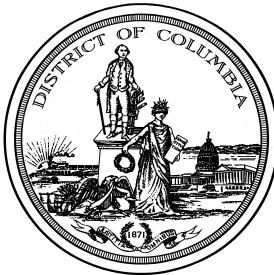


DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

City Council



Resolution No. 003

Introduced by: Deputy Mayor Koalastyll

A Resolution for an amendment entitled: “Resolution Amending D.C. Criminal Code”

A RESOLUTION in order to guarantee clear, secure, and efficient standardization of wording for the District of Columbia’s Criminal Code.

SECTION 1. SEVERABILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, GENERAL PROVISIONS, CODIFIED REFERENCE.

- a) This resolution is severable, meaning if one part does not abide by the City Charter or Federal Law, the other parts will remain in action unless also found to also violate set laws.
- b) All municipal legislation contradicting this resolution and its contents is hereby null and void collectively.
- c) This resolution’s codified reference shall be referred to as “D.C. Resolution 24-03”
- d) This resolution shall go into effect immediately upon unanimous passage from the District of Columbia City Council.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS.

- a) Whereas § 1.04 of the D.C. Criminal Code has specified in part **(b)** that “Any Law Enforcement Officer shall be authorized to enforce the entirety of this Code and shall be empowered with the ability to make arrests without warrant for crimes committed in their presence.”
- b) There is a lack of clarity in this section, thus permitting all law enforcement officers, federal and municipal, to maintain the same extent of authority because of this unclear provision.
- c) Whereas nothing prevents federal law enforcement officers from enforcing this District’s Criminal Code in whole or partly.
- d) The D.C. City Council is authorized to directly amend the Criminal Code under **Preamble (3)** per § 1.03 (a) of the code by attaining unanimous consent of the Council.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS.

- a) Whereas the D.C. City Council is authorized in the D.C. Criminal Code to amend the code, upon reaching unanimous consent of the council, **§ 1.04 (b)** is hereby amended to “Any Municipal Law Enforcement Officer shall be authorized to enforce the entirety of this Code and shall be empowered with the ability to make arrests without warrant for crimes committed in their presence.”

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