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TO: Vice Mayor Angie Henderson & Councilmember Tom Cash

FROM: Phylinda Ramsey, Senior Counsel

**RE:** Suspension of Rule 11

I write to request that the Metropolitan Council accept a late resolution authorizing a settlement between the Metropolitan Government and Comcast in the amount of \$260,000. As explained in the resolution, the Metropolitan Government and Comcast entered into a ten-year franchise agreement in 2013. Near the end of the franchise agreement's term, the Metropolitan Government hired an independent accounting firm to perform an audit of payments made by Comcast to the Metropolitan Government between September 2022 and August 21, 2023. The audit concluded that Comcast had largely complied with the franchise agreement but did find some areas where Comcast was deficient. After reviewing the audit, the Metropolitan Government issued a demand to Comcast for payment to cure the deficiencies. As part of the demand, the Metropolitan Government and Comcast entered into a tolling agreement which is set to expire on September 30, 2025. As such, the settlement agreement must go to Council for approval before September 30<sup>th</sup> to ensure that the Metropolitan Government's rights are preserved.

To preserve the Metropolitan Government's legal rights, the settlement must be approved by Council before the tolling agreement expires. A copy of the resolution is attached to the reverse side of this memo.

This item is being submitted as an emergency late resolution because the Department of Law believes the settlement serves the best interests of our citizens and wishes to preserve any applicable statute of limitations.

Please accept this resolution for late filing pursuant to Rule 13 of the Council Rules of Procedure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A tolling agreement is a legal contract in which parties agree to pause the statute of limitations on a potential claim, allowing more time for negotiation or investigation without forfeiting legal rights.

Respectfully submitted,

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