

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the Washington Convention Center Authority Act of 1994 to authorize the use of the new convention center vault space by the new convention center hotel for certain purposes and to authorize an underground airspace lease in addition to vault permits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “New Convention Center Hotel Temporary Amendment Act of 2008”.

Sec. 2. The Washington Convention Center Authority Act of 1994, effective September 28, 1994 (D.C. Law 10-188; D.C. Official Code § 10-1201.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) A new section 703a is added to read as follows:

“Sec. 703a. Use of new convention center vault space.

“(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with respect to the airspace located below the portion of N Street, N.W., between 7th and 9th Streets, N.W., and 9th Street, N.W., between and including N Street, N.W., and Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., and the adjoining sidewalks abutting the new convention center in which the Authority was permitted to construct, and has constructed, a portion of the new convention center, including loading docks, access ramps, and associated driveways, the Authority may enter into one or more agreements with Marriott International, Inc., or its designee, to permit Marriott International, Inc., or its designee to:

“(1) Use the new convention center’s access ramp and associated driveways;

“(2) Construct and maintain within such airspace access ways from the new convention center’s access ramp and associated driveways for the purpose of entering and exiting from the proposed loading docks of the new convention center hotel and such other purposes as may be authorized by the Authority; and

“(3) Construct, operate, and maintain within such airspace a pedestrian connector between the new convention center hotel and the new convention center.

“(b) The agreement regarding the pedestrian connector authorized under subsection (a) of this section may provide that Marriott International, Inc., or its designee, shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the pedestrian connector and, if so provided, that the Authority shall pay 50% of the costs to operate and maintain the pedestrian connector.”.

(b) Section 704 (D.C. Official Code § 10-1202.24) is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 704. Authority for vault space permit or airspace lease.

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Mayor may issue a permit or airspace

lease to Marriott International, Inc., or its designee, for vault space or airspace adjacent to the real property subject to the leases referenced in sections 702 and 703, having a term not to exceed 99 years, or such longer period as may be otherwise determined by the Mayor, and at no additional rent or fee, except as may be otherwise determined by the Mayor, but otherwise in accordance with the District of Columbia Public Space Rental Act, approved October 17, 1968 (82 Stat. 1156; D.C. Official Code § 10-1101.01 *et seq.*), and the District of Columbia Public Space Utilization Act, approved October 17, 1968 (82 Stat. 1166; D.C. Official Code § 10-1121.01 *et seq.*), as applicable.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia