

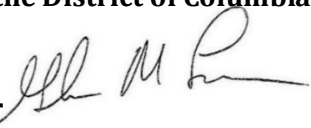
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Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: February 18, 2025

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley and
Dedication of Land for Alley Purposes in Square 756, S.O. 24-00310, Act
of 2025

REFERENCE: Bill 26-39, Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue
Analysis on January 30, 2025

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The property owner will pay the District \$9,881 to support the relocation of District-owned infrastructure.

Background

St. Joseph's Catholic Church is located on Capitol Hill at the corner of 2nd Street, N.E. and C Street, N.E.¹ The church is constructing a 5,000-square-foot parish center in the alleyway behind the church.

To support the construction of the parish center, the bill approves the closure of approximately 270 square feet of the alley which is surrounded by church-owned property.² The bill also approves the dedication to the District of approximately 105 square feet of the church-owned surface parking lot to expand the public alley.

¹ Known for assessment and tax purposes as Square 756, Lot 806.

² The closure is bounded by the public alley and the properties known for assessment and tax purposes as Square 756, Lots 806 and 47.

The Honorable Phil Mendelson

FIS: Bill 26-39, "Closing of a Portion of a Public Alley and Dedication of Land for Alley Purposes in Square 756, S.O. 24-00310, Act of 2025," Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on January 30, 2025

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The 270-square-foot alley closure will revert to the adjacent property owner, which is the church itself. The church's properties are currently tax-exempt, and if the uses of the parish center are consistent with the church's tax exemption, then there will be no real property tax revenues from the alley closure. The church has agreed, as a condition of the closure, to pay the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) \$9,881 to relocate streetlight infrastructure located within the closure area. DDOT will deposit these funds into the Transportation Infrastructure Project Review Fund³ to pay for the infrastructure relocation. DDOT also requires the church to construct the 170-square-foot alley dedication to DDOT alley and roadway standards.

³ Transportation Infrastructure and Public Space Impact Mitigation Amendment Act of 2014, effective July 23, 2014 (D.C. Law 20-128; D.C. Official Code § 50-921.17).