

D.C. Ordinance No. 26-07

Property Act of 2024

In the 26th City Council of Washington, District of Columbia
December 2024

Councilor chexburger, for the District of Columbia, has introduced the following Proposal,
which was introduced to the District of Columbia City Council.

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Be it enacted by the council as follows,

SECTION 1 // SEVERABILITY

- a) This bill shall be referred to as the “Property Act of 2024” or “DC Ordinance 26-07.”
- b) This bill will go into effect immediately.
- c) All municipal legislation contradicting this bill is now null and void.
- d) This bill 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 violate set laws.

SECTION 2 // PURPOSE

- a) To establish lands owned by the Municipal Government, Federal Government, Private Businesses, and the people of the District of Columbia.

SECTION 3 // DEFINITIONS

- a) A “private business” shall be any business owned and operated by a non-governmental entity.
- b) “Property” shall be the possession of an individual or entity.
- c) “Private property” or “personal property” shall be any property owned by a private business or individual.
- d) “Public property” or “government property” shall be any property not owned by a private business or individual.
- e) “Municipal employee” shall be any individual in the conduct of official duties, as prescribed by municipal law, on behalf of the municipality.
- f) “Vehicular property” shall be the property of any individual or entity consisting of a motorized means of self-transportation.

SECTION 4 // PROPERTY ESTABLISHMENT

- a) All land in the District of Columbia, not designated as federal through federal law, shall be the property of the District of Columbia.
- b) A private business operating within the District of Columbia shall have control of no more than the land allotted to them in accordance with applicable laws.

- c) An entity or individual shall possess no less property than the building in which they occupy and the space immediately above the building, should the building be visible from above the location.
 - a. Occupancy shall be determined by the locations which teams spawn or by emblems, logos, or other signage indicating ownership.
- d) If an entity or individual owns two buildings undivided by another's property and within an area no greater than 40,000 square studs, they shall receive a rectangular plot consisting of, but not to exceed, the minimum space required to encompass their buildings.
 - a. If property boundaries overlap, the overlapping properties shall be cut away from the minimum rectangular area.
- e) If an entity or individual resides in a location fully surrounded by reasonable fencing or geographic barrier containing no other's property, they shall possess the area contained by said fencing or geographic barrier.
- f) All housing, obtainable through built-in mechanics, shall be the sole property of the listed property owner.
- g) Vehicles purchased by an individual through the vehicle store, car dealership, through a gamepass, or otherwise granted to an individual to spawn through mechanics detached from the individual's team, shall be the personal property of the individual who spawned the vehicle.
- h) The standard makeup of property lines created under this section shall adjust when changes to physical structure or occupancy occur unless otherwise legislated.

SECTION 5 // CITY PROPERTY

- a) Permanent places of official municipal government business shall be the exclusive property of the District of Columbia except where otherwise designated.
- b) All roadways within the boundaries of the District of Columbia shall be the property of the District of Columbia except where otherwise designated.
- c) All vehicles issued to any individual or department by the municipality are the property of the District of Columbia, not the individual in possession.
- d) For the purposes of property ownership, authority over municipal property shall be granted at the discretion of the mayor or as legislated by the city council.
- e) The Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia shall have primary control over enforcement on municipal property at the direction of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, District Attorney General, or Chief of Police.
- f) The mayor, or their designee, shall retain a public listing of access to various municipal properties that shall be used as a standard reference to law enforcement and the public.
 - a. This listing shall not be legally binding except regarding the prohibiting of individual access to properties where notice has been given to the individual.

SECTION 6 // AUTHORITY AND PRIVILEGES ON PROPERTIES

- a) Any property owner may remove an individual from their property using lethal force after having given no less than 2 warnings or notices to depart, 10 seconds to depart, and a reasonable and unobstructed path for exit.
 - a. Any individual who remains on, or returns to, the property without permission shall have trespassed under applicable laws.
- b) Any property owner may remove an individual from their property using lethal force if the individual repeatedly or forcefully enters the property without permission to do so.
- c) Any property owner may use lethal force against an individual who has taken control of their vehicular property and made an attempt to flee, unless such use of force would endanger the public or violate other law.
- d) Sworn law enforcement shall be authorized to remove an individual by lethal force from private property at the request of the property owner only once lethal force requirements have been met.
- e) The usage of vehicle spawners on public property and accessible by foot to the public shall not be hindered except as permitted by law.
- f) No municipal employee shall commandeer private property without prior written approval from the property owner or in accordance with applicable laws.
- g) Open carry of firearms shall be legal by property owners on their respective private property. Property owners shall have the authority to designate permission to open carry on their properties.
- h) No individual shall be subjected to the laws of motor vehicles, except crimes against a person, while on private property.
- i) The discharge of a firearm by an individual at a target or stationary object, owned by the same, shall be legal on private property except in cases where the discharge of the firearm may cause injury or reasonable fear of injury.