

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

City Council



Ordinance No. 0018

Introduced by: Deputy Mayor TackoSereigneFall

An ordinance for an Act entitled: “Private Security Protection Act”

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Section 1 – General Provisions

- a. This act shall be known as ‘Private Security Protection Act’
- 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 go into immediate effect upon passage into law

Section 2 – Definitions

- a. Private Security Business: Any licensed entity providing security services under contract.
- b. Contracted Event: Any event, function, or situation where a private security business is formally engaged to provide services.

- c. Reasonable Closure: Partial restriction of roadway access, ensuring at least one lane remains open for public traffic.
- d. Security Vehicle: Any vehicle marked and operated by a licensed private security business, equipped with yellow flashing lights.

Section 3- Roadway Management Authority

- a. Licensed private security businesses, while under contract, are authorized to:
 - i. Temporarily close off portions of roadways, provided that a lane or path remains accessible for public traffic flow.
 - ii. Utilize appropriate signage and barriers to clearly indicate closed sections and guide traffic.

Section 4- Parking Provisions for Security Vehicles

- a. Park in otherwise restricted areas, if necessary for effective event security, provided such parking does not pose an undue safety risk or severe obstruction to public pathways.
- b. Display yellow flashing lights to signify active security duty and enhance visibility.

Section 5- Limitations and Responsibilities

- a. Private security businesses must:
 - i. Coordinate with local law enforcement or relevant authorities for closures or restricted parking in high-traffic or sensitive areas.
 - ii. Ensure any closures or parking adjustments are the minimum necessary to fulfill contract obligations.

