

AN ACT

D.C. ACT 20-502

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DECEMBER 8, 2014

To require the Mayor to develop a plan that provides a range of comprehensive services that address the assessed needs of homeless individuals at 425 2nd Street, N.W., and that complies with the Statement of Principles developed by the Center for Creative Non-Violence Task Force.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Plan for Comprehensive Services for Homeless Individuals at 425 2nd Street, N.W., Act of 2014".

Sec. 2. Plan for comprehensive services for homeless individuals at 425 2nd Street, N.W., required.

(a) The Mayor shall develop a plan to provide continued homeless services for individuals residing at the property located at 425 2nd Street, N.W.

(b) The plan shall comply with the following Statement of Principles, developed by the task force established pursuant to the CCNV Task Force Emergency Act of 2013, effective August 2, 2013 (D.C. Act 20-147; 60 DCR 11809), and corresponding temporary legislation:

(1) The District of Columbia has an obligation to provide for the needs of homeless District of Columbia residents in the development of its parcel at 425 2nd Street, N.W. This obligation went into effect when the property was first transferred from the federal government to the District of Columbia.

(2) Any new development of the parcel should be "build first," that is, the existing shelter should not be razed until replacement capacity is fully available.

(3) Replacement capacity should be located at the current site to respond effectively to the needs of residents, to the maximum extent possible.

(4) Any replacement capacity located off-site should be close to public transportation, and for ease of access to jobs and services, ideally located in the downtown area of the District of Columbia.

(5) Replacement capacity should:

(A) Primarily be deeply affordable housing;

(B) Include single room occupancy ("SRO"), efficiency, and studio design;

(C) Reflect the Housing First model of permanent supportive housing;

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(D) Specifically target the needs of youth under 25 years of age; and

(E) Provide 24-hour low barrier shelter and hypothermia shelter; provided, that some scattered site capacity, through vouchers or otherwise, might be appropriate or desirable for some residents.

(6) Any SRO, efficiency, or studio design unit should have sufficient square footage to meet current recommended standards for living space.

(7) Private bathing and cooking space should be prioritized to the maximum extent possible.

(8) Any site re-design should be responsive to security needs of residents, both within the building and in the surrounding environments.

(9) Any new development should follow sustainable and green principles.

(10) In any new construction, developers should follow "First Source" requirements. All efforts should be made to employ as many residents of 425 2nd Street, N.W., as possible.

(11) Priority for new units should be given to current residents, people with disabilities, and people who are elderly.

(12) All efforts should be taken in the redevelopment design to allow families, including families with no minor children, to be housed or sheltered together, regardless of gender.

(13) It is important to have services available on-site.

(14) Assessment of service needs, for example, whether a resident needs permanent supportive housing, should be made using the "state of the art" tools and standards available at the time of assessment.

(15) There should be office space for management of programs included in the site re-design.

(16) All non-shelter services presently at 425 2nd Street, N.W., should be included in the site re-design to the maximum extent feasible.

(17) All providers and relevant programs should meet the highest standards and have appropriate qualifications for the service provided.

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.

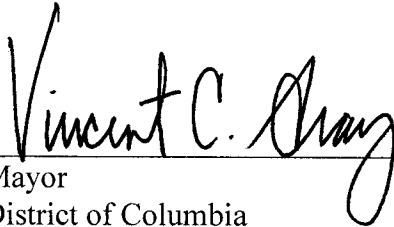
This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

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24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.



Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia



Mayor
District of Columbia
APPROVED
December 8, 2014