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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING REQUIRING A METROPOLITAN DISTRICT ENGAGING IN**
102 **COVENANT ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES TO COMPLY WITH**
103 **CERTAIN POLICIES RELATED TO COVENANT ENFORCEMENT.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

A metropolitan district is a type of special district that provides at least 2 types of services and may perform covenant enforcement similar to the role of a homeowners' association. The bill requires a metropolitan district engaging in covenant enforcement and design review services to comply with certain procedural requirements, including:

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- Adopting a written policy governing the imposition and collection of fines;
- Adopting a written policy governing how disputes between the metropolitan district and a resident are addressed; and
- Refraining from prohibiting residents from engaging in certain activities regarding the use of their property, including displaying flags and signs, parking a motor vehicle in a driveway, removing certain vegetation to create a defensible space for fire mitigation purposes, performing reasonable property modifications to accommodate disabilities, using a rain barrel, operating a family child care home, using renewable energy generation devices, and installing or using an energy efficiency measure. Additionally, a metropolitan district is prohibited from requiring residents to use cedar shakes or other flammable roofing materials.

The bill prohibits a metropolitan district from foreclosing on any lien based on a resident's delinquent fees or other charges owed to the metropolitan district. The bill also imposes certain procedural requirements regarding court actions filed by or against a metropolitan district based on an alleged violation of the metropolitan district's declaration, rules and regulations, or other instrument.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-1-1001, **amend**
 3 (1)(j)(I); and **add** (1)(j)(I.5) as follows:

4 **32-1-1001. Common powers - definitions.** (1) For and on behalf
 5 of the special district the board has the following powers:

6 (j) (I) To fix and from time to time to increase or decrease fees,
 7 rates, tolls, penalties, or charges for services, programs, or facilities
 8 furnished by the special district; except that fire protection districts may
 9 only fix fees and charges as provided in section 32-1-1002 (1)(e). The
 10 board may pledge such revenue for the payment of any indebtedness of
 11 the special district. Until paid, all ~~such~~ fees, rates, tolls, penalties, or
 12 charges ~~shall~~ constitute a perpetual lien on and against the property
 13 served, and, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(j)(I.5) OF THIS

1 SECTION, any such lien may be foreclosed in the same manner as provided
2 by the laws of this state for the foreclosure of mechanics' liens.

3 (I.5) THE BOARD OF A METROPOLITAN DISTRICT FURNISHING
4 COVENANT ENFORCEMENT AND DESIGN REVIEW SERVICES PURSUANT TO
5 SECTIONS 32-1-1004 (8) AND 32-1-1004.5 SHALL NOT FORECLOSE ANY
6 LIEN DESCRIBED IN SECTION 32-1-1004.5 (3)(b)(I).

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-1-1004, **add**
8 (8)(d) as follows:

9 **32-1-1004. Metropolitan districts - additional powers and**
10 **duties.** (8) (d) IN FURNISHING COVENANT ENFORCEMENT AND DESIGN
11 REVIEW SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (8), THE BOARD OF A
12 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE PROCEDURAL
13 REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 32-1-1004.5.

14 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 32-1-1004.5 as
15 follows:

16 **32-1-1004.5. Metropolitan districts' covenant enforcement and**
17 **design review services - requirements - prohibitions as against public**
18 **policy - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT
19 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

20 (a) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF A METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

21 (b) "COVENANT ENFORCEMENT AND DESIGN REVIEW SERVICES"
22 MEANS THE COVENANT ENFORCEMENT AND DESIGN REVIEW SERVICES
23 THAT A METROPOLITAN DISTRICT MAY PROVIDE IN RELATION TO
24 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1-1004 (8).

25 (c) "ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURE" MEANS A DEVICE OR
26 STRUCTURE THAT REDUCES THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY DERIVED FROM
27 FOSSIL FUELS THAT IS CONSUMED BY A UNIT. "ENERGY EFFICIENCY

1 MEASURE" INCLUDES ONLY THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF DEVICES OR
2 STRUCTURES:

3 (I) AN AWNING, SHUTTER, TRELIS, RAMADA, OR OTHER SHADE
4 STRUCTURE THAT IS MARKETED FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING ENERGY
5 CONSUMPTION;

6 (II) A GARAGE OR ATTIC FAN AND ANY ASSOCIATED VENTS OR
7 LOUVERS;

8 (III) AN EVAPORATIVE COOLER;

9 (IV) (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1)(c)(IV)(B) OF
10 THIS SECTION, AN ENERGY-EFFICIENT OUTDOOR LIGHTING DEVICE,
11 INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION A LIGHT FIXTURE CONTAINING A COILED
12 OR STRAIGHT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULB, AND ANY SOLAR RECHARGING
13 PANEL, MOTION DETECTOR, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT CONNECTED TO THE
14 LIGHTING DEVICE.

15 (B) SUBSECTION (1)(c)(IV)(A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY
16 TO COVENANT ENFORCEMENT AND DESIGN REVIEW SERVICES PROVIDED
17 UNDER AN INSTRUMENT THAT IMPLEMENTS DARK SKY REQUIREMENTS FOR
18 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT IS A DESIGNATED DARK SKY PLACE, AS
19 DEFINED IN SECTION 24-49.7-110 (2)(d).

20 (V) A RETRACTABLE CLOTHESLINE; AND

21 (VI) A HEAT PUMP SYSTEM, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 39-26-732
22 (2)(c).

23 (d) (I) "IMPARTIAL DECISION-MAKER" MEANS A PERSON OR A
24 GROUP OF PERSONS:

25 (A) WITH THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE A DECISION REGARDING THE
26 ENFORCEMENT OF AN INSTRUMENT THAT A METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
27 ENFORCES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION OR SECTION 32-1-1004 (8),

1 INCLUDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY ARCHITECTURAL REQUIREMENTS;
2 AND

3 (B) THAT DOES NOT HAVE ANY DIRECT PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL
4 INTEREST IN THE OUTCOME OF THE MATTER BEING DECIDED.

5 (II) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(d), "PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL
6 INTEREST" MEANS THAT THE IMPARTIAL DECISION-MAKER, AS A RESULT OF
7 THE OUTCOME OF THE MATTER BEING DECIDED, WOULD RECEIVE A
8 GREATER BENEFIT OR DETRIMENT THAN THAT OF OTHER UNIT OWNERS
9 SUBJECT TO THE SAME INSTRUMENT.

10 (e) "INSTRUMENT" MEANS THE DECLARATION, RULES AND
11 REGULATIONS, OR ANY OTHER INSTRUMENT THAT A METROPOLITAN
12 DISTRICT ENFORCES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND SECTION 32-1-1004
13 (8).

14 (f) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS A STATUTORY OR HOME RULE
15 COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR CITY AND COUNTY.

16 (g) "UNIT" MEANS A PHYSICAL PORTION OF A RESIDENTIAL
17 PROPERTY THAT IS DESIGNATED FOR SEPARATE OWNERSHIP OR
18 OCCUPANCY AND IS SUBJECT TO AN INSTRUMENT.

19 (h) "UNIT OWNER" MEANS A PERSON WHO OWNS A UNIT.

20 (2) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, A METROPOLITAN
21 DISTRICT SHALL ADOPT A WRITTEN POLICY GOVERNING THE IMPOSITION OF
22 FINES. IN FURNISHING COVENANT ENFORCEMENT AND DESIGN REVIEW
23 SERVICES, A BOARD SHALL NOT IMPOSE A FINE ON A UNIT OWNER FOR AN
24 ALLEGED VIOLATION OF AN INSTRUMENT UNLESS THE FINE IS IMPOSED IN
25 ACCORDANCE WITH THE WRITTEN POLICY. THE WRITTEN POLICY:

26 (I) MUST INCLUDE A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL FACT-FINDING PROCESS
27 CONCERNING WHETHER AN ALLEGED VIOLATION ACTUALLY OCCURRED

1 AND, IF SO, WHETHER A UNIT OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VIOLATION;

2 AND

3 (II) MUST REQUIRE PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE UNIT OWNER
4 REGARDING THE NATURE OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATION, THE ACTION OR
5 ACTIONS REQUIRED TO CURE THE ALLEGED VIOLATION, AND THE TIMELINE
6 FOR THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL FACT-FINDING PROCESS REQUIRED UNDER
7 SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION.

8 (b) THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL FACT-FINDING PROCESS MAY BE
9 INFORMAL BUT, AT A MINIMUM, MUST PROVIDE A UNIT OWNER NOTICE AND
10 AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD BEFORE AN IMPARTIAL DECISION-MAKER.

11 (c) THE WRITTEN POLICY MUST SPECIFY THE SCHEDULE OF FINES
12 THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS THAT ARE CONTINUOUS
13 OR REPETITIVE IN NATURE, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF WHAT
14 CONSTITUTES A CONTINUOUS VIOLATION AND WHAT CONSTITUTES A
15 REPETITIVE VIOLATION.

16 (3) (a) IN FURNISHING COVENANT ENFORCEMENT AND DESIGN
17 REVIEW SERVICES FOR UNITS, A BOARD MAY FIX, AND FROM TIME TO TIME
18 INCREASE OR DECREASE, FEES, RATES, TOLLS, FINES, PENALTIES, OR
19 CHARGES FOR COVENANT ENFORCEMENT AND DESIGN REVIEW SERVICES
20 FURNISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND SECTION 32-1-1004 (8).

21 (b) (I) UNTIL PAID, ANY FEE, RATE, TOLL, FINE, PENALTY, OR
22 CHARGE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION CONSTITUTES
23 A PERPETUAL LIEN ON AND AGAINST THE UNIT FOR WHICH COVENANT
24 ENFORCEMENT AND DESIGN REVIEW SERVICES WERE PROVIDED.

25 (II) THE BOARD OF A METROPOLITAN DISTRICT FURNISHING
26 COVENANT ENFORCEMENT AND DESIGN REVIEW SERVICES PURSUANT TO
27 THIS SECTION AND SECTION 32-1-1004 (8) SHALL NOT FORECLOSE ON ANY

1 LIEN DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3)(b) THAT ARISES FROM AMOUNTS
2 THAT A UNIT OWNER OWES THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AS A RESULT OF
3 A COVENANT VIOLATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF A FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH
4 ANY INSTRUMENT.

5 (III) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER MEANS PROVIDED BY LAW, A
6 BOARD, BY RESOLUTION AND AT A PUBLIC MEETING HELD AFTER NOTICE
7 HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO AN AFFECTED UNIT OWNER, MAY ELECT TO HAVE
8 CERTAIN DELINQUENT FEES, RATES, TOLLS, FINES, PENALTIES, CHARGES,
9 OR ASSESSMENTS MADE OR LEVIED FOR COVENANT ENFORCEMENT AND
10 DESIGN REVIEW SERVICES CERTIFIED TO THE TREASURER OF THE COUNTY
11 IN WHICH THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT IS LOCATED, AND FOR THE
12 DELINQUENT FEES, RATES, TOLLS, FINES, PENALTIES, CHARGES, OR
13 ASSESSMENTS TO BE COLLECTED AND PAID OVER BY THE TREASURER OF
14 THE COUNTY IN THE SAME MANNER AS TAXES ARE AUTHORIZED TO BE
15 COLLECTED AND PAID OVER PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-10-107.

16 (4) (a) FOR ANY UNIT OWNER'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN
17 INSTRUMENT, A METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, WITHOUT NEEDING TO
18 COMMENCE A LEGAL PROCEEDING, MAY SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR
19 COLLECTION COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS
20 INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE FAILURE TO COMPLY.

21 (b) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (4)(c) OF THIS SECTION,
22 IN A CIVIL ACTION TO ENFORCE OR DEFEND AN INSTRUMENT, THE COURT
23 SHALL AWARD REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES, COSTS, AND, IF RELEVANT,
24 COSTS OF COLLECTION TO THE PREVAILING PARTY.

25 (c) IN CONNECTION WITH A CIVIL ACTION CLAIM IN WHICH A UNIT
26 OWNER IS ALLEGED TO HAVE VIOLATED AN INSTRUMENT BUT PREVAILS ON
27 THE MATTER BECAUSE THE COURT FINDS THAT THE UNIT OWNER DID NOT

1 COMMIT THE ALLEGED VIOLATION:

2 (I) THE COURT SHALL AWARD THE UNIT OWNER REASONABLE
3 ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS INCURRED IN DEFENDING THE CLAIM;

4 (II) THE COURT SHALL NOT AWARD COSTS OR ATTORNEY FEES TO
5 THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT; AND

6 (III) THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT SHALL NOT ALLOCATE TO THE
7 UNIT OWNER'S ACCOUNT WITH THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT ANY OF THE
8 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT'S COSTS OR ATTORNEY FEES INCURRED IN
9 ASSERTING OR DEFENDING THE CLAIM FROM REVENUE THAT THE
10 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COLLECTS OTHER THAN AD VALOREM PROPERTY
11 TAXES IMPOSED ON ALL TAXPAYERS IN THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

12 (d) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, AN ACTION
13 SHALL NOT BE COMMENCED OR MAINTAINED TO ENFORCE THE TERMS OF
14 ANY BUILDING RESTRICTION CONTAINED IN AN INSTRUMENT OR TO COMPEL
15 THE REMOVAL OF ANY BUILDING OR IMPROVEMENT BECAUSE OF A
16 VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF ANY SUCH BUILDING RESTRICTION UNLESS
17 THE ACTION IS COMMENCED WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE THAT THE
18 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMENCING THE ACTION FIRST KNEW OR, IN
19 THE EXERCISE OF REASONABLE DILIGENCE, SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE
20 VIOLATION FORMING THE BASIS OF THE ACTION.

21 (5) (a) (I) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025, A METROPOLITAN
22 DISTRICT FURNISHING COVENANT ENFORCEMENT AND DESIGN REVIEW
23 SERVICES UNDER THIS SECTION AND SECTION 32-1-1004 (8) SHALL ADOPT
24 A WRITTEN POLICY SETTING FORTH THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT'S
25 PROCEDURE FOR ADDRESSING DISPUTES ARISING BETWEEN THE
26 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AND ONE OR MORE UNIT OWNERS RELATED TO
27 THE ENFORCEMENT OF AN INSTRUMENT.

1 (II) (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5)(a)(II)(B) OF THIS
2 SECTION, A METROPOLITAN DISTRICT SHALL MAKE A COPY OF THE WRITTEN
3 POLICY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION
4 AVAILABLE TO UNIT OWNERS ON THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT'S WEBSITE
5 THAT THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN PURSUANT
6 TO SECTION 32-1-104.5 (3).

7 (B) IF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT IS NOT REQUIRED TO
8 MAINTAIN A WEBSITE PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1-104.5 (3), THE
9 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT SHALL MAKE THE WRITTEN POLICY AVAILABLE
10 TO UNIT OWNERS UPON REQUEST.

11 (b) (I) ANY CONTROVERSY BETWEEN A METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
12 AND A UNIT OWNER THAT ARISES OUT OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF AN
13 INSTRUMENT MAY BE SUBMITTED TO MEDIATION BY AGREEMENT OF THE
14 PARTIES PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING.
15 EITHER PARTY TO THE MEDIATION MAY TERMINATE THE MEDIATION
16 PROCESS WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

17 (II) IF A MEDIATION AGREEMENT IS REACHED PURSUANT TO
18 SUBSECTION (5)(b)(I) OF THIS SECTION, THE MEDIATION AGREEMENT MAY
19 BE PRESENTED TO A COURT AS A STIPULATION. THE STIPULATION MUST
20 NOT INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT THE UNIT OWNER PAY ADDITIONAL
21 INTEREST OR UNREASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES. IF EITHER PARTY
22 SUBSEQUENTLY VIOLATES THE STIPULATION, THE OTHER PARTY MAY
23 APPLY IMMEDIATELY TO THE COURT FOR RELIEF. IF THE PARTIES EXECUTE
24 A STIPULATION THAT THE COURT DEEMS UNFAIR OR THAT DOES NOT
25 COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION (5)(b), THE
26 STIPULATION IS INVALID AND THE COURT MAY AWARD THE UNIT OWNER
27 REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS.

1 (6) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION IN AN INSTRUMENT TO THE
2 CONTRARY, A METROPOLITAN DISTRICT SHALL NOT PROHIBIT ANY OF THE
3 FOLLOWING IN RELATION TO ANY UNIT SUBJECT TO THE INSTRUMENT:

4 (a) THE DISPLAY OF A FLAG ON A UNIT, IN A WINDOW OF THE UNIT,
5 OR ON A BALCONY ADJOINING THE UNIT. THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
6 SHALL NOT PROHIBIT OR REGULATE THE DISPLAY OF FLAGS ON THE BASIS
7 OF THEIR SUBJECT MATTER, MESSAGE, OR CONTENT; EXCEPT THAT THE
8 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT MAY PROHIBIT FLAGS BEARING COMMERCIAL
9 MESSAGES. THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT MAY ADOPT REASONABLE,
10 CONTENT-NEUTRAL RULES TO REGULATE THE NUMBER, LOCATION, AND
11 SIZE OF FLAGS AND FLAGPOLES BUT SHALL NOT PROHIBIT THE
12 INSTALLATION OF A FLAG OR FLAGPOLE.

13 (b) THE DISPLAY OF A SIGN BY THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF A
14 UNIT ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE UNIT OR IN A WINDOW
15 OF THE UNIT. THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT SHALL NOT PROHIBIT OR
16 REGULATE THE DISPLAY OF WINDOW SIGNS OR YARD SIGNS ON THE BASIS
17 OF THEIR SUBJECT MATTER, MESSAGE, OR CONTENT; EXCEPT THAT THE
18 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT MAY PROHIBIT SIGNS BEARING COMMERCIAL
19 MESSAGES. THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT MAY ESTABLISH REASONABLE,
20 CONTENT-NEUTRAL RULES TO REGULATE SIGNS BASED ON THE NUMBER,
21 PLACEMENT, OR SIZE OF THE SIGNS OR ON OTHER OBJECTIVE FACTORS.

22 (c) THE PARKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE BY THE OCCUPANT OF A
23 UNIT ON THE DRIVEWAY OF THE UNIT IF THE VEHICLE IS REQUIRED TO BE
24 AVAILABLE AT DESIGNATED PERIODS AT THE OCCUPANT'S RESIDENCE AS
25 A CONDITION OF THE OCCUPANT'S EMPLOYMENT AND ALL OF THE
26 FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET:

27 (I) THE VEHICLE HAS A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING OF TEN

1 THOUSAND POUNDS OR LESS;

2 (II) THE OCCUPANT IS A BONA FIDE MEMBER OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE
3 DEPARTMENT OR IS EMPLOYED BY A PRIMARY PROVIDER OF EMERGENCY
4 FIREFIGHTING, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AMBULANCE, OR EMERGENCY
5 MEDICAL SERVICES;

6 (III) THE VEHICLE BEARS AN OFFICIAL EMBLEM OR OTHER VISIBLE
7 DESIGNATION OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDER; AND

8 (IV) PARKING OF THE VEHICLE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT
9 OBSTRUCTING EMERGENCY ACCESS TO OR INTERFERING WITH THE
10 REASONABLE NEEDS OF OTHER UNIT OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS TO USE
11 STREETS, DRIVEWAYS, AND GUEST PARKING SPACES;

12 (d) THE REMOVAL BY A UNIT OWNER OF TREES, SHRUBS, OR OTHER
13 VEGETATION TO CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE ON A UNIT FOR FIRE
14 MITIGATION PURPOSES, SO LONG AS THE REMOVAL COMPLIES WITH A
15 WRITTEN DEFENSIBLE SPACE PLAN CREATED FOR THE PROPERTY BY THE
16 COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE, AN INDIVIDUAL OR COMPANY
17 CERTIFIED BY AN ENTITY OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO CREATE SUCH A
18 PLAN, OR THE FIRE CHIEF, FIRE MARSHAL, OR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
19 WITHIN WHOSE JURISDICTION THE UNIT IS LOCATED AND IS NO MORE
20 EXTENSIVE THAN NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE PLAN. THE PLAN
21 SHALL BE REGISTERED WITH THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT AT LEAST
22 THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORK. THE METROPOLITAN
23 DISTRICT MAY REQUIRE CHANGES TO THE PLAN IF THE METROPOLITAN
24 DISTRICT OBTAINS THE CONSENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL, OFFICIAL, OR
25 AGENCY THAT ORIGINALLY CREATED THE PLAN. THE WORK MUST COMPLY
26 WITH APPLICABLE STANDARDS OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
27 REGARDING SLASH REMOVAL, STUMP HEIGHT, REVEGETATION, AND

1 CONTRACTOR REGULATIONS.

2 (e) REASONABLE MODIFICATIONS TO A UNIT AS NECESSARY TO
3 AFFORD AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DISABILITIES FULL USE AND ENJOYMENT OF
4 THE UNIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL "FAIR HOUSING ACT OF
5 1968", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 3604 (f)(3)(A);

6 (f) THE USE OF A RAIN BARREL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
7 37-96.5-102 (1), TO COLLECT PRECIPITATION FROM A RESIDENTIAL
8 ROOFTOP IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 37-96.5-103. A METROPOLITAN
9 DISTRICT MAY IMPOSE REASONABLE AESTHETIC REQUIREMENTS THAT
10 GOVERN THE PLACEMENT OR EXTERNAL APPEARANCE OF A RAIN BARREL.
11 THIS SUBSECTION (6)(f) DOES NOT CONFER UPON A UNIT OWNER A RIGHT
12 TO PLACE A RAIN BARREL AT, OR TO CONNECT A RAIN BARREL TO, ANY
13 PROPERTY THAT IS:

14 (I) LEASED, EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF THE LESSOR;

15 (II) A COMMON ELEMENT OR A LIMITED COMMON ELEMENT OF A
16 COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY, AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN
17 SECTION 38-33.3-103;

18 (III) OWNED OR MAINTAINED BY THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT; OR

19 (IV) ATTACHED TO ONE OR MORE OTHER UNITS, EXCEPT WITH
20 PERMISSION OF THE OWNERS OF THE OTHER UNITS.

21 (g) (I) THE OPERATION OF A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, AS
22 DEFINED IN SECTION 26.5-5-303, THAT IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO PART 3
23 OF ARTICLE 5 OF TITLE 26.5.

24 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (6)(g) DOES NOT SUPERSEDE ANY OF THE
25 PROVISIONS OF AN INSTRUMENT CONCERNING ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL,
26 PARKING, LANDSCAPING, NOISE, OR OTHER MATTERS NOT SPECIFIC TO THE
27 OPERATION OF A BUSINESS PER SE. THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT SHALL

1 MAKE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR FENCING REQUIREMENTS
2 APPLICABLE TO LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES.

3 (III) THIS SUBSECTION (6)(g) DOES NOT APPLY TO A COMMUNITY
4 QUALIFIED AS HOUSING FOR OLDER PERSONS UNDER THE FEDERAL
5 "HOUSING FOR OLDER PERSONS ACT OF 1995", PUB.L. 104-76.

6 (IV) THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT MAY REQUIRE THE OWNER OR
7 OPERATOR OF A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME TO CARRY LIABILITY
8 INSURANCE, AT REASONABLE LEVELS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD,
9 PROVIDING COVERAGE FOR ANY ASPECT OF THE OPERATION OF THE FAMILY
10 CHILD CARE HOME FOR PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, DAMAGE TO PERSONAL
11 PROPERTY, AND DAMAGE TO REAL PROPERTY THAT OCCURS IN OR ON ANY
12 PROPERTY OWNED OR MAINTAINED BY THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, IN
13 THE UNIT WHERE THE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME IS LOCATED, OR IN ANY
14 OTHER UNIT SUBJECT TO AN INSTRUMENT. THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
15 SHALL BE NAMED AS AN ADDITIONAL INSURED ON THE LIABILITY
16 INSURANCE THE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME IS REQUIRED TO CARRY, AND
17 SUCH INSURANCE MUST BE PRIMARY TO ANY INSURANCE THE
18 METROPOLITAN DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO CARRY UNDER THE TERMS OF AN
19 INSTRUMENT.

20 (7) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION IN AN INSTRUMENT TO
21 THE CONTRARY, A METROPOLITAN DISTRICT SHALL NOT:

22 (I) EFFECTIVELY PROHIBIT RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION
23 DEVICES, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 38-30-168;

24 (II) REQUIRE THE USE OF CEDAR SHAKES OR OTHER FLAMMABLE
25 ROOFING MATERIALS ON A UNIT; OR

26 (III) EFFECTIVELY PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF AN
27 ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURE ON A UNIT.

1 (b) SUBSECTION (7)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

2 (I) REASONABLE AESTHETIC PROVISIONS THAT GOVERN THE
3 DIMENSIONS, PLACEMENT, OR EXTERNAL APPEARANCE OF AN ENERGY
4 EFFICIENCY MEASURE. IN CREATING REASONABLE AESTHETIC PROVISIONS,
5 A METROPOLITAN DISTRICT SHALL CONSIDER:

6 (A) THE IMPACT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE AND OPERATING COSTS
7 OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURE;

8 (B) THE IMPACT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ENERGY
9 EFFICIENCY MEASURE; AND

10 (C) THE CRITERIA CONTAINED IN ANY INSTRUMENT.

11 (II) BONA FIDE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, CONSISTENT WITH AN
12 APPLICABLE BUILDING CODE OR RECOGNIZED SAFETY STANDARD, FOR THE
13 PROTECTION OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY.

14 (c) SUBSECTION (7)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT CONFER
15 UPON ANY UNIT OWNER THE RIGHT TO PLACE AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY
16 MEASURE ON PROPERTY THAT IS:

17 (I) OWNED BY ANOTHER PERSON;

18 (II) LEASED, EXCEPT WITH PERMISSION OF THE LESSOR;

19 (III) COLLATERAL FOR A COMMERCIAL LOAN, EXCEPT WITH
20 PERMISSION OF THE SECURED PARTY;

21 (IV) A COMMON ELEMENT OR LIMITED COMMON ELEMENT OF A
22 COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY, AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN
23 SECTION 38-33.3-103; OR

24 (V) OWNED OR MAINTAINED BY A METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

25 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
26 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
27 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the

1 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant
2 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an
3 item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,
4 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
5 general election to be held in November 2024 and, in such case, will take
6 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the
7 governor.

8 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable
9 effective date of this act.