NOTICE

D.C. LAW 6-64

"Litter and Solid Waste Act of 1985".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 6-290 on first and second readings, November 5, 1985, and November 19, 1985, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on November 27, 1985, this legislation was assigned Act No. 6-109, published in the December 13, 1985, edition of the D.C. Register. (Vol. 32 page 7287) and transmitted to Congress on December 4, 1985 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 6-64, effective February 21, 1986.

DAVID A. CLARKE
Chairman of the Council

Dated: Counted during the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

December 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
January 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
February 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 18, 19, 20
To establish a comprehensive litter and solid waste reduction plan; to establish a commission to advise the Department of Public Works on the implementation of the comprehensive plan; to establish the Commission on Litter and Solid Waste Fund; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

That this act may be cited as the "Litter and Solid Waste Act of 1985".

Sec. 2. (a) There is established a Litter and Solid Waste Reduction Commission ("Commission") which shall propose a comprehensive plan for preventing and reducing litter and solid waste, and shall advise the Department of Public Works ("Department") on the implementation of the comprehensive litter and solid waste reduction plan.

(b) The Commission shall be comprised of 21 members, with 1 member appointed by each member of the Council of the District of Columbia ("Council"), 1 member appointed by the president of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia, 4 members appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia ("Mayor"), and 3 members appointed by the chairperson of the Committee on Public Works of the Council of the District of Columbia.

(c) The 4 members appointed by the Mayor shall be
selected according to the following scheme:

1. One member to represent the Department of Public Works;

2. One member to represent the Office of Business and Economic Development; and

3. Two members to represent businesses within the District of Columbia.

(d) One of the members appointed by the chairperson of the Council committee with legislative oversight concerning litter and solid waste shall chair the Commission.

(e)(1) The Council-appointed members shall serve for 3-year terms and other members shall serve for 2-year terms.

(2) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment to the office that became vacant.

(f) A majority of the members of the Commission shall be a quorum, which shall exist before the Commission may conduct business.

(g) The Commission shall meet at least once every 2 months. The chairperson of the Commission may convene the members for a meeting after reasonably attempting to inform each member of the time, the place, and the purpose of the meeting.

Sec. 3. (a) The Department shall work along with businesses, with charitable organizations, and with the Commission to implement a comprehensive litter and solid waste reduction program to improve the appearance of the local environment.
Department, shall monitor the progress of the comprehensive litter and solid waste reduction program.

(c) The litter and solid waste reduction program shall include, but not be limited to, the following activities:

(1) A summer youth project which employs teenagers to clean, during the summer, areas selected by the Department;

(2) A neighborhood blitz which would be a special clean-up program that would take place at least every 3 months in the dirtiest neighborhoods and alleys;

(3) An education program for teaching youth of all ages about the collection of litter and the recycling of solid waste;

(4) A planting project for growing flowers, trees, and grass throughout the District of Columbia, particularly in barren areas;

(5) A program for cleaning vacant lots and for cleaning lots where vacant buildings owned by the District of Columbia are located;

(6) The establishment of recycling centers; and

(7) Recommendations for administrative and legislative action to beautify the District of Columbia.

Sec. 4. (a) A Commission on Litter and Solid Waste Fund ("Fund") shall be established as a separate bank account by the Commission to receive all funds from whatever source derived. All funds generated by this Commission shall be deposited in the Fund.
(b) The Commission is authorized to solicit, accept, and expend funds, gifts, and donations to carry out the purposes of this act.

(c) Any funds of the Commission, from whatever source derived, shall be for the sole use of the Commission and shall be deposited as soon as practicable in the Fund.

(d) The Commission shall submit to the Mayor and to the Council a bi-monthly statement of its receipts and disbursements from the Fund.

(e) Any money remaining in the Fund or other assets belonging to the Commission upon the termination of the Commission shall be paid over into the General Fund of the District as general purpose revenues after the obligations of the Commission have been satisfied.

Sec. 5. The Commission shall report each year to the Council and to the Mayor about progress in implementing the litter and solid waste reduction program and about the status of the Fund.

Sec. 6. (a) Commission members may be reimbursed from the Fund for expenses reasonably related to the Commission’s official duties in compliance with government guidelines.

(b) The Mayor shall also make available to the Commission office space, supplies, and necessary support personnel to accomplish its mission.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect after a 30-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as

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Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act,
1-233(c)(1)).

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia
APPROVED: November 27, 1985
COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Council Period Six – First Session  

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