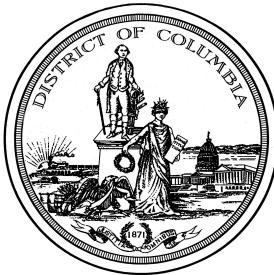


# **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

## **City Council**



### **Ordinance No. 26-013**

Introduced by: Deputy Mayor Bathamza

An ordinance for an Act entitled: "New Player Sanity Preservation Act"

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AN ACT to proscribe the devious act of "door cuffing" to maintain activity levels in the District of Columbia.

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#### **Section 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- a. This bill shall be referred to as the "New Player Sanity Preservation Act" upon the proper and lawful passage of this bill into law.
- b. The doctrine of severability as recognized by the common law shall be applied to this act if it needs to be severed.
- c. This bill shall come into effect immediately upon its passage into law.

#### **Section 2 – FINDINGS**

- a. A genuine governmental interest exists in making the District of Columbia enjoyable for all, including potential newcomers,
- b. That the District's gameplay experience for new players is marred by the abuse of game mechanics to create an unfair playing experience,
- c. That many prospective long-term nUSA players are dissuaded by the seeming inability to counter these unfair tactics,

- d. And that resultantly, the District of Columbia ought to act on eliminating this scourge on the new player experience.

## SECTION 3 - DEFINITIONS

- a. Door cuffing: The act of using the in-game "arrest" tool while standing in the vicinity of a door with deliberate intent to incapacitate any prospective assailants who intend to use that door as an entry or exit point.
- b. Some examples but not limited to:

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<https://gyazo.com/3087744f0e68a4d11959715b0bdda083>

## SECTION 4. CRIMINALIZATION OF DOOR CUFFING

- a. A new offense shall be codified in D.C. Criminal Code § 3.16, under the name “Door Cuffing”.
- b. The text of this section shall be as follows: ‘The act of using the in-game ‘arrest’ tool while standing in the vicinity of a door with deliberate intent to incapacitate any prospective assailants who intend to use that door as an entry or exit point. Some examples include, but are not limited to:  
<https://gyazo.com/dbbccb7506b184c420a42e9503107982> and  
<https://gyazo.com/3087744f0e68a4d11959715b0bdda083>”
- c. Door cuffing shall be a Class C offense under the D.C. Criminal Code’s sentencing guidelines outlined in § 1.05.