

WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The Board of Directors of the Washington Convention Center Authority, pursuant to section 203 of the Washington Convention Center Authority Act of 1994, D.C. Law 10-188, D.C. Code § 10-1201.03 as amended, hereby gives notice of its intent to adopt the following amendment to Chapter 4 of Title 19 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *District of Columbia Register*.

The proposed rulemaking would allow the Authority to expand the booking period for non-convention events at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center from twelve months to eighteen months prior to the event date. "Non-convention events" are defined as events for which space reserved at the Convention Center may or may not include a commitment to purchase room nights in hotels in the District of Columbia. Such events also include local or regional single-or multiple day meetings, public consumer shows, and tradeshow.

Chapter 4 of Title 19 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations is amended as follows:

CHAPTER 4. WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY: BOOKINGS

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402. Booking of Events by the Authority

402.1 The Authority may book a non-convention event on its own behalf up to eighteen months before the date of the event without prior notice to the Corporation. The Authority may not, however, book a non-convention event more than eighteen months before the date of the event without first providing notice to, and consulting with, the Corporation.

402.2 To ensure that convention event reservations are given first priority, the Authority shall not assign a date to a non-convention event if, prior to the booking of that event, the Authority has received written notice from the Corporation that it is in active negotiations to reserve that date for a convention event.

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499. Definitions

When used in this chapter the following words shall have the following meanings:

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Center -- the Walter E. Washington Convention Center located at 801 Mount Vernon Place, NW, Washington, DC.

Convention event -- an event for which a reservation of space at the Center includes a commitment to purchase at least 2,500 peak room nights in hotels within the District of Columbia, as determined by the Corporation.

Corporation -- the Washington Convention and Tourism Corporation or its successor entity.

First priority -- a "Convention event" as defined in this section.

Fourth priority -- a Non-convention event for which a reservation of space at the Center may or may not include a commitment to purchase room nights in hotels within the District of Columbia and which describes a one-day meeting or assembly.

Non-convention event -- an event other than a Convention event for which a reservation of space at the Center may or may not include a commitment to purchase room nights in hotels within the District of Columbia and which describes a second, third or fourth priority booking.

Second priority -- a Non-convention event for which a reservation of space at the Center may or may not include a commitment to purchase room nights in hotels within the District of Columbia and which describes a public consumer show, tradeshow or similar assembly.

Third priority -- a Non-convention event for which a reservation of space at the Center may or may not include a commitment to purchase room nights in hotels within the District of Columbia and which describes a local or regional multiple day meeting or assembly.

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Any person desiring to comment on the subject matter of this proposed rulemaking should file comments in writing not later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the *District of Columbia Register*. Comments should be filed with the General Manager, Washington Convention Center Authority, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place, N.W., Washington, DC 20001. Copies of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking may be obtained by writing to the foregoing address.