

A RESOLUTION

**Proposed Resolution
19-1177**

**See Emergency Act
D.C. Act 19-636
20 DCSTAT 399**

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to require all newly constructed, District financially assisted residential units (single-family homes, townhomes, ground units in a detached or attached multi-level building) to meet minimum standards of visitability for persons with disabilities or those who may acquire mobility and functional limitations as they age.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Visitability Requirements Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2012”.

**Visitability
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Sec. 2. (a) Residents living with disabilities make up about 20% of the District’s population, which translates to 116,000 residents. Additionally, residents 65 years of age and older make up 12% of the District’s population.

(b) Federal laws such as the Fair Housing Act do not extend to single-family homes and townhomes, thus this legislation is necessary to ensure that elderly residents living with mobility impairments as well as residents living with disabilities have access to accessible housing.

(c) By 2030, it is estimated that one in every 3 households in America will include a person living with a disability.

(d) Emergency action is necessary to ensure that there is an adequate supply of accessible housing in the District for persons with disabilities or those who may acquire mobility and functional limitations as they age.

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 Visitability Requirements Emergency Act of 2012 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.