### COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### NOTICE

### D.C. LAW 6-158

"Self-Inspection of Heating and Hot Water Systems Act of 1986".

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. 6-387 on first and second readings, June 24, 1986 and July 8, 1986, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on July 16, 1986, this legislation was assigned Act No. 6-201, published in the August 15, 1986, edition of the <u>D.C. Register</u>, (Vol. 33 page 4936) and transmitted to Congress on July 22, 1986 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 6-158, effective September 23, 1986.

DAVID A. CLARKE
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

July 22,23,24,25,28,29,30,31

August 1,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,15

September 8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19,22

AN ACT

## D.C. ACT 6 - 201

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

# JUL 1 6 1986

To amend the Housing Code of the District of Columbia to require the owners of rental property to cause an inspection of the furnace, boiler or other central heating system and hot water facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
That this act may be cited as the "Self-Inspection of
Heating and Hot Water Systems Act of 1986".

Sec. 2. Section 2407 of the Housing Code of the District of Columbia, ordered August 11, 1955 (C.O. 55-1502; 14 DCMR 501), is amended by adding new subsections 501.6, 501.7, 501.8, and 501.9 to read as follows:

"501.6 The owner of a single-family dwelling, occupied in whole or in part by a tenant or tenants in which 1 or more housing violation notices were issued because of a defective heating system under the control of the owner, shall cause the furnace, boiler, or other central heating or hot water system to be inspected by a qualified person in the period between March 1 and September 1 subsequent to the issuance of the violation notices. In addition to testing

the efficiency and adequacy of the heating and hot water systems, the flues, vents, and dampers shall be inspected for escape of carbon monoxide gas. The findings on inspection shall be recorded on forms approved by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs ("Department") within 15 days following the inspection and shall be delivered to the owner, who shall file a copy with the Department within 7 days of the receipt of such findings. The owner shall correct all defects as found upon the inspection before October 1 of that year and shall certify to the Department that the corrections have been made.

"501.7 The owner of a multiple dwelling, containing 2 or more units, shall cause the furnace, boiler, or other central heating systems to be inspected by a qualified person between March 1 and September 1 of each year. In addition to testing the efficiency and adequacy of the heating and hot water systems, the flues, vents, and dampers shall be inspected for escape of carbon monoxide gas. The findings on inspection shall be recorded on forms approved by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs within 15 days following the inspection and shall be delivered to the owner, who shall file a copy with the Department within 7 days of the receipt of such findings. The owner shall correct all defects as found upon the inspection before October 1 of each year, and shall certify to the Department

that the corrections have been made.

"501.8 For the purposes of 501.6 and 501.7 the term
"qualified person" means a master plumber and gas fitter,
heating and air conditioning contractor, master mechanic,
licensed by the District, or a certified employee of a
public utility.

"501.9 The certifications required by 501.6 and 501.7 shall be in writing and shall be signed by the owner and by a "qualified person".".

Sec. 3. Section 2402 of the Housing Code of the District of Columbia, ordered August 11, 1955 (C.O. 55-1502; 14 DCMR 606), is amended by adding new subsections 606.3, and 606.4, 606.5, and 606.6 to read as follows:

in whole or in part by a tenant or tenants in which 1 or more housing violation notices were issued because of a defective water heating facility, under the control of the owner, and whose water heating facility is separate from the central heating system, shall cause the water heating facility to be inspected by a qualified person in the period between March 1 and September 1, subsequent to the issuance of the violation notices. In addition to testing the efficiency of the water heating facility, the flues, vents and dampers shall be inspected for escape of carbon monoxide gas. The findings on inspection shall be recorded on forms

approved by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory

Affairs ("Department") within 15 days following the

inspection and shall be delivered to the owner, who shall

file a copy with the Department within 7 days of receipt of

such findings. The owner shall correct all defects as found

upon the inspection before October 1 of that year and shall

certify to the Department that the corrections have been

made.

or more units, whose water heating facility is separate from the central heating system, shall cause the water heating facility to be inspected by a qualified person between March 1 and September 1 of each year. In addition to testing the efficiency and adequacy of the water heating facility, the flues, vents, and dampers shall be inspected for escape of carbon monoxide gas. The findings on inspection shall be recorded on forms approved by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs within 15 days following the inspection and shall be delivered to the owner, who shall correct all defects as found upon the inspection before October 1 of each year, and shall certify to the Department that the corrections have been made.

"qualified person" means a master plumber and gas fitter,
heating and air conditioning contractor, master mechanic,

licensed by the District, or a certified employee of a public utility.

"606.6 The certifications required by 606.3 and 606.4 shall be in writing and shall be signed by the owner and by a qualified person.".

Sec. 4. Section 3211 and 3212 of the Housing Code of the District of Columbia, ordered August 11, 1955 (C.O. 55-1502; 14 DCMR 901), is amended by adding a new subsection 901.3 to read as follows:

or more units, shall submit to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs ("Department") a copy of each report issued to the owner by the fire inspector of the District of Columbia citing 1 or more violations of the Fire Prevention Code, (25 DCMR). The owner shall submit the copy of the report to the Department within 5 days of the date of issuance. The owner shall correct the violations cited in the report within 15 days of the date of issuance, and shall submit written certification to the Department that the corrections have been made.".

Sec. 5. 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: July 16, 1986



### COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Council Period Six — Second Session

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