

COVID-19 Update - DC Council Passes Second Emergency Relief Bill



Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Dear HAWDC Member:

Today, the District Council passed the "COVID-19 Response Supplemental Emergency Amendment Act of 2020," to further assist in relief efforts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Below is a summary of the bill as it may relate to your operations:

- **COVID-19 Emergency Period:** Authorizes the Mayor to extend the COVID-19 emergency period to mid-June.
- **Paid Leave:** Employers shall provide employees, who are employed at least 15 days before the request of leave, 14 days of paid leave for the leave to care for oneself or a family member as it relates to COVID-19.
- **Mortgage Deferment:** Mortgage companies will be required to develop an application process to allow mortgagees to apply for a deferment of mortgage payments during the COVID-19 emergency period, and for 60 days after.
- **Cable & Telecommunications Services:** Prevents disconnection of basic cable and telecommunication services during the COVID-19 emergency period.
- **Debt Collection:** Prevents debt collection or repossession during the COVID-19 emergency period and for 60 days thereafter.
- **Evictions:** Prevents evictions during the COVID-19 emergency period.

- **Carry-Out/Delivery of Alcohol:** Codifies the ABRA rule to allow hotels to sell alcoholic beverages for carry-out or delivery, with the purchase of one or more prepared food items.

Regards,
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