

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee of the Whole
Notice of Public Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004

**CHAIRMAN LINDA W. CROPP
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**BILL 16-137, "CLOSING OF PUBLIC ALLEYS IN SQUARE 5579,
S.O. 04-10134, ACT OF 2005"**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2005, 10:00 A.M
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.**

Council Chairman Linda W. Cropp announces a public hearing by the Committee of the Whole on Bill 16-137, the "Closing of Public Alleys in Square 5579, S.O. 04-10134, Act of 2005." The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Bill 16-137, introduced by Councilmember Vincent Gray, would close the unimproved public alleys in the eastern portion of Square 5579, abutting lots 55, 62, and 809, bounded by Palmer Place, S.E., 27th Street, S.E., Park Place, S.E., and 25th Place, S.E., in Ward 7. The applicant, Marvin Gardens, LP, requests the closing in order to consolidate the applicant's property to allow for landscaping and additional parking.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are requested to telephone Aretha Latta, Administrative Assistant to the Committee of the Whole, at 724-8196, by e-mail at alatta@dccouncil.washington.dc.us, or by fax at 202-724-7139, and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Tuesday, March 22, 2005. Witnesses should also provide 20 copies of their written testimony at the hearing or submit one copy of their written testimony by Tuesday, March 22, 2005. Each person presenting verbal testimony may be limited to 5 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

Written statements for the record are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. All statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 410, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Consumer & Regulatory Affairs
Notice of Public Hearing

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**COUNCILMEMBER JIM GRAHAM, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER & REGULATORY AFFAIRS
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATION:**

Bill 16-30, "Nuisance Properties Abatement Reform Amendment Act of 2005"
**Bill 16-81, "Construction Codes and Abatement and Condemnation of Nuisance Properties
Amendment Act of 2005"**
Bill 16-120, "Abatement of Nuisance Construction Projects Amendment Act of 2005"
Bill 16-134, "Emergency Suspension of Liquor Licenses Act of 2005"

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005, 1:00 P.M.
Council Chamber, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Jim Graham, Chairperson of the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, will hold a public hearing to consider the legislation mentioned above. The hearing will be held on Friday, March 11, 2005 in the Council Chamber at 1:00 P.M. in the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. This notice is abbreviated to expedite council consideration of this important legislation.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Those who wish to testify should contact John Adams at (202) 724-8198 by close of business Wednesday, March 9, 2005. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their testimony to the hearing. Individuals will be permitted 3 minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the Performance Oversight Hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to John Adams, Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Room 112, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20004 by close of business March 18, 2005.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Finance and Revenue
Notice of Public Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

ABBREVIATED

**COUNCILMEMBER JACK EVANS, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**Bill 16-124, the "Owner-Occupant Residential Tax Credit and Exemption Expansion Act of 2005";
Bill 16-126, the "Commercial Property Tax Credit Act of 2005";
Bill 16-127, the "Disabled District Resident Tax Relief Act of 2005"; and
Bill 16-128, the "Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Deferral Act of 2005"**

Friday, March 18, 2005 – 10:00 a.m.

**Council Chamber, John A. Wilson Building - 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Jack Evans, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, announces a public hearing on Bill 16-124, the "Owner-Occupant Residential Tax Credit and Exemption Expansion Act of 2005"; Bill 16-126, the "Commercial Property Tax Credit Act of 2005"; Bill 16-127, the "Disabled District Resident Tax Relief Act of 2005"; and Bill 16-128, the "Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Deferral Act of 2005". The hearing will be held on Friday, March 18, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber (Room 500) of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Bill 16-124, the "Owner-Occupant Residential Tax Credit and Exemption Expansion Act of 2005" amends Chapter 8 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide a tax credit to owner-occupants of residential real property to limit the amount of the real property tax to 5% growth from the previous real property tax for the prior tax year and to increase the homestead exemption to \$45,000.

Bill 16-126, the "Commercial Property Tax Credit Act of 2005" amends Chapter 8 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide a tax credit to owners of commercial and non-owner-occupied residential real property to limit the amount of the real property tax to 5% growth from the real property tax for the prior tax year. This legislation seeks to alleviate tax burdens on District of Columbia small businesses and tenants who ultimately bear the burden of tax increases passed-down by property owners.

Bill 16-127, the "Disabled District Resident Tax Relief Act of 2005" amends Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide a residential real property tax credit of 50% to disabled District residents with incomes are less than \$100,000 and to allow disabled residents with incomes are less than \$100,000 to exclude \$10,000 from the computation of income subject to taxation by the District of Columbia.

Bill 16-128, the "Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Deferral Act of 2005" amends Title 47 of the District of Columbia Code to provide for deferral of real property taxes for needy senior citizens on properties that are owned at least 50%, in whole or in part, by individuals who is 65 years of age or older and the individuals' household adjusted gross income is less than \$50,000.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Eric Goulet, Committee Clerk at (202) 727-8206 or egoulet@dccouncil.us, and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization by 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2005. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. In order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard, the Committee allows individuals 3 minutes to provide oral testimony and panels will be allowed five minutes collectively for the entire panel. Additional written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail to egoulet@dccouncil.us or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia; 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.; Suite 114; Washington D.C. 20004.

This hearing has been noticed on an abbreviated basis in order to consider this legislation prior to Council budget hearings. The hearing record will close ten days following the conclusion of the hearing. Persons submitting written statements for the record should observe this deadline.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Finance and Revenue
Notice of Public Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

REVISED/ABBREVIATED

**COUNCILMEMBER JACK EVANS, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**Bill 16-35, the “Standard Deduction and Personal Exemptions Coupling Act of 2005”;
Bill 16-37, the “Georgia Avenue Investment Now Amendment Act of 2005”;
Bill 16-73, the “Lot 146, Square 677 Partial Real Property Tax Exemption Continuation Act of 2005”;
Bill 16-105, the “Mechanic’s Lien Amendment Act of 2005”;
Bill 16-115, the “Standard and Itemized Deduction Filing Election Act of 2005”;
Bill 16-139, the “Commercial Utility Tax Amendment Act of 2005”; and
Bill 16-140, the “Small Business Personal Property Tax Exemption Act of 2005”.**

Monday, March 14, 2005 – 10:30 a.m.

**Council Chamber, John A. Wilson Building - 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Jack Evans, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, announces a public hearing on Bill 16-35, the “Standard Deduction and Personal Exemptions Coupling Act of 2005”; Bill 16-37, the “Georgia Avenue Investment Now Amendment Act of 2005”; and Bill 16-73, the “Lot 146, Square 677 Partial Real Property Tax Exemption Continuation Act of 2005”; Bill 16-105, the “Mechanic’s Lien Amendment Act of 2005”; Bill 16-115, the “Standard and Itemized Deduction Filing Election Act of 2005”; Bill 16-139, the “Commercial Utility Tax Amendment Act of 2005”; and Bill 16-140, the “Small Business Personal Property Tax Exemption Act of 2005”. The hearing will be held on Monday, March 14, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber (Room 500) of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Bill 16-35, the “Standard Deduction and Personal Exemptions Coupling Act of 2005” amends sections 47-1801.04(26) and 47-1806.02(i) of the District of Columbia Official Code to couple the District of Columbia standard deduction and deduction for personal exemptions to that permitted by the Internal Revenue Code.

Bill 16-37, the “Georgia Avenue Investment Now Amendment Act of 2005” amends Chapter 18 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to establish a Georgia Avenue Investment Now district, to adjust the taxes on Georgia Avenue Investment Now businesses and properties; and to amend Chapter 15 of Title 47 to exempt the personal property of qualified businesses in the Georgia Avenue Investment Now district from taxation for a 10-year period.

Bill 16-73, the "Lot 146, Square 677 Partial Real Property Tax Exemption Continuation Act of 2005" extends the partial exemption from taxation of certain real property described for assessment and taxation purposes as lot 146, square 677, in the District of Columbia, and the buildings located thereon, owned by APA 750 LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Psychological Association, a District of Columbia non-profit corporation.

Bill 16-105, the "Mechanic's Lien Amendment Act of 2005" provides that only a properly licensed contractor may file a mechanic's lien; establishes separate requirements for filing a mechanic's lien on residential and commercial property; establishes greater notice requirements; and clarifies the rights and limitation of subcontractors filing mechanic's liens.

Bill 16-115, the "Standard and Itemized Deduction Filing Election Act of 2005" amends section 47-1803.03(c) of the District of Columbia Official Code to allow District of Columbia taxpayers to elect either the standard or itemized deduction, regardless of whether they itemized deductions on their federal income taxes.

Bill 16-139, the "Commercial Utility Tax Amendment Act of 2005" amends title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to eliminate the sales tax and to increase the gross receipts tax for commercial users of utilities.

Bill 16-140, the "Small Business Personal Property Tax Exemption Act of 2005" revises the tax imposed on personal property so as to exempt the personal property of any person, corporation or partnership with annual gross receipts of five hundred thousand dollars or less.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Eric Goulet, Committee Clerk at (202) 727-8206 or egoulet@dccouncil.us, and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2005. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. In order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard, the Committee allows individuals 3 minutes to provide oral testimony and panels will be allowed five minutes collectively for the entire panel. Additional written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail to egoulet@dccouncil.us or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia; 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.; Suite 114; Washington D.C. 20004.

This hearing notice has been revised to consider additional legislation and has been noticed on an abbreviated basis in order to consider this legislation prior to Council budget hearings. The hearing record will close ten days following the conclusion of the hearing. Persons submitting written statements for the record should observe this deadline.

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Committee on Finance and Revenue
Notice of Public Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004

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**COUNCILMEMBER JACK EVANS, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

Bill 16-141, the "Major Sports Exhibition and Tournament Attraction and Arena Fee Clarification Act of 2005";

Bill 16-142, the "The Catholic University of America Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2005"; and

Bill 16-143, the "Walter Reed Property Tax Exemption Reconfirmation Act of 2005"

Wednesday, March 16, 2005 – 10:00 a.m.

**Room 412, John A. Wilson Building - 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Jack Evans, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Revenue, announces a public hearing on Bill 16-141, the "Major Sports Exhibition and Tournament Attraction and Arena Fee Clarification Act of 2005"; Bill 16-142, the "The Catholic University of America Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2005"; and Bill 16-143, the "Walter Reed Property Tax Exemption Reconfirmation Act of 2005". The hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

Bill 16-141, the "Major Sports Exhibition and Tournament Attraction and Arena Fee Clarification Act of 2005" amends Chapter 10 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official code to clarify that improvements on the real property located in square 455 and used for a sports and entertainment arena shall be exempt from real property taxation; and to amend Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to exclude from the sales and use taxes tickets sold for major professional and amateur sports exhibitions and tournaments.

Bill 16-142, the "The Catholic University of America Real Property Tax Exemption and Equitable Real Property Tax Relief Act of 2005" amends Chapter 10 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to exempt from taxation certain property of The Catholic University of America, a tax-exempt organization, and to provide equitable real property tax relief to the organization.

Bill 16-143, the "Walter Reed Property Tax Exemption Reconfirmation Act of 2005" amends Chapter 10 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code to exempt from taxation certain real property located in the District of Columbia used by the Department of the Army as military housing.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Eric Goulet, Committee Clerk at (202) 727-8206 or egoulet@dccouncil.us, and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization by 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2005. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the hearing. In order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard, the Committee allows individuals 3 minutes to provide oral testimony and panels will be allowed five minutes collectively for the entire panel. Additional written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail to egoulet@dccouncil.us or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia; 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.; Suite 114; Washington D.C. 20004.

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Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Consumer & Regulatory Affairs
Notice of Performance Oversight Hearing

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**COUNCILMEMBER JIM GRAHAM, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER & REGULATORY AFFAIRS
ANNOUNCES A PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT HEARING FOR**

**THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS
THE BARBER AND COSMETOLOGY BOARD
THE BOARD OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS
THE GAS STATION ADVISORY BOARD
THE BOARD OF INDUSTRIAL TRADE
THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
THE BOARD OF REAL ESTATE
THE BOARD OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005, 10:00 A.M.
Council Chamber, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Jim Graham, Chairperson of the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, will hold a Performance Oversight Hearing on the Boards and Commissions within the jurisdiction of the Committee. The hearing will be held on Friday, March 11, 2005 in the Council Chamber at 10:00 A.M. in the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. This notice is abbreviated to expedite council consideration of the Committee's review of these Boards.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Those who wish to testify should contact John Adams at (202) 724-8198 by close of business Wednesday, March 9, 2005. Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their testimony to the hearing. Individuals will be permitted 3 minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the Performance Oversight Hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to John Adams, Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Room 112, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20004 by close of business March 18, 2005.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee of the Whole
Notice of Public Briefing**

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John A. Wilson Building

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

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**CHAIRMAN LINDA W. CROPP
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC BRIEFING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

THE MAYOR'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET REQUEST

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2005
10:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 500
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW**

Council Chairman Linda W. Cropp announces a public briefing by the Committee of the Whole on the Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Request. The public briefing will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2005, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber, on the 5th floor of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. The notice of this public briefing is revised to reflect a change in the starting time of the briefing. The public briefing, originally scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m., will begin at 10:00 a.m. The notice of this public briefing was previously published in the February 11, 2005 edition of the *DC Register* as part of the notice of all agency budget hearings.

At the public briefing, representatives from the Executive Office of the Mayor and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer will present the Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Budget and Financial Plan, and be available to answer for questions from Councilmembers.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee of the Whole
Notice of Public Oversight Hearing**

John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

Abbreviated

**CHAIRMAN LINDA W. CROPP
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING
BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON**

**THE FISCAL YEAR 2004 AND FISCAL YEAR 2005 SPENDING AND PERFORMANCE
BY THE OFFICE OF ZONING AND THE OFFICE OF PLANNING**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2005
10:00 AM – OFFICE OF ZONING
1:00 PM – OFFICE OF PLANNING
COUNCIL CHAMBER
JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW**

Council Chairman Linda W. Cropp announces a public oversight hearing by the Committee of the Whole on the Fiscal Year 2004 and Fiscal Year 2005 Spending and Performance by the Office of Zoning ("OZ") and the Office of Planning ("OP"). The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2005, beginning at 10:00 am, in the Council Chamber, on the 5th floor of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Although this notice is abbreviated, notice of this hearing was previously published in the February 11, 2005 edition of the *DC Register* as part of the notice of all agency oversight hearings.

The purpose of the hearing is to provide the public with an opportunity to comment upon the performances of the Office of Zoning and the Office of Planning, and to provide the Council with an opportunity to review and question the director of each office regarding the agency's actual expenditures and performance in Fiscal Year 2004, and regarding the status of spending and program implementation to date in Fiscal Year 2005.

The committee extends an invitation to the public to testify at this oversight hearing. Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify are requested to contact Aretha Latta, by telephone at 202-724-8196, by fax at 202-724-7139, or by e-mail at alatta@dccouncil.washington.dc.us, and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business on Tuesday, March 8, 2005. Witnesses should bring 20 copies of their written testimony to the hearing or submit one advance copy of their written testimony by Tuesday, March 8, 2005. Persons presenting oral testimony may be limited to 3 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

If you are unable to testify, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. All statements should be submitted to the Committee of the Whole, Council of the District of Columbia, John A. Wilson Building, Suite 410, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.