

Amendment to 23-0543: Concerning Adding an Effective Date and Transition Period to the Green Building Ordinance

Councilmembers,

I move to amend Council Bill 23-0543 with the following particulars:

On page 20, line 4, add:

“Section 10. That a new Section 10-309, D.R.M.C. regarding applicability of green building requirements is added to read as follows:

Sec. 10-309. Applicability of division 1. An application for approval to comply with green building requirements is governed by the green building requirements in effect at the time the complete application is submitted to CPD.

Section 11. Effective date. This ordinance is effective on October 2, 2023.”

Explanation: The Green Building Ordinance (GBO) as drafted does not contain language on an effective date nor for a transition period. The unintended result of which is that any project currently in design and/or review would be required to change their design if they do not have green building ordinance compliance approval in hand by June 5, 2023 should the ordinance pass second reading. This could result in increased costs and delays in completing projects already in design and/or review. The added language will allow projects with a completed application to continue under green building requirements in effect at the time of submittal.

This amendment does not require republication
