

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

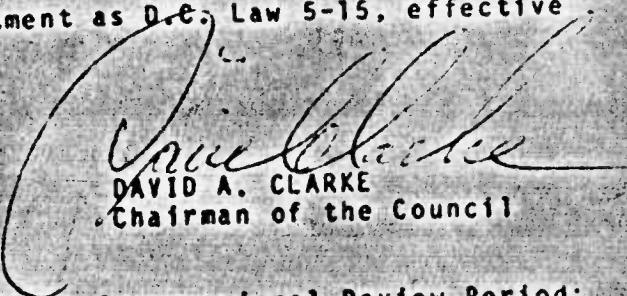
NOTICE

D.C. LAW 5-15

"District of Columbia Construction Codes Adoption Act of 1983".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 5-40 on first and second readings, April 12, 1983 and April 26, 1983, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on May 13, 1983, this legislation was assigned Act No. 5-30, published in the June 3, 1983 edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 30 page 2661) and transmitted to Congress May 17, 1983 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 5-15, effective July 1, 1983.


DAVID A. CLARKE
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

May 17,18,19,20,23,24,25,26

June 1,2,3,6,7,8,9,10,13,14,15,16,17,20,21,22,23,24,27,28,
29,30

AN ACT

D.C. LAW 5 - 15

D.C. ACT 5-30

EFFECTIVE
DATE JUL 01 1983

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MAY 13 1983

To develop model construction codes for adoption in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
That this act may be cited as the "District of Columbia
Construction Codes Adoption Act of 1983".

Sec. 2. (a) The Mayor of the District of Columbia ("Mayor") in consultation with the Building Code Advisory Committee ("Advisory Committee"), established by Mayor's Order No. 81-65, dated March 9, 1981, shall develop construction codes for the District of Columbia, including, but not limited to, building, mechanical, fire prevention, plumbing, and energy conservation codes.

CODIFICATION

Note,
D.C. Code,
secs. 1-322, -323,
-1023, -1119, &
5-504
(1981 ed.)

(b) The Mayor shall, within 18 months following the effective date of this act, submit recommended construction codes to the Council of the District of Columbia ("Council") for approval in accordance with section 4.

(c) In developing the codes, the Mayor shall evaluate the relative merits of the model codes offered by the Building Officials and Code Administrators, the Southern Building Code Congress International, the International Conference of Building Officials, and any other model codes the Advisory Committee believes are worthy of consideration.

(d) The recommended construction codes provided for in this section shall specify which provisions of existing construction codes are to be repealed or amended as of the effective date of the new construction codes and any special provisions which may be needed to facilitate the transition from existing construction codes to the recommended construction codes.

Sec. 3. Within 6 months after the effective date of this act, the Mayor shall issue rules to implement the provisions of this act. The rules shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:

(1) That the Advisory Committee shall make every reasonable effort to give prior notice in the District of Columbia Register of its meetings to consider proposed construction codes;

(2) That the notice shall include a synopsis of each proposed code to be considered by the Advisory Committee;

(3) That the notice shall indicate how the proposed code departs from current regulations; and

(4) That the notice shall indicate where interested persons can obtain copies of or review the proposed code.

Sec. 4. The recommended construction codes submitted to the Council pursuant to section 2 shall take effect on May 1, 1985, unless the Council, within 90 days (excluding days on which the Council is on recess according to its rules) after the date of submission, adopts a resolution of

disapproval.

Sec. 5. The Mayor shall appoint to the Advisory Committee 2 individuals designated by the Chairperson of the Council's Committee on Housing and Economic Development.

Sec. 6. The Mayor shall submit to the Council an interim report on the progress of development of the construction codes 12 months following the effective date of this act.

Sec. 7. The codes developed pursuant to section 2 shall apply to the buildings, structures, equipment, signs, devices, and premises for which code requirements are therein provided and for which a permit application has not been filed before the effective date of the codes for the purpose of construction, alteration, change, repair, improvement, or razing, with the following reservations:

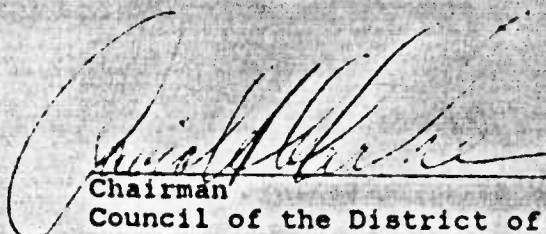
(1) In those buildings occupied by or for any foreign government as an embassy or chancery, compliance with the model codes is not required. A courtesy inspection will be made by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs upon the receipt of a formal request from the Chief of Protocol of the United States Department of State to make an inspection.

(2) The provisions of the codes shall be inapplicable to public buildings or premises owned by the United States government, including appurtenant structures and portions of buildings, premises, or structures which are under the exclusive control of an officer of the United States in his or her official capacity. A courtesy

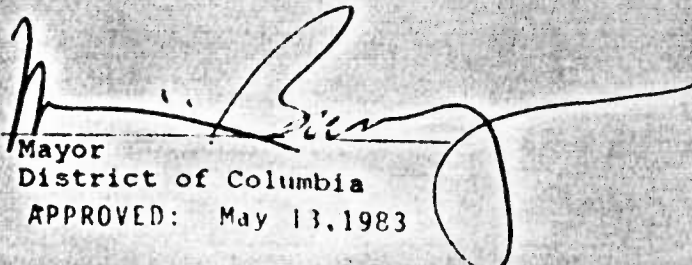
inspection will be made by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs upon the receipt of a formal request from the United States General Services Administration to make an inspection.

Sec. 8. Any person who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions or requirements of the codes or their amendments or orders authorized thereby commits an offense, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$300 or imprisoned for not more than 10 days, or both, for each violation.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-233(c)(1)).



Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia



Mayor
District of Columbia
APPROVED: May 13, 1983



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Council Period Five -- First Session

RECORD OF OFFICIAL COUNCIL VOTE

DOCKET NO

B 5-40

☒ Item on Consent Calendar

☒ ACTION & DATE Adopted First Reading, 4-12-83

☒ VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Recorded vote on request

Absent all present

ROLL CALL VOTE -- RESULT

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NV	AB
CHMN. CLARKE					MOORE, JR.					SPAULDING				
CRAWFORD					RAY					WILSON				
JARVIS					ROLARK					WINTER				
KANE					SHACKLETON									
MASON					SMITH, JR.									

X -- Indicates Vote AB -- Absent NV -- Present, not voting

CERTIFICATION RECORD

Russell C. Smith
Secretary to the Council

April 14, 1983
Date

☒ Item on Consent Calendar

☒ ACTION & DATE Adopted Final Reading, 4-26-83

☒ VOICE VOTE Unanimous

Recorded vote on request

Absent: Ray

ROLL CALL VOTE -- RESULT

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NV	AB
CHMN. CLARKE					MOORE, JR.					SPAULDING				
CRAWFORD					RAY					WILSON				
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MASON					SMITH, JR.									

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CERTIFICATION RECORD

Russell C. Smith
Secretary to the Council

April 27, 1983
Date

☐ Item on Consent Calendar

☐ ACTION & DATE

☐ VOICE VOTE

Recorded vote on request

Absent

ROLL CALL VOTE -- RESULT

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	NV	AB
CHMN. CLARKE					MOORE, JR.					SPAULDING				
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Secretary to the Council

Date

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