

Updated: 5/1/12

DC COUNCIL PERIOD 19
TENANT AND RENTAL HOUSING-RELATED LEGISLATION

Below is a tracking chart for tenant and rental-housing related legislation introduced during the current 2-year session of the D.C. Council. Council Period 19 began on January 1, 2011, and will end on December 31, 2013. Please also refer to "*Legislation and Rulemaking*" links on the OTA website to:

1. "How a bill becomes a law";
2. "Committee organization for Council Session 19"; and
3. "Council Session 19 weblinks to rental housing legislation" (for the full version of any bill).

You may also review any of these bills in its entirety on the D.C. Council website at <http://dccouncil.us/>.

D.C. Council Committees/Chairs/members

PSCA = Public Service and Consumer Affairs: **Alexander**/Bowser, Cheh, Graham, Mendelson

HWD = Housing and Workforce Development: **M Brown**, Barry, Mendelson, Orange

GO = Government Operations: **Bowser**/M Brown, Catania, Orange

J = Judiciary: **Mendelson**/Barry, Bowser, Cheh, Evans

COW = Committee of the Whole (Education, Economic Development): **K Brown**/all other CMs

ACA = Aging and Community Affairs: **Barry**/Alexander, Graham, Orange, Wells

FR = Finance and Revenue: **Evans**/Barry, Bowser, M Brown, Catania

H = Health: **Catania**/ Alexander, Barry, Cheh, Wells

HS = Human Services: **Graham**/Alexander, Barry, M Brown, Wells

LPR = Libraries, Parks, Recreation and Planning: **Wells**/Catania, Mendelson, Orange

EPWT = Environment, Public Works and Transportation: **Cheh**/Alexander, Bowser, Graham, Wells

SLBD = Small and Local Business Development – **Orange**/Alexander, M Brown, Graham

Special Committee on the Investigation of Executive Personnel Practices – **Cheh**/M Brown, Catania, Wells

Special Committee on Investigation of Capital Projects of the Department of Parks and Recreation: -- / Bowser, M Brown, Cheh

Subcommittee on Redistricting: M Brown, Evans, Mendelson

This list is periodically updated to show new introductions of interest to the tenant community, and the progress of these bills through the legislative process. If you have any questions or concerns about any rental housing legislation or rulemaking, please contact the OTA's Legislative Director Joel Cohn at (202) 719-6568 or at joel.cohn@dc.gov.

<p>B19-0046 INTRODUCED: 1/18/2011</p> <p>"INCREASE IN HOUSING AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN, BARRY, GRAHAM</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): ALEXANDER, MENDELSON, THOMAS, BROWN</p> <p>REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN)</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>1ST READING: 2ND READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	<p>To establish more stringent affordability requirements for all local and federal funds utilized for the development of affordable housing in the District of Columbia; to require that at least ten percent of total funds utilized for the development of affordable housing goes towards affordable homeownership.</p>
<p>B19-0057 INTRODUCED: 1/28/2011</p> <p>"SAVING D.C. HOMES FROM FORECLOSURE CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW EMERGENCY AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY:</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S):</p> <p>REFERRED TO: RETAINED BY THE COUNCIL</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>APPROVED: 02/01/11 BY VOICE VOTE SIGNED BY MAYOR: 02/11/11</p> <p>Act: A19-0008 Expires: 05/12/2011</p>	<p>To amend, on an emergency basis, due to Congressional review, An Act To establish a code of law for the District of Columbia to require mortgage lenders to provide homeowners with a notice of default on residential mortgages and to provide homeowners with the right to engage in mediation prior to foreclosure on residential mortgages.</p>
<p>B19-0076 INTRODUCED: 02/1/2011</p> <p>"INCLUSIONARY ZONING AMENDMENT ACT 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: CATANIA</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): WELLS, GRAHAM</p> <p>REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN)</p> <p>HEARING: 11/17/11</p> <p>1ST READING:</p>	<p>To amend the Inclusionary Zoning Implementation Act of 2006 to provide access to inclusionary housing to victims of domestic violence, persons living with HIV/AIDS, the chronically homeless, the developmentally disabled, and persons with mental illness who meet income requirements.</p>

<p>2ND READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	
<p>B19-0087 INTRODUCED: 02/01/2011</p> <p>"HOMELESS SERVICES REFORM AMENDMENT ACT 2011".</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN, GRAHAM</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): BARRY, CHEH, BIDDLE, ALEXANDER, BROWN, BOWSER, MENDELSON, WELLS, THOMAS</p> <p>REFERRED TO: HS (GRAHAM)</p> <p>HEARING: 06/16/11</p> <p>1ST READING: 2ND READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	<p>To amend the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to require that the Interagency Council on Homelessness ("ICH") include representation from youth and family homeless service providers; to require that the ICH develop a 5-year and annual plan that will include specific sections addressing youth homelessness, family homelessness, an identification of trends in federal funding, a delineation of roles as it relates to homeless populations from the nonprofit and government sectors, a strategy to collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions, and mandate that the plans be submitted as a part of the annual budget submission.</p>
<p>B19-0088 INTRODUCED: 02/01/2011</p> <p>"WASHINGTON OVERLOOK AT FORT LINCOLN LOW-INCOME RENTAL EXTENSION TAX RELIEF ACT 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: THOMAS</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): BOWSER, BARRY, BROWN</p> <p>REFERRED TO: FR (EVANS)</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>1ST READING: 2ND READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	<p>Currently no online documents.</p>
<p>B19-0121 INTRODUCED: 02/22/2011</p> <p>"TENANT SECURITY DEPOSITS CLARIFICATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S):</p>	<p>To amend the Housing Regulations of the District of Columbia to clarify that the Office of Administrative Hearings may adjudicate complaints for the non-return of tenant security deposits as well as the nonpayment of interest on tenant security deposits; and to clarify that any housing provider who in bad faith fails to return a security deposit rightfully owed to a tenant, or fails to pay the interest on the security deposit, is liable to the tenant for treble damages.</p>

<p>REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN)</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>FINAL VOTE/READING: WITHDRAWN BY CM M. BROWN ON MARCH 24, 2011</p>	
<p>B19-0129 INTRODUCED: 02/28/2011</p> <p>"RENTAL HOUSING ACT EXTENSION CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW EMERGENCY AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY:</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S):</p> <p>REFERRED TO: RETAINED BY THE COUNCIL</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>APPROVED: 03/01/11 BY VOICE VOTE SIGNED BY MAYOR: 03/15/11</p> <p>Act: A19-0031 Expires: 06/13/11</p>	<p>To amend, on an emergency basis, due to Congressional review, the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to extend the sunset provision to December 31, 2020.</p>
<p>B19-0134 INTRODUCED: 03/01/2011</p> <p>"NUISANCE ABATEMENT SPECIAL PURPOSES REVENUE FUND AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN, ALEXANDER, GRAHAM</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): EVANS, CHEH, WELLS, MENDELSON, BIDDLE, THOMAS, BROWN</p> <p>REFERRED TO: PSCA (ALEXANDER)</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>1ST READING: 2ND READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	<p>To amend An Act To provide for the abatement of nuisances in the District of Columbia by the Commissioners of said District, and for other purposes to officially name the special purpose revenue fund established by D.C. Official Code § 42-3131.01(b) as the Nuisance Abatement Special Purpose Revenue Fund ("NASPR Fund"); to require a detailed accounting of the NASPR Fund; to establish determinations regarding the use of the NASPR Fund; to provide tenants with the ability to submit an application for a correction of a violation; to require a housing provider to pay for the cost of tenant relocation; to clarify the process for service of notices, orders, and other documents.</p>
<p>B19-0164 INTRODUCED: 03/15/2011</p> <p>"SCHEDULE H PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2011"</p>	<p>To amend section 47-1806.06 of the District of Columbia Official Code to expand access to property tax relief for low-income residents living in D.C. by increasing the Schedule H income requirement ceiling from \$20,000 to \$50,000, by increasing the maximum benefit from \$750 to \$1,000, by changing the existing property tax equivalent amount from</p>

<p>INTRODUCED BY: EVANS, MBROWN, MENDELSON</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): BARRY, BIDDLE, ALEXANDER, GRAHAM, BOWSER, THOMAS, BROWN</p> <p>REFERRED TO: FR (EVANS)</p> <p>HEARING: 11/16/11</p> <p>1ST READING: 2ND READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	<p>15% to 20%, by allowing a tax filing unit to apply per household instead of one person filing per household, by adding a cost of living adjustment to the Schedule H, and by simplifying the property tax rate structure currently in place.</p>
<p>B19-0190 INTRODUCED: 03/25/11</p> <p>"TENANT SECURITY DEPOSITS CLARIFICATION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN, GRAHAM, CHEH</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S):</p> <p>REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN)</p> <p>HEARING: 11/28/11</p> <p>1ST READING: 2/7/12 approved Reconsideration 2/7/12 approved 2ND READING: 3/6/12 approved</p> <p>Act: A19-343 Project Law Date: 5/31/12</p>	<p>To amend the Housing Regulations of the District of Columbia to clarify that the Office of Administrative Hearings may adjudicate complaints for the non-return of tenant security deposits as well as the nonpayment of interest on tenant security deposits; and to clarify that any housing provider who in bad faith fails to return a security deposit rightfully owed to a tenant, or fails to pay the interest on the security deposit, is liable to the tenant for treble damages.</p>
<p>B19-0210 INTRODUCED: 04/05/2011</p> <p>"RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION QUORUM EMERGENCY AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S):</p> <p>REFERRED TO: RETAINED BY THE COUNCIL</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>APPROVED 3/3/09 BY VOICE VOTE SIGNED BY MAYOR: 04/27/11</p> <p>Act: A19-0052 Expires: 7/26/11</p>	<p>To amend, on an emergency basis, the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to reduce the quorum requirement of the Rental Housing Commission to one member.</p>

<p>B19-0218 INTRODUCED: 04/05/2011</p> <p>"NON-PROFIT LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT AMENDMENT ACT OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN, BARRY, GRAHAM</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): ALEXANDER, MENDELSON, THOMAS</p> <p>REFERRED TO: FR (EVANS)</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>1ST READING: 2ND READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	<p>To amend Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to allow non-profit housing developers to receive tax credit under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) without the need to assign the housing development project to a for-profit subsidiary company, to retain tax exemption.</p>
<p>B19-0241 INTRODUCED: 04/14/2011</p> <p>"HOUSING PRODUCTION TRUST FUND DEDICATED TAX APPROPRIATIONS EMERGENCY APPROVAL ACT OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: BROWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S):</p> <p>REFERRED TO: RETAINED BY THE COUNCIL</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	<p>To authorize, on an emergency basis, an increase in the amount appropriated as Dedicated Tax funds for fiscal year 2011 pursuant to the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.</p>
<p>B19-0250 INTRODUCED: 04/19/2011</p> <p>"VISITABILITY REQUIREMENTS ACT OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN, ALEXANDER, BARRY, GRAHAM</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): WELLS</p> <p>REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN); PSCA (ALEXANDER)</p> <p>HEARING: 11/28/11</p>	<p>To require all newly constructed, District financial assisted, single family homes and townhomes to meet minimum standards of visitability for persons with disabilities.</p>

<p>1ST READING: 2ND READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	
<p>B19-0423 INTRODUCED: 7/12/2011</p> <p>"MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN WARD 8 ACT OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: BARRY</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S):</p> <p>REFERRED TO: HWD (MBrown)</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	<p>To prohibit the issuance of permits allowing the construction of any apartment buildings in Ward 8.</p>
<p>B19-0754 INTRODUCED: 4/17/2012</p> <p>"Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Amendment Act of 2012"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: Mendelson, Wells</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S): Cheh</p> <p>REFERRED TO: J (Mendelson)</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>READING:</p> <p>Act: Law:</p>	<p>To provide immunity from legal repercussions to those persons who seek health care for someone experiencing or perceived to be experiencing an overdose; to establish as a mitigating factor in criminal prosecutions the seeking of health care for an overdose victim; to prohibit the use of evidence gained as a result of seeking health care for an overdose victim in residential drug-related eviction proceedings; to authorize the possession and administration of opioid antagonists; to authorize prescription of opioid antagonists by licensed healthcare professionals; to provide data on overdose and overdose-related health care services; and to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of overdose deaths.</p>
<p>PR19-0040 INTRODUCED: 01/26/2011</p> <p>"DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS NICHOLAS A. MAJETT CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: BROWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR</p> <p>REFERRED TO: PSCA (ALEXANDER)</p> <p>HEARING: 03/17/2011</p>	<p>To confirm the appointment of Mr. Nicholas A. Majett as Director of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.</p>

<p>FINAL VOTE: 04/05/2011 APPROVED: 13-0-0 ENACTMENT: 4/15/11 RESOLUTION: R19-0075</p>	
<p>PR19-0103 INTRODUCED: 02/28/2011</p> <p>"RENTAL HOUSING ACT EXTENSION CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW EMERGENCY DECLARATION RESOLUTION OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY:</p> <p>REFERRED TO: RETAINED BY THE COUNCIL</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>FINAL VOTE: 03/01/2011 APPROVED: 12-0-1 ENACTMENT: 03/18/11 RESOLUTION: R19-0043</p>	<p>To declare the existence of an emergency, due to Congressional review, with respect to the need to extend the sunset provision of the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to December 31, 2020.</p>
<p>PR19-0123 INTRODUCED: 03/11/2011</p> <p>"SHELTER AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING REGULATIONS APPROVAL RESOLUTION OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: BROWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR</p> <p>REFERRED TO: HS (GRAHAM)</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>DEEMED APPROVED WITHOUT COUNCIL ACTION, 05/26/2011</p>	<p>To approve the proposed rules to implement the District of Columbia Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to administer the District of Columbia's Shelter and 20 Supportive Housing for Individuals and Families Programs.</p>
<p>PR19-0142 INTRODUCED: 04/01/2011</p> <p>"RODENT CONTROL SCHEDULE OF FINES APPROVAL RESOLUTION OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: BROWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE MAYOR</p> <p>REFERRED TO: H (CATANIA)</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>DEEMED APPROVED WITHOUT COUNCIL ACTION, 06-05-2011</p>	<p>To approve the proposed rules to amend and add to the schedule of fines for violations related to rodent control and enforceable under section 908(d) of the Rodent Control Act of 2000.</p>
<p>PR19-0148</p>	<p>To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to</p>

<p>INTRODUCED: 04/05/2011</p> <p>"RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION QUORUM EMERGENCY DECLARATION RESOLUTION OF 2011".</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: MBROWN</p> <p>REFERRED TO: RETAINED BY THE COUNCIL</p> <p>HEARING:</p> <p>FINAL VOTE: 04/05/2011 APPROVED: 9-3-1 ENACTMENT: 04/15/11 RESOLUTION: R19-0082</p>	<p>the need to amend the Rental Housing Act of 1985 to reduce the quorum requirement of the Rental Housing Commission to one member.</p>
<p>PR19-0173 INTRODUCED: 04/15/2011</p> <p>"RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION RONALD A. YOUNG CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2011".</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: BROWN AT REQUEST OF THE MAYOR</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S):</p> <p>REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN)</p> <p>HEARING: Public Roundtable - June 23, 2011 at 2:00PM, Room 123, John A. Wilson Building.</p> <p>FINAL VOTE: 07/12/2011 APPROVED: 12-0-1 ENACTMENT: 07/12/2011 RESOLUTION: R19-0172</p>	<p>To confirm the appointment of Mr. Ronald A. Young to the Rental Housing Commission.</p>
<p>PR19-0174</p> <p>"RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION MARTA W. BERKLEY CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED: Thursday, April 14, 2011</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: Brown at the request of the Mayor.</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S):</p> <p>REFERRED TO: HWD (MBROWN)</p> <p>HEARING: Public Roundtable - June 23, 2011 at 2:00PM, Room 123, John A.</p>	<p>To confirm the appointment of Ms. Marta W. Berkley to the Rental Housing Commission.</p>

<p>Wilson Building.</p> <p>FINAL VOTE: 07/12/2011 APPROVED: 12-0-1 ENACTMENT: 07/12/2011 RESOLUTION: R19-0174</p>	
<p>PR19-0302</p> <p>"PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELIZABETH A. NOEL CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED: Thursday, July 7, 2011</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: Brown at the request of the Mayor.</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S):</p> <p>REFERRED TO: PSCA (ALEXANDER)</p> <p>HEARING: 10/11/11</p> <p>FINAL VOTE: APPROVED: ENACTMENT: RESOLUTION:</p> <p>WITHDRAWN BY THE MAYOR: 12/8/11</p>	<p>To confirm the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth A. Noel to the Public Service Commission.</p>
<p>PR19-0453</p> <p>"CHIEF TENANT ADVOCATE OF THE OFFICE OF THE TENANT ADVOCATE JOHANNA SHREVE CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2011"</p> <p>INTRODUCED: Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: Brown at the request of the Mayor.</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S):</p> <p>REFERRED TO: PSCA (ALEXANDER)</p> <p>HEARING: 1/18/12</p> <p>FINAL VOTE: approved APPROVED: 2/7/12 ENACTMENT: 2/7/12 RESOLUTION: R19-365</p>	<p>To confirm the appointment of Ms. Johanna Shreve as the Chief Tenant Advocate of the Office of the Tenant Advocate</p>
<p>PR19-0479</p> <p>"PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELIZABETH A. NOEL CONFIRMATION RESOLUTION OF 2011"</p>	<p>To confirm the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth A. Noel to the Public Service Commission.</p>

Updated: 5/1/12

<p>INTRODUCED: Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011</p> <p>INTRODUCED BY: Brown at the request of the Mayor.</p> <p>COSPONSOR(S):</p> <p>REFERRED TO: PSCA (ALEXANDER)</p> <p>HEARING: see PR19-302</p> <p>FINAL VOTE: APPROVED: ENACTMENT: RESOLUTION:</p> <p>Deemed disapproved without Council action: 3/29/12</p>	
---	--