AN AMENDMENT

April 7, 2020
Introduced Version

Section 202. Mortgage Relief
(a) Section 202(g), Line 374, is amended by striking the phrase “commercial tenant” and inserting the phrase “tenant” in its place.
(b) Section 202(l)(5), Line 405, is amended by striking the phrase “commercial tenant” and inserting the phrase “tenant” in its place.

Rationale: This change would allow a residential tenant that is impacted by the public health emergency to request a rent deferral from a landlord receiving a mortgage deferral.

Section 204. Utilities.
(a) Section 204(a), Lines 476-485, in each place it appears, strike the phrase “other cable operator” and inserting the phrase “other basic cable operator” in its place.
(b) Section 204(a), Line 484, strike the phrase “includes broadband” and insert the phrase “includes basic broadband” in its place.
(c) Section 204(b), Line 495, strike the phrase “degrade telecommunications” and insert the phrase “degrade basic telecommunications” in its place.

Rationale: This change is a technical change requested by the Executive. It clarifies that a utility provider may lower an internet tier for nonpayment, but must still provide at least basic service.

Section 205. Certified Business Enterprise assistance
Section 205(b)(3), Line 545, is amended by striking the phrase “CBE Act shall receive” and inserting the phrase “CBE Act, the beneficiary shall receive”

Rationale: This change is a technical change requested by the Executive.

Section 207. Debt Collection.
Section 207(b), amendatory section (l)(1), line 652, is amended by striking the phrase “subsection (a) of this section” and inserting the phrase “subsection (a) of this section, subsections (l) and (m) of this section shall apply to any debt, including but not limited to,” in its place.

Rationale: This change is a technical change requested by the Office of the Attorney General.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jennifer Budoff, Budget Director

DATE: April 7, 2020


TYPE: Amendment

REQUESTING OFFICE: Councilmember Phil Mendelson

Conclusion
The amendment does not have an adverse impact on the District’s budget and financial plan because there are no costs associated with implementing this amendment.

Background
This amendment would make four changes to the “COVID-19 Response Supplemental Emergency Amendment Act of 2020”.

1) Amends Section 202 – Mortgage Relief – to allow that the benefits of the mortgage deferral program established by this section can result in rent relief for both commercial and residential tenants. There is no cost to the underlying section and this amendment does not change that conclusion.

2) Amends Section 204 – Utilities – to clarify that a utility provider may lower an internet tier for nonpayment during a public health emergency but must still provide a basic level of service. There is no cost to the underlying section and this amendment does not change that conclusion.

3) Amends Section 205 – Certified Business Enterprise Assistance – to make a clarifying change to this section. There is no cost to the underlying section and this amendment does not change that conclusion.

4) Amends Section 207 – Debt Collection – to make a clarifying change to this section. There is no cost to the underlying section and this amendment does not change that conclusion.