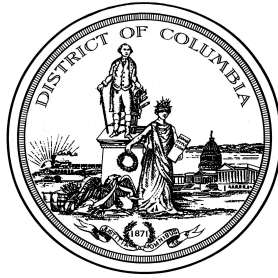# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
City Council

Ordinance No. 28-0007

Introduced by: Deputy Mayor 0Shank
On behalf of Mayor Bathamza
Co-authored by Councilman JonofDoom
An ordinance for an Act entitled: "Establishment of the D.C. Treasurer Act"

AN ACT to create the Office of the Treasurer for Washington, D.C. This law explains what the Treasurer does, how they get money for the city, and how they give that money to government departments.

TITLE I – OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

Section 101 – General Provisions.

a. This Act shall be known as the "Establishment of the D.C. Treasurer Act."

b. The doctrine of severability as recognized by common law shall be applied to this Act if any portion is found unconstitutional or invalid.

c. This Act shall take effect immediately upon passage into law.

d. Any act conflicting with this piece of legislation shall be repealed and replaced by this legislation.

Section 102 – Definitions.

a. "Owner(s)" shall be defined as any individual who is ranked "Owner" in the group with the ID code 758071

b. "Funds" shall mean the site-wide Robux currency.

Section 103 – Establishment

a. There shall be a Treasurer, a civil office, appointed by the D.C Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council of the District of Columbia.

b. The Treasurer shall have the power to appoint and at pleasure remove Deputy Treasurer, a civil office. During the absence or disability of the Treasurer, the Deputy Treasurer, or if he shall be absent or under disability, shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the Treasurer.

c. The Treasurer shall be responsible for:

    i. Raising funds for the District government;

    ii. Disbursing funds to municipal agencies and departments, with Council consent;

    iii. Overseeing and managing public funds;

    iv. Performing other duties as may be assigned by the Mayor.

d. The Treasurer shall have the authority to retain any number of administrative staff to assist in executing their duties and may delegate any authority made in this Act to any employee of the Treasurer.

Section 104. Tenure; Removal.

a. The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer shall serve an indefinite tenure, until their death, resignation, dismissal by the Mayor, or upon an Impeachment for, and Conviction, by a super majority of the council, found to have engaged in one of the following:;

    i. Severe inactivity;

    ii. Abuse of their official capacity for personal or political gain;

    iii. Gross misconduct that's recognized by the common law of the United States;

    iv. Treason;

    v. Bribery;

    vi. or other high Crimes; and

    vii. Misdemeanors.

Section 105. Council Reports.

    a. The Treasurer shall provide a report to the Council of the District of Columbia and the Mayor on the work of the Office of the Treasurer every fourteen (14) days.

        i. Not submitting such reports constitutes direct "severe inactivity" as defined as an impeachable offense in section 104.

TITLE II – FISCAL AUTHORITY AND BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

Section 201. Fundraising Authority.

    a. The Office of the Treasurer shall have the authority to pursue lawful methods of raising revenue for the District of Columbia. This includes, but is not limited to:

        i. Donations from individuals, including the Treasurer, so long as they are not coerced or tied to any official action or benefit.

        ii. Enter negotiations with external organizations, including but not limited to private entities, federal departments/agencies, or group owners.

    b. The Mayor and Chairman of the Council must be informed throughout the duration of any negotiation under this section.

    c. Upon conclusion of negotiations, the Office shall prepare and submit a report to the Mayor and Council, including:

        i. A recommendation for action.

Section 202. Council Action Based on Findings in Section 201.

    a. If the Office finds that fundraising is feasible and reasonable, the Council shall have the authority to enact an ordinance adopting the recommendation

    b. If the Council enacts the recommendation, it must include provisions defining the duration of the funding period and appropriation schedule.

Section 203. Appropriation Process.

    a. Prior to the start of a new funding period, each department head shall submit a written budget request to the Mayor and Treasurer.

    b. This request must include:

        i. A proposed amount of funding;

        ii. A breakdown of intended expenditures.

    c. The Treasurer shall prepare a consolidated budget proposal, and the Deputy Mayor shall submit it to the Council on behalf of the Treasurer, once permission is received from the Mayor.

    d. The Council shall approve or reject the budget in full; partial approvals are prohibited.

e. Upon approval, the Treasurer shall disburse the funds to the designated agencies within a reasonable timeframe.
f. If the funds isnt dispersed in a reasonable timeframe, the Treasurer must provide written notice to the Mayor and Council Chair explaining the delay.
  i. If the Treasurer fails to disperse the funds within a reasonable timeframe, and the council doesn't approve of the written notice or the treasurer doesn't send one, they may remove the treasurer for "severe inactivity".

TITLE III – FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

Section 301. Oversight of Appropriated Funds
a. During each funding period, all department heads must submit a report detailing how their agency used its allocated funds.
b. The City Council may request evidence to verify the claims of the department.
c. If the Council finds reasonable suspicion of misuse, it may call a public hearing to determine further action, including defunding the agency in the next budget or the removal of the agency's/department's head.

Section 302. Recovery and Enforcement.
a. The Treasurer shall make reasonable efforts to recover any misused or misappropriated funds.
b. Recovery actions must be reported to the Mayor and Council.

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