

D.C. Ordinance No. 26-012

Transit Authority Act

In the 26th City Council of Washington, District of Columbia
January 2025

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 “Transit Authority Act” or “DC Ordinance 26-012.”
- 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 // ESTABLISHMENT

- a) There is created a service called the “Metropolitan Transit Authority,” or “Transit Authority,” which shall:
 - a. Have the general responsibility for the regulation, maintenance, and safety of city transportation systems.

SECTION 3 // ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT

- a) The mayor, with the advice and consent of the City Council, shall appoint a director to be the chief executive officer of the service and serve at the pleasure of the mayor.
- b) The director of the service shall be removed by the council upon an affirmative vote of no less than two-thirds of the entire council.
- c) The director shall appoint a deputy director, who shall serve at the discretion of the director.

SECTION 4 // DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR

The director shall:

- a) Establish positions in the service and designate the authority and responsibilities of each position;
- b) Establish for the service standards and qualifications and fix prerequisites of training, education, and experience for each position;
- c) Appoint personnel to each position necessary for the efficient operation and administration of the service;

- d) Create, suspend, or dissolve any program under the service to assist in effective operation;
- e) Establish standards and procedures regarding the technical details of the administration of city transportation systems and programs; and
- f) Discharge, demote, or temporarily suspend any employee of the service for cause.

SECTION 5 // DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE SERVICE

- a) The service shall:
 - a. Regulate traffic on all highways and roads of the city;
 - b. In cooperation with federal or local agencies, assist in the regulation of traffic on highways and roads of the city in accordance with applicable laws and regulations;
 - c. Regulate city and private towing operations on city highways and roads;
 - d. Provide public transportation without charge; and
 - e. Ensure the proper upkeep, function, and general maintenance of all highways and roads of the city.
- b) The service shall have the authority to, with due regard to public safety, property, and for the duties outlined in this Act:
 - a. Travel occupying multiple lanes of any city highway or road designated for the same direction;
 - b. Exceed posted speed limits; and
 - c. Impede, disrupt, or redirect the flow of traffic.

SECTION 6 // REPEAL OF CONFLICTS

- a) The “Vehicle Protection Act,” as passed October 2024, shall be repealed in full.