

SPECIAL ORDER



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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I. BACKGROUND

The Drug Free Zone, D.C. Law 11-270, (D.C. Official Code § 48-1001 through 1005) provides members with an additional tool to protect the public from the dangers associated with the sale, purchase and use of illegal drugs. The law provides that “it shall be unlawful for a person to congregate in a group of 2 or more persons in public space on public property within the perimeter of a drug free zone... and to fail to disperse after being instructed to disperse by a uniformed officer... who reasonably believes the person is congregating for the purpose of participating in the use, purchase or sale of illegal drugs” [D.C. Official Code § 48-1004 (a)].

II. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this directive, the following terms shall have the meanings designated:

1. Drug Free Zone (DFZ) – Public space on public property in an area not to exceed a square of one thousand (1000) feet on each side [D.C. Official Code § 48-1001(3)].
2. Disperse – To depart from the designated drug free zone and not to reassemble within the drug free zone with anyone from the group ordered to depart for the duration of the zone [D.C. Official Code § 48-1002].

III. REGULATIONS

- A. Drug Free Zones shall be declared by written statement approved by the Chief of Police based on legal review by the Office of the General Counsel.
- B. Drug Free Zones shall not be implemented for a period longer than four hundred eighty (480) consecutive hours.
- C. Prior to ordering any person to disperse, members shall have observed, or been informed of sufficient conduct to show that the person is using, possessing, or selling drugs.
- D. Members shall not rely upon stereotypes or "profiles," but shall look for conduct that has a relationship to illegal drug activity and which can be clearly articulated. Hunches or instinct are not adequate.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. Requesting the Establishment of Drug Free Zones
 - 1. Commanding Officials shall:
 - a. Base their recommendations to establish a drug free zone on the following criteria in the proposed zone within the preceding six (6) month period:
 - (1) A disproportionately high number of arrests for the possession or distribution of illegal drugs;
 - (2) Any number of homicides;
 - (3) Objective evidence or verifiable information that shows that illegal drugs are being sold and distributed on public space on public property; and
 - (4) Any other verifiable information from which they may ascertain whether the health or safety of residents are endangered by the purchase, sale, or use of illegal drugs or other illegal activity.
 - b. Prepare a memorandum of request to the Chief of Police, through the chain of command, including:
 - (1) The proposed dates and times that an area should be declared a drug free zone.

- (2) The specific considerations used in making the determination.
 - (3) A complete, objective justification for the determination.
 - (4) A plan specifying what resources will be used to mark the area as a drug free zone.
 - c. Request a statement from the Tactical Crime Analysis and Intelligence Branch, Research and Analytical Services Division, Strategic Services Bureau, that the boundaries do not exceed the measurement limits of a drug free zone, as it is defined in this order and the law.
2. The Tactical Crime Analysis and Intelligence Branch shall provide:
 - (1) A detailed street map outlining the boundaries of the proposed drug free zone;
 - (2) An aerial view map with the boundaries of the proposed drug free zone;
 - (3) A crime count comparison;
 - (4) An arrest count comparison; and
 - (5) Documentation of any calls for service.
3. Commanding Officers shall submit the completed request through the chain of command to the Executive Office of the Chief of Police (EOCOP).
4. The Chief of Police shall approve or disapprove all drug free zone request packages.
5. Upon the initial authorization from the Chief of Police, the request package shall be forwarded to the Assistant Chief, Strategic Services Bureau (SSB).
6. The Assistant Chief, SSB, shall ensure:
 - a. Each DFZ request package is assigned a DFZ number (e.g., 10-1D-01).
 - (1) The first number in the sequence shall be the last two digits of the year the DFZ will occur.
 - (2) The second number in the sequence shall be the number of the police district making the request.

- (3) The third number in the sequence shall be the number of the DFZ for the police district for that calendar year. (e.g., If it is the first, the number designation will be "01"; if the second, "02").
 - b. The following documents are prepared:
 - (1) Legal sufficiency memoranda (Attachment A).
 - (2) Drug Free Zone Declaration (Attachment B).
 - (3) Notification to the force via teletype (Attachment C).
 - (4) Notification letter printed on MPD letterhead to the Mayor of the District of Columbia (Attachment D).
 - (5) Notification letter printed on MPD letterhead to the Chair of the District of Columbia Council (Attachment E).
7. The Office of the General Counsel shall ensure that the proposed Drug Free Zone meets legal sufficiency with consideration given to the criteria outlined in Part IV.A.1.a of this order.
8. The EOCOP shall ensure that all aspects of the proposed DFZ are in line with established guidelines as enumerated in this order.
 - a. After said establishment is verified and the DFZ is approved, the Chief of Police's signature shall be affixed to all indicated places in the DFZ package:
 - (1) Legal sufficiency memoranda (Attachment A);
 - (2) Drug Free Zone Declaration (Attachment B);
 - (3) Notification to the force via teletype (Attachment C);
 - (4) Notification letter to the Mayor of the District of Columbia (Attachment D); and
 - (5) Notification letter to the Chair of the District of Columbia Council (Attachment E).
 - b. The EOCOP shall return the entire DFZ package to the Assisant Chief, SSB, for dissemination to the:
 - (1) Affected District Commander;
 - (2) Teletype office;

- (3) Mayor;
- (4) Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia; and
- (5) The Marketing and Internet Unit, Strategic Services Bureau.

B. Notification and Posting of Drug Free Zones

1. Notification shall be made to the MPD personnel via the agency teletype system of the establishment of a Drug Free Zone, stating the geographic boundaries covered, the Patrol Service Area involved, and the effective dates of implementation.
2. Upon the designation of a Drug Free Zone, the District Commander shall mark each block within the Drug Free Zone by using barriers, tape, and shall post the following information in the immediate area of, and borders around, warning of the Drug Free Zone (Attachment F), pursuant to D.C. Official Code §48-1003 stating:
 - a. The boundaries of the Drug Free Zone; and
 - b. The effective dates of the Drug Free Zone designation.

C. Implementation of Drug Free Zones

1. Members shall adhere to the following procedures upon the declaration of a drug free zone within their district by the Chief of Police and prior to enforcement of the law:
 - a. Distribute the notices no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the actual effective date of the designation;
 - b. Procure a sufficient quantity of 11" x 17" posters entitled 'Warning, This area has been declared a Drug Free Zone,' which are available from the Corporate Support Bureau, General Supply Service Division, Equipment and Supply Branch; (Attachment F)
 - c. Ensure posters are properly filled out and secured. Posters shall be located at least around the borders of the zone and at the border corners and shall be secured to available objects (e.g., lamp post) or on wooden stakes;

NOTE: Any member who observes an individual injuring, breaking or destroying any "drug free zone" poster may charge the individual with a misdemeanor Destruction of Property (D.C. Official Code § 22-303.) For example, mutilating, ripping, tearing, or spindling the poster would be injuring or

destroying it. Simply taking down the sign would not constitute destruction of property.

- e. Mark each block within the designated drug free zone by using the most practical and available resources (e.g., barriers, tape, police officers); and

NOTE: At the beginning of each tour of duty, officers should verify that block markings and warning signs are still posted.

- f. Ensure that no side of the designated zone exceeds 1,000 feet, as prescribed in the law.

D. Enforcement of the Anti-Loitering Drug Free Zone

1. In order to enforce the Anti-Loitering/Drug Free Zone Act, members shall be aware of the following key elements of the law:
 - a. Provisions of this law are only enforceable in those areas, which have been specifically identified as drug free zones, and during the period of time that has been declared;
 - b. There must be two (2) or more persons congregating on public space within the boundaries of the drug free zone;
 - c. The person must be congregating with the intent to or for the purpose of participating in the use, purchase, or sale of illegal drugs. This belief should be supported by personal observance of suspect conduct or by current reliable information to the same effect; and
 - d. When instructed to disperse by a uniformed member, the person(s) so instructed must fail to follow the instruction of the member, or if the person so instructed disperses, he/she may not reassemble on public property with any other person who was ordered to disperse at the same time in the drug free zone for the duration of the drug free zone.
2. In making a determination that a person is congregating in a drug free zone for the purpose of participating in the use, purchase, or sale of illegal drugs, the totality of the circumstances involved shall be considered. Among the circumstances which may be considered in determining whether such purpose is manifested are:
 - a. The conduct of a person being observed, including, but not limited to, that such person is engaging or is about to engage in illegal drug activity such as:

- (1) The observable distribution of small packages to other persons;
 - (2) The receipt of currency for the exchange of a small package;
 - (3) Operating as a lookout, warning others of the arrival of police;
 - (4) Concealing himself or herself or any object which reasonably may be connected to unlawful drug-related activity; or
 - (5) Engaging in any other conduct normally associated by law enforcement agencies with the illegal distribution or possession of drugs.
- b. Information from a reliable source stating that the source has observed the person engaging in conduct that indicates he or she is committing illegal drug-related activity within the drug free zone;

NOTE: Prior to ordering any person to disperse, the officer must have observed or been informed of sufficient conduct to show that the person is using, possessing, or selling drugs. Other factors may be used to strengthen the member's conclusion that the person has an illegal purpose or intent.

- c. Information from a reliable source indicating that a person being observed routinely distributes illegal drugs within the drug free zone;
- d. Such person is physically identified by the member as a member of a gang or association, which engages in illegal drug activity;
- e. Such person is a known unlawful drug user, possessor, or seller; or

NOTE: This means a person who has, within the knowledge of the arresting officer, been convicted in any court of any violation involving the use, possession, or distribution of any controlled substance; or is a person who displays physical characteristics of drug use, including, but not limited to, "needle tracks."

- f. Any vehicle involved in the observed circumstances is registered to a known, unlawful drug user, possessor, or seller, or a person for whom there is an outstanding arrest warrant for

a crime involving drug-related activity. (DC Official Code § 48-1001)

NOTE: The presence of a listed circumstance may or may not be sufficient by itself to show that a person has congregated for the purpose of participating in illegal drug activity.

3. Members approaching persons to enforce the Anti-Loitering Drug Free Zone Act, shall advise those persons that:
 - a. They are in a drug free zone, and explain the boundaries of the zone and its duration;
 - b. The member has reason to believe that the individuals within the group are congregating with the intent to or for the purpose of participating in unlawful drug-related activity, and that the member is instructing those individuals to disperse and depart from the drug free zone;
 - c. It is illegal for the individuals to continue to congregate on public space in this area after being instructed to disperse;
 - d. Failure to obey this instruction will result in their arrest; and
 - e. The individuals will be arrested without a second verbal warning if, after being instructed to disperse, they regroup and continue to congregate at any location on public space within the boundaries of the drug free zone.
4. When members are instructing a group of two (2) or more to disperse, members shall allow the group a reasonable amount of time to comply, but shall clearly specify a definite time in minutes, before making an arrest.
5. Members shall take care to remember the identities (appearance, prior familiarity, and identifying characteristics) of those persons they have ordered to disperse.

NOTE: The law forbids a person from reassembling with any other person who was ordered to disperse at the same time. The member must be able to recall or otherwise identify all of the individuals to whom the original order applied:

- a. To clearly recognize any later attempt to reassemble within the drug zone; and/or
- b. To notify another member who may return and make an arrest on the information obtained from the previous member.

6. If the member cannot be sure that two (2) or more people now seen together within the boundaries of the zone were covered by the order to disperse, the member shall evaluate the circumstances anew in order to determine whether the group is now congregating for an illegal drug-related purpose, and if so, reissue a warning to disperse.
7. Members shall record this information on a PD Form 76 (Stop or Contact Report) which shall be retained by the member to use in preparing his/her legal case if an arrest occurs.

NOTE: If a person, who was previously part of a group that was instructed to disperse, returns to the drug free zone alone or with a different individual who was not part of the original group, the member may not arrest the individual. There must be at least two (2) persons, who return from the original group, to make a lawful arrest.

8. If persons refuse or fail to disperse, members shall arrest and charge them with "Violation of the Anti-Loitering / Drug Free Zone Act."

NOTE: "Any person who violates [the Act] shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$300, imprisonment for not more than 180 days, or both" (D.C. Official Code § 48-1005.) The United States Attorney's Office will handle this charge, except in cases involving juveniles, which will be handled by the Office of the Attorney General.

9. Members shall carefully distinguish conduct involving lawful activities performed by groups that would not be violations of a DFZ, (e.g., distributing campaign literature, collecting names on petitions, soliciting community support, discussion of political or religious topics, other lawful civic or personal associations or individuals on private property.)

For example:

- a. A group of people are assembled around a person who is handing out flyers and speaking in an animated manner about disagreement with certain governmental policies. This speech and assembly is protected by the U.S. Constitution and is not prohibited within the intent of the DFZ.
- b. Three (3) males are leaning against a fence, talking among themselves and occasionally making remarks to women passing by. Without some observed behavior and articulable suspicion that would create a reasonable belief that they were engaging in illegal drug-related activities, the member would have no basis for instructing the individuals to disperse from the DFZ. Their status as known drug users or members of a drug-related gang would not, by itself, justify a dispersal order.

- c. Five (5) people are standing around in front of a liquor store. The officer sees three (3) of them involved in what appears to be a drug transaction. The other two (2) people exhibit no behavior that indicates they are taking part in the sale of drugs but are talking with the three (3) apparent drug traffickers. Without additional facts, the member would have no basis for ordering the two (2) uninvolved people to disperse. If one (1) of the apparent drug traffickers were later seen in the drug zone with one (1) of the uninvolved people, there would be no basis for an arrest based on the failure to abide by the dispersal order.

V. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. District Commanders shall:

1. Direct personnel and resources to designated drug free zones following the plan approved by the Chief of Police.
2. Upon the expiration of a drug free zone designation, direct members of their command to promptly remove all signs and other identifying documents and equipment from the boundaries and areas within the former zone.
3. Once the designation of a drug free zone has expired, prepare a report to the Chief of Police, through the appropriate chain of command, within ten (10) business days of the expiration of the zone, providing the following information:
 - a. The location of the drug free zone, including the exact boundaries;
 - b. Personnel and resources allocated to the designated drug free zone;
 - c. The time(s) and date(s) of the:
 - (1) Distribution of notices to homes and businesses within the boundaries of the drug free zone,
 - (2) Time period that an area was declared a drug free zone,
 - (3) Marking of the boundaries with posters, and
 - (4) Removal of all posters from the former drug free zone upon expiration of the declaration;
 - d. The number of locations at which posters were placed;
 - e. The manner in which each block in the drug zone was marked;

- f. The number and type of crime index offenses which occurred in the drug free zone during the declared period of time;
 - g. The total number of arrests for drug free zone violations, to include if the arrestee was in possession of any illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, or firearms, as well as other arrests occurring in the drug free zone;
 - h. The number and type of complaints received as a result of drug free zone enforcement activities;
 - i. Any significant events or unusual incidents which occurred in the drug free zone during the declared period of time; and
 - j. An evaluation of the drug free zone enforcement action.
4. When requesting that an area be re-designated as a drug free zone, comply with the procedures outlined in Part IV.A. of this order.

NOTE: There is no legal time frame to re-designate a drug free zone, however, this shall not be used to circumvent the 480-hour time limit. Specific justification must be made in the application.

5. When recommending that multiple areas be designated as drug free zones, ensure that their organizational element has the necessary personnel, material resources and logistical capabilities to effectively concentrate law enforcement efforts in these areas.
6. Establish and maintain a file at their organizational element which shall be referred to as the "Drug Free Zone File." The file shall be maintained in the following manner:
- a. Separate folders representing each particular drug free zone shall be established;
 - b. Each file folder shall be used to accumulate information relative to the activities within a particular drug free zone;
 - c. Specifically, the file shall include documentation of:
 - (1) A copy of the recommendation to the Chief of Police and the declaration.
 - (2) Substantiating documents relative to the Commanding Officer's recommendation.
 - (3) Memoranda for the record indicating:

- (a) When, how, and by whom notices were distributed;
 - (b) When signs were posted, and the method of posting that was used; and
 - (c) How each block within the drug free zone was marked.
 - (4) Enforcement information and crime statistics during the enforcement period.
 - (5) Information about any unusual or significant incidents.
 - (6) A copy of the final report to the Chief of Police.
- B. The Tactical Crime Analysis and Intelligence Branch shall, upon receiving a request from a District Commander or his/her designee to verify that the boundaries do not exceed the measurement limits of a drug free zone as defined in this order and the law:
- 1. Provide a written statement to the requesting District that the proposed area is within the legal limits of a drug free zone; and
 - 2. Provide the requesting district with a detailed map, showing the specific boundaries; or
 - 3. Notify the requesting District that the proposed area is not within the legal limits of a drug free zone and provide recommendations to be within the legal limits.
- C. The Assistant Chief, SSB, shall ensure that:
- 1. A "Declaration Establishing a Drug Free Zone," letter of legal sufficiency, and teletype announcing the establishment of a Drug Free Zone are prepared for each request submitted.
 - 2. The Declaration has been reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel as to legal form and sufficiency.
 - 3. The Declaration and all supporting documents are forwarded to the Chief of Police for review and approval.
 - 4. Copies of all approved Declarations are forwarded to the Mayor, Chairman of the Council, the affected District Commander, and the Office of Communications, Internet Communications.

5. Documentation regarding the number of requests is available by year in a generally accessible electronic file format (e.g., Excel, Word, or Access).
- D. The Office of General Counsel shall:
1. Review all declarations for drug free zones for legal form and sufficiency.
 2. Recommend for approval or disapproval the Declaration and return to the Assistant Chief, SSB.
- E. The Chief of Police shall approve or disapprove all requests for drug free zone designations submitted by District Commanders.

VI. CROSS REFERENCES

1. D.C. Official Code § 48-1001 through 1005

VII. ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment A: DFZ Legal Sufficiency Memo Template
2. Attachment B: DFZ Declaration Template
3. Attachment C: DFZ Teletype Template
4. Attachment D: DFZ Letter to Mayor Template
5. Attachment E: DFZ Letter to Council Chair Template
6. Attachment F: PD form 907-C Drug Free Zone Placard Notice



Cathy L. Lanier
Chief of Police



**BUREAU
DIVISION**

ADDRESS, Washington D.C., ZIP (202) 000-0000

MONTH DATE, YEAR

Memorandum

TO: NAME, Chief of Police

THRU:

FROM:

SUBJECT: Declaration of Drug Free Zone *INSERT ZONE I.D.*, PSA 000

Attached for your review, approval, and signature is a "Declaration Establishing a Drug Free Zone" (Drug Free Zone ZONE I.D.) to be issued under the Anti-Loitering/Drug Free Zone Act of 1996, for DAY, MONTH DATE, YEAR through DAY, MONTH DATE, YEAR for the following area in PSA 000:

INSERT EXACT ZONE BOUNDARIES HERE AS REPORTED BY TACTICAL
CRIME ANALYSIS & INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

The Office of General Counsel has reviewed this submission as to legal form and sufficiency.

Following the signing of the Declaration, please return the package to the Policy Development Branch, Strategic Services Bureau for distribution. Copies will be forwarded to the Mayor; Chairman of the Council; and the affected District Commander.

Reviewed for legal sufficiency by Office of the General Counsel:

[Signature]

[Date]

Attachment



DECLARATION ESTABLISHING A DRUG FREE ZONE

Police District:

Zone Number:

PSA:

WHEREAS;

Law 11-270, the "Anti-Loitering/Drug Free Zone," was introduced in Council, assigned Bill No. 11-441, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The Bill was adopted based on the first and second readings on June 6, 1996, and July 3, 1996, respectively. The Bill was signed by the Mayor on July 19, 1996, assigned Act No. 11-321, and transmitted to both houses of Congress for review. D.C. Law 11-270 became effective on June 3, 1997. The Act has been codified to the D.C. Official Code as §§ 48-1001 through 48-1005. The Anti-Loitering/Drug Free Zone Act was amended by Section 226 of the Omnibus Public Safety and Justice Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2009, enacted on October 21, 2009 (D.C. Act 18-227).

WHEREAS;

The Anti-Loitering/Drug Free Zone Act of 1996, as amended (hereafter, "the Act") provides, among other things, that the Chief of Police may declare any public area a Drug Free Zone for a period not to exceed four hundred eighty (480) consecutive hours, based on the following considerations:

The occurrence of a disproportionately high number of arrests for the possession or distribution of illegal drugs in the proposed Drug Free Zone within the preceding six (6) month period;

Any number of homicides that were committed in the proposed Drug Free Zone within the preceding six (6) month period;

Objective evidence or verifiable information that shows that illegal drugs are being sold and distributed on public space on public property within the proposed drug free zone; and

Any other verifiable information from which the Chief of Police may ascertain whether the health or safety of residents who live in the proposed drug free zone are endangered by the purchase, sale, or use of illegal drugs or other illegal activity. [D.C. Official Code § 48-1002(b)]

WHEREAS;

The Metropolitan Police Department has issued the appropriate directives (Special Order 11-04) to its members describing the requirements of the Act and providing operational guidelines for enforcing the Act.

WHEREAS;

Information pertaining to the above-listed considerations has been supplied to me by the Commander of the police district within which the following area is situated, and further information of the same nature is available to me from reliable sources, including, among other things, confidential police investigative reports.

NOW THEREFORE;

I hereby determine and declare that the following described area shall be designated as a Drug Free Zone and that the respective police commander shall take all steps necessary to enforce the provisions of the Act in accordance with all applicable directives and operational guidelines of the Metropolitan Police Department:

DRUG FREE ZONE ESTABLISHED

Boundaries of Drug Free Zone:

INSERT EXACT ZONE BOUNDARIES HERE AS REPORTED BY TACTICAL CRIME ANALYSIS & INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU.

Effective Dates and Times:

This Drug Free Zone shall be enforced beginning at 0001 hours (12:01 A.M.) on *DAY, MONTH DATE, YEAR*, and concluding at 2359 hours (11:59 P.M.) on *DAY, MONTH DATE, YEAR*.

District Commander:

By memorandum of *MONTH DATE, YEAR*, Commander *NAME*, commanding officer, *DISTRICT*, Metropolitan Police Department, submitted a request for declaration of a Drug Free Zone in the area described above. The memorandum,

including a sketch of the boundaries of the Drug Free Zone, is incorporated by reference as a part of this Declaration.

NAME
Chief of Police

Dated _____

cc: Mayor
Chairman, D.C. Council
Affected District Commander

1. REQUEST FOR <input type="checkbox"/> LOCAL LOOKOUT <input type="checkbox"/> INTERSTATE TT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATIVE TT <input type="checkbox"/> DETAIL (See Reverse)	2. TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL <input type="checkbox"/> EXPEDITE <input type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> CANCEL <input type="checkbox"/> CORRECTION <input type="checkbox"/> REPEAT <input type="checkbox"/> REPLY	3. COMPLAINT NUMBER	6. DATE OF REQUEST
		4. UNIT NUMBER 000-0000	7. REQUESTING ELEMENT
		5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT FOR THE PRESS	8. <input type="checkbox"/> FLASH TT REQUESTED

9. TO
THE FORCE "Establishment of a Drug Free Zone in PSA 000."

10. NAME OF WANTED PERSON	11. WANTED BY	12. CHARGE
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13. COMPLAINANT S NAME	14. COMPLAINANT S ADDRESS
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15. DESCRIPTION OF WANTED PERSON OR MESSAGE

Declaration of Drug Free Zone *ZONE I.D.*

The purpose of this teletype is to advise members that the Chief of Police has approved the establishment of a Drug Free Zone in PSA 000, located in the 0 District, in accordance with Special Order 11-06. The boundaries of the Drug Free Zone are as follows:

INSERT EXACT ZONE BOUNDARIES HERE AS REPORTED BY TACTICAL CRIME ANALYSIS AND INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU

This Drug Free Zone will be in operation beginning 0001 hours (12:01 A.M.) on MONTH DATE, YEAR through 2359 hours (11:59 P.M.) on MONTH DATE, YEAR.

SENDER-BADGE-ORG. ELM.	AUTHORIZED BY-BADGE-ORG.ELM.	BUREAU HEAD APPROVAL <i>NAME, Chief of Police</i>
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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Honorable *John Q. Doe*
Executive Office of the Mayor
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 316
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mayor *Doe*:

As prescribed in the Anti-Loitering/Drug Free Zone Act of 1996, D.C. Law 11-270 (D.C. Official Code § 48-1002), I hereby notify you of the declaration of a Drug Free Zone. Enclosed is the *Declaration Establishing a Drug Free Zone Number ZONE I.D.* The Drug Free Zone is located in PSA 000 in Ward 0.

Sincerely,

NAME
Chief of Police

Enclosure



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Honorable *John Doe*
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 504
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Chairman *Doe*:

As prescribed in the Anti-Loitering/Drug Free Zone Act of 1996, D.C. Law 11-270 (D.C. Official Code § 48-1002), I hereby notify you of the declaration of a Drug Free Zone. Enclosed is the *Declaration Establishing a Drug Free Zone* Number *ZONE I.D.* The Drug Free Zone is located in PSA *000* in Ward *0*.

Sincerely,

NAME
Chief of Police

Enclosure



WARNING

This area has been declared a
DRUG FREE ZONE

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Any person congregating in a group of two (2) or more on public space within the boundaries of this Drug Free Zone for the purpose of participating in the use, purchase, or sale of illegal drugs, and who fails to disperse after being instructed to disperse by a uniformed member of the Metropolitan Police Department, is subject to arrest. An arrest can result in a fine of not more than \$300, imprisonment for not more than 180 days, or both.

[D.C. Law 11-270, Anti-Loitering/Drug Free Zone Act of 1996]

BOUNDARIES

Boundaries of Defined Drug Free Zone:

EFFECTIVE DATES

Start Date:

Time:

End Date:

Time:

Cathy L. Lanier
Cathy L. Lanier
Chief of Police

**QUESTIONS? Contact the Patrol Services and School Security Bureau at
(202) 576-6600 or visit www.mpdc.dc.gov/aboutdfz**

NOTICE: This sign is property of the Government of the District of Columbia and may not be removed and taken away, tampered with, defaced, or destroyed. Any persons who do so will be prosecuted.