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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Seat Pleasant Mayor Eugene W. Grant to Testify in Support at Public Hearing on Bill 19-567 Prostitution Free Zone Amendment Act

Date: January 24, 2012 at 11:00AM

Location:

John A. Wilson Building
Room 412
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Subject: Bill 19-567, Prostitution Free Zone Amendment Act of 2011

Details: Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary, announces a public hearing on Bill 19-567, the Prostitution Free Zone Amendment Act of 2011. The public hearing will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2011 in Hearing Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

Under the current law, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) may designate a public area as a prostitution free zone for no more than 20 consecutive days. Bill 19-567 would allow MPD to designate permanent prostitution free zones. The effect of a "prostitution free zone" is to place very strict limitations on loitering. The Committee welcomes testimony on the constitutionality of this bill, as well as the costs and benefits of this proposed measure.

Those who wish to testify should register online or contact Mrs. Christina Setlow, Legislative Counsel, at (202) 724-7808, by fax at (202) 724-6664, or via e-mail at csetlow@dccouncil.us, and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title (if any) by close of business Friday, January 20, 2012. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged, but not required, to submit 15 copies of written testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Friday, January 20, 2012 the testimony will be distributed to Council Members before the hearing. Witnesses should limit their testimony to five minutes; less time will be allowed if there are a large number of witnesses.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to Mrs. Setlow, or to Ms. Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2012.

Related Events: [Judiciary: Prostitution-Free Zone Amendment](#)

Seat Pleasant: “A City of Excellence” is one of Maryland’s 157 municipalities with a population of 5,000 residents, 100 businesses, 13 houses of faith, and 20 non-profit organizations. The Seat Pleasant government has a mayor, seven member city council and 35 government employees operating a \$3.2 million dollar budget.

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