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# Washington, District of Columbia

Washington, D.C. City Council



D.C. Law 01-0009L

## Adoption Clause

IN THE 1<sup>st</sup> CITY COUNCIL OF WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MARCH 2018

Councilman Dariel C. Powell (for himself) has introduced the following act; which was introduced to the to the District of Columbia City Council.

## AN ACT

To adopt in real life D.C. codes to make it easier for lawmakers and law enforcement, and tougher for loophole finders.

*Be it enacted by the District of Columbia City Council, within our defined authorities and jurisdiction discharged...*

### SEC I. SHORT TITLE; SEVERABILITY.

- A. This act shall not be appealed, or overturned in any manner, unless a) the council votes to explicitly repeal this act, in partial or entirety contents, b) federal law overrules this act, c) any other law in contradiction explicitly expresses the overturning of this act.
- B. This act can be referred to as "Adoption Clause", or 'D.C. Law 01-0007L'.
- C. This act shall never expire, except in cases specified in Section I, Part A.

## **SEC II. DEFINITIONS**

- A. The term “D.C. Code” shall herein be defined as any provision found at this link;  
<https://code.dccouncil.us/dc/council/code/>
- B. The term “municipal departments” or any other variation shall herein be defined as any entity under the direct control of the Mayor or D.C. City Council.
  - a. The U.S. State Police does not fall under this definition and shall be interpreted as a federal or independent police agency for the purposes of this act.

## **SEC II. ADOPTION OF D.C. CODE**

- A. The D.C. City Council shall adopt, and treat as the same as any other passed provisionary the following titles/subtitles in D.C. Code;
  - a. Title 22. Criminal Offenses and Penalties.
    - i. The following chapter(s) shall not apply to the interpretation of Title 22:
      - 1. Chapter 8A. Crimes committed against minors; Chapter 5. Bigamy; Chapter 8C. Protection of Police Animals; Chapter 9. Commercial Counterfeiting; Chapter 9A. Criminal Abuse and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults; Chapter 9B. Criminal Street Gangs; Chapter 10. Cruelty to Animals; Chapter 11. Cruelty to Children; Chapter 12A. Detection Device Tampering; Chapter 15. Forgery; Frauds; Chapter 17. Gambling; Chapter 18A. Human Trafficking; Chapter 19. Incest; Chapter 27. Prostitution; Pandering; Chapter 30A. Non-Consensual Pornography; Chapter 31. Sexual Performance Using Minors; and Chapter 35A. Voyeurism.
    - ii. The following subtitles shall not apply to the interpretation of Title 22:
      - 1. Subtitle II. Enhanced Penalties; Subtitle III. Sex Offenders; Subtitle III-A. DNA Testing; Subtitle IV. Prevention, Solution, and Punishment of Crimes; Subtitle V. Harbor, Game and Fish Laws; Subtitle VI. Regulation and Possession of Weapons.
  - b. Title 50. Motor and Non-Motor Vehicles and Traffic.
    - i. Only Chapter 22. Regulation of Traffic and subparts of the chapter apply on Section C’s interpretation of Title 50.

- ii. Subchapter V. Automated Traffic Enforcement shall not apply to the interpretation of Title 50.
- B. The crimes found in any of these titles shall be considered municipal offenses and can only be enforced by municipal departments, or entities.
- C. Any subtitles, chapters, or titles that have been repealed in real life shall not apply to the interpretation of this clause.