house that opens to the alley system. The property owner requires an official address for the carriage house to supply it with water infrastructure.

¹ This block is known for assessment and tax purposes as Square 1084.

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Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the proposed revised fiscal year 2025 budget and proposed fiscal year 2026 through fiscal year 2029 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will fabricate and install two signs to officially designate the roadway as Elmore-Friendship Court. The signs will cost \$380 and DDOT can absorb the cost within the agency's existing budgeted resources. DDOT will work with all relevant District agencies to ensure the official street designation is established.