

# ENROLLMENT(S)



(5)

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA


NOTICE

D.C. LAW 10-70

"Metropolitan Police Housing Assistance  
Program and Community Safety Act of 1993".

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. 10-325 on first and second readings, September 21, 1993, and October 5, 1993, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on October 25, 1993, this legislation was assigned Act No. 10-124, published in the November 5, 1993, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 40 page 7575) and transmitted to Congress on October 29, 1993 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 10-70, effective February 23, 1994.



DAVID A. CLARKE  
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

October 29

November 1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,15,16,17,18,19,22,23,24,26

January 25,26

February 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,22

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OCTOBER 25, 1993

New Chapter 22B,  
Title 45

To establish a Metropolitan Police Housing Assistance Program; to amend the District of Columbia Government Employer-Assisted Housing Program Act of 1992 to provide home buying and rental assistance to Metropolitan police officers as incentives for residing in the District of Columbia; and to allow Metropolitan police officers, who live in the District, to keep patrol vehicles in their possession during off-duty hours.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Metropolitan Police Housing Assistance Program and Community Safety Act of 1993".

Sec. 2. Definitions.

For the purposes of this act, the term:

New, Section  
45-2231

(1) "Department" means the District of Columbia Department of Public and Assisted Housing Development.

(2) "First-time homebuyer" means a purchaser who has no ownership interest in a principal residence at any time during the 3 year period ending on the date of the application for assistance, but includes an applicant who has divorced or separated during the 3 year period where a formal settlement did not convey an ownership interest in a principal residence which had been jointly owned.

(3) "Housing unit" means any room or group of rooms forming a single-family residential unit, including a semi-detached condominium, cooperative, or semi-detached or detached home that is intended to be used or used for living, sleeping, and the preparation and eating of meals by human occupants.

(4) "Police officer" means officers of all ranks employed by the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department.

Sec. 3. Rental assistance.

New, Section  
45-2232

(a) The Department shall offer public housing units at a discounted rental rate to Metropolitan police officers. In assigning public housing units, the Department shall establish a priority for Metropolitan police officers who already reside in the District.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of District of Columbia law or regulation, Metropolitan police officers who reside in the District of Columbia may receive discounted rent from private or public housing providers.

(c) All Metropolitan police officers who receive a discounted rent from a private or public housing provider shall notify the Chief of Police of the terms of the discount, and provide a copy of any lease or written agreement detailing the terms of the housing arrangement.

(d) Any discounted rent received by a Metropolitan police officer shall not be considered income for purposes of District of Columbia income tax.

Sec. 4. Community police presence.

All Metropolitan police officers who reside in the District of Columbia shall be eligible to keep in their possession at all times, overnight and off-duty, the official vehicles assigned for patrol purposes. In assigning police vehicles to be taken by police officers while off-duty, the Chief of Police shall establish priorities based on District residency, dispersion by geographic locations, and other factors the Chief of Police may deem appropriate.

New, Section  
45-2233

Sec. 5. Rules.

(a) The Mayor shall, pursuant to title 1 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Code § 1-1501 *et seq.*), issue rules within 90 days after the effective date of this act to implement the provisions of this act.

(b) The rules shall include, but not be limited to the following:

(1) An application procedure for the Metropolitan Police Housing Assistance Program; and

(2) A standard of eligibility and selection of Metropolitan Police Housing Assistance Program applicants. The Mayor may establish priorities for eligibility based on length of residency in the District, geographic location, or other means as deemed appropriate.

Note  
New, Section  
45-2231

Sec. 6. Report on cost of tax exemption for police substations.

Six months from the effective date of this act, the Department of Finance and Revenue shall submit a report to the Council on the fiscal impact of providing a real property tax exemption to that portion of the real property belonging to any individual, partnership, or corporation that is provided rent free to the District for use solely by the Metropolitan Police Department as a police substation. The exemption shall be applicable only while the property is used as an active police substation.

Note  
New, Section  
45-2231

Sec. 7. Report on fiscal impact.

At the end of 1 year from the issuance of regulations to implement this act, similar incentives for teachers and firefighters shall be considered, and the Department of Finance and Revenue shall submit a report to the Council on the fiscal impact of these incentives.

Note,  
New Section  
45-2231

Sec. 8. Home purchase assistance.

The District of Columbia Government Employer-Assisted Housing Act of 1992, effective June 11, 1992 (D.C. Law 9-118; D.C. Code § 45-2221 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) Section 3 (D.C. Code § 45-2222) is amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the word "and".

Section  
45-2222

(2) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase "; and" in its place.

(3) A new paragraph (4) is added to read as follows:

"(4) Property tax and income tax credits for Metropolitan police officers."

(b) A new section 6a is added to read as follows:

"Sec. 6a. Assistance available for Metropolitan police officers.

New, Section  
45-2226

"(a) In addition to the assistance provided in section 6 of this act and section 304(a-1) of the Housing Finance Agency Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C. Law 2-135; D.C. Code § 45-2124(a-1)), Metropolitan police officers who are first-time homebuyers in the District of Columbia shall be eligible for the following assistance:

"(1) A sliding-scale property tax credit as follows:

"(A) An 80% property tax credit for the first year;

"(B) A 60% property tax credit for the second year;

"(C) A 40% property tax credit for the third year;

"(D) A 20% property tax credit for the fourth year; and

"(E) A 20% property tax credit for the fifth year.

"(2) A \$2,000 income tax credit in the tax year the officer purchases his home and each of the 4 immediately succeeding tax years, provided the officer remains eligible for the tax credit. The credit shall not be prorated and any portion of the credit that is not utilized in a tax year shall not be carried forward, carried back, or refunded to the officer.

"(b) Any real property owner eligible to receive a real property tax credit under this section shall receive the tax credit as of the next half of the real property tax year following the date the real property owner applied for the credit. The real property owner shall continue to receive the real property tax credit for each succeeding 9 halves of the real property tax year, provided the real property owner remains eligible to receive the tax credit.

(c) A new section 6b is added to read as follows:

"Sec. 6b. Rules.

"(a) The Mayor shall, pursuant to title 1 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Code § 1-1501 *et seq.*), issue rules within 90 days after the effective date of the Metropolitan Police Housing Assistance Program and Community Safety Act of 1993 to implement the home purchase assistance and tax credit provisions of the act.

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45-2221

"(b) The rules shall include, but not be limited to the following:

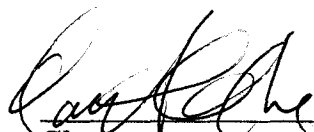
"(1) An application procedure for the Metropolitan Police Housing Assistance Program; and

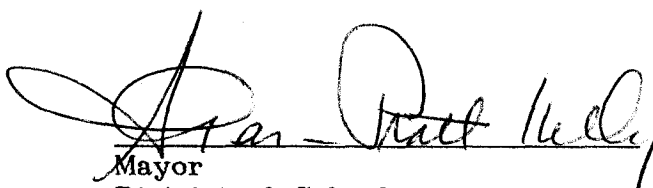
"(2) A standard of eligibility and selection of Metropolitan Police Housing Assistance Program applicants. The Mayor may establish priorities for eligibility based on length of residency in the District, geographic location, or other means as deemed appropriate."

Sec. 9. Effective date.

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 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved

December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(1)), and publication in either the District of Columbia Register, the District of Columbia Statutes-at-Large, or the District of Columbia Municipal Regulation.

  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

  
Mayor  
District of Columbia

APPROVED : October 25, 1993



COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Council Period Ten

RECORD OF OFFICIAL COUNCIL VOTE

DOCKET NO: Bill 10-325

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION & DATE: Adopted First Reading, 9-21-93

VOICE VOTE: Approved

Recorded vote on request

Absent: Barry and Evans

ROLL CALL VOTE: - RESULT

Table with 16 columns: COUNCIL MEMBER, AYE, NAY, N.V., A.B. (repeated 4 times). Rows include CHMN. RAY, BARRY, BRAZIL, CHAVOUS, CROPP, EVANS, JARVIS, LIGHTFOOT, MASON, NATHANSON, SMITH, JR., THOMS, SR.

X - Indicates Vote A.B. - Absent N.V. - Present, not voting

CERTIFICATION RECORD

Secretary to the Council

Date: October 8, 1993

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION & DATE: Adopted Final Reading, 10-5-93

VOICE VOTE: Approved

Recorded vote on request

Absent: all present

ROLL CALL VOTE: - RESULT

Table with 16 columns: COUNCIL MEMBER, AYE, NAY, N.V., A.B. (repeated 4 times). Rows include CHMN. CLARKE, BARRY, BRAZIL, CHAVOUS, CROPP, EVANS, JARVIS, LIGHTFOOT, MASON, NATHANSON, RAY, SMITH, JR., THOMAS, SR.

X - Indicates Vote A.B. - Absent N.V. - Present, not voting

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Secretary to the Council

Date: October 8, 1993

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ACTION & DATE:

VOICE VOTE:

Recorded vote on request

Absent:

ROLL CALL VOTE: - RESULT

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X - Indicates Vote A.B. - Absent N.V. - Present, not voting

CERTIFICATION RECORD

Secretary to the Council

Date

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

9-21-93  
(DATE)

DOCUMENT NO. B10-325

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REPORT PREPARED BY  
(SIGNATURE)

INTRODUCED BY: Smith

REFERRAL  
COMMENTS FROM: H

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NOTICE REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN MET

PUBLIC HEARINGS & PUBLIC ROUNDTABLES

DATE(S) 7-15-93 (RT)

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COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

DATE(S) 7-20-93

REGULAR COMMITTEE MTG.  ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MTG.  SPECIAL COMMITTEE MTG.

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LEGISLATIVE RECORD

ITEMS MISSING FROM THE RECORD (Including Executive Comment):

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Date of Legislative Meeting

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