

A RESOLUTION

**Proposed
Resolution
20-600**

**See Emergency
D.C. Act 20-262
20 DCStat 3025**

**Closing of a
Portion of the
Public Alley in
Square 858,
S.O. 12-03336,
Emergency
Declaration
Resolution of
2013**

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to order the closing of a portion of a public alley in Square 858, bounded by I Street, N.E., 6th Street, N.E., H Street, N.E., and 7th Street, N.E., in Ward 6.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Closing of a Portion of the Public Alley in Square 858, S.O. 12-03336, Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2013”.

Sec. 2. (a) The Council has considered, on first reading on December 3, 2013, and final reading on December 17, 2013, Bill 20-388, the Closing of a Portion of the Public Alley in Square 858, S.O. 12-03336, Act of 2013, following mark-up by the Committee of the Whole.

(b) The alley closing legislation will facilitate the development of a residential building with ground floor retail in Square 858. The alley closing requires the recordation of a covenant establishing new portions of the alley system by easement as shown on the Surveyor’s plat in S.O. 12-03336, and the applicant agrees to maintain such new portions of the alley system established by easement. The reconfigured alley system results in an improved alley system for traffic flow through and around the square. In addition, this development will have a positive fiscal impact on the District of Columbia through the generation of substantial new property tax revenues and new residential income tax, will provide affordable housing, and will result in important streetscape improvements. The development will also create approximately 350 jobs during the peak of construction and additional permanent jobs after completion of the project.

(c) The Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) 6C, the ANC within which the project is located, unanimously voted to support the alley closing and the establishment of an alley easement.

(d) Approval of emergency legislation will allow the construction of the proposed development to proceed expeditiously. Securing the alley closing approval is essential for the applicant to move forward in a timely manner with the development in accordance with its financing and lease commitments.

Sec. 3 The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Closing of a Portion of the Public Alley in Square 858, S.O. 12-03336, Emergency Act of 2013 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.