

PUBLIC HEARING

ON

Bill 20-92, “Capitol Hill Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2013”

**Before the
Committee on Finance and Revenue**

The Honorable Jack Evans, Chairman

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Good morning Chairman Evans and members of the Committee on Finance and Revenue. I am Basil Facchina, Assistant General Counsel, for the Office of Tax and Revenue. I am pleased to present testimony on Bill 20-92, the “Capitol Hill Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2013.”

In general, the Bill would cap the maximum allowable Business Improvement District (BID) tax for the Capitol Hill BID at its current level of \$75,000 for Tax Year 2013 and would increase the cap to \$125,000 for Tax Year 2014 and subsequent years. The cap applies to a single tax lot or an assembly of properties operated as a unit within the Capitol Hill BID.

The Office of Tax and Revenue recommends modification of certain language in the Bill as introduced to facilitate administration of the cap and the Capitol Hill BID tax. I have appended to my testimony suggested technical changes to the Bill.

Thank you, Chairman Evans, for the opportunity to comment on this Bill. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.

Attachment

Councilmember Tommy Wells

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmembers Tommy Wells introduced the following bill, which was referred to the committee on _____.

To amend the Business Improvement Districts Act of 1996 to update the maximum allowable BID tax due to the Capitol Hill Business Improvement District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Capitol Hill Business Improvement District Amendment Act of 2013".

Sec. 2. Section 204(c) of the Business Improvement Districts Act of 1996, effective March 17, 2005 (D.C. Law 15-257; D.C. Official Code § 2-1215.54(c)), is amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph (2) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, the total BID tax due for tax year 2013, on a single tax lot or a group of functionally integrated contiguous tax lots under common ownership in the Capitol Hill BID shall not exceed \$75,000.00(such amount is to be allocated among the lots in proportion to their assessed values as determined by the Office of Tax and Revenue).”

(b) A new paragraph (3) is added to read as follows:

“(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, the total BID tax due for tax year 2014 and thereafter, on a single tax lot or a group of functionally integrated contiguous tax lots under common ownership in the Capitol Hill BID shall not exceed \$125,000.00 in any tax year (such amount is to be allocated among the lots in proportion to their assessed values as determined by the Office of Tax and Revenue).”

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,

approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.