

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2008-156
November 18, 2008

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN TRANSIENT AND RESIDENTIAL HOUSING PROVISIONS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICIAL CODE AND MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE 2009 PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, as amended, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. No. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(11), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

I. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

1. On January 20, 2009, Barack Obama will be inaugurated as the 44th President of the United States.
2. To celebrate this historic occasion, more than a million people are expected to visit the District of Columbia to attend or view Inauguration events.
3. Very few hotel rooms in the Washington metropolitan area remain available for the Inauguration.
4. District residents are offering to rent out their residences or parts of their residences to people visiting the District of Columbia for the Inauguration.
5. Generally, rental of residential units requires a Certificate of Occupancy and a Basic Business License with the relevant housing endorsement categories.
6. Because of the historic nature of the 2009 Inauguration, it is in the interest of the District of Columbia to suspend enforcement, for a limited time, of certain provisions of the District of Columbia Code and District of Columbia Municipal Regulations relating to transient and residential housing.
7. The Home Rule Act vests the Mayor with the executive power of the District of Columbia and empowers the Mayor to execute all laws relating to the District of Columbia.

II. TEMPORARY AND LIMITED SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT


1. The District of Columbia's Office of the Attorney General and Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs will not enforce the District of Columbia's licensing and certificate of occupancy requirements with respect to leases, rentals, and similar arrangements, whether or not in writing, between the owner or renter of a dwelling unit and one or more unrelated persons that

permits such persons to occupy all or part of the unit beginning on or after January 13, 2009, and ending on or before January 27, 2009.

2. This Order shall apply only to properties that are being used for residential purposes as of the date of this Order.
3. This Order does not affect the tax obligations arising from any leasing activity.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Order shall become effective immediately.


ADRIAN M. FENTY
MAYOR

ATTEST: 
STEPHANIE D. SCOTT
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA