

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT



Application No. 13214, of Euram Corporation, pursuant to Sub-section 8207.2 of the Zoning Regulations, for a special exception under Paragraph 4101.44 and Section 4306 to permit a receiver antenna to be constructed on the roof of the subject office building in an SP-2 District at the premises 1111 - 16th Street, N.W., (Square 197, Lot 84).

HEARING DATE: April 23, 1980

DECISION DATE: April 23, 1980 (Bench Decision)

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The subject property is located on the east side of 16th Street between L and M Streets, N.W. and is known as 1111 - 16th Street, N.W. It is in an SP-2 District.

2. By BZA Order No. 11367, dated August 3, 1973, the Board approved a seven story office building and roof structures on the subject site.

3. The subject application comes before the Board since it constitutes a modification to an Order already approved by the Board.

4. The applicant's lessee is the Corporation for Public Broadcasting located at the subject premises. It is engaged in work associated with the reception of radio and television signals from domestic communications satellites.

5. The lessee proposes to install a parabolic receiving antenna of approximately three meters in diameter on the roof of the subject premises. The antenna is lightweight, of molded fiberglass and the color approximates the color of the exterior of the subject office building. It is a fixed antenna with struts for the antenna secured directly to a weighted pallet.

6. The subject antenna is strictly passive. It is a satellite receiving antenna. There will be no transmission from the site.

7. Immediately adjacent to the subject site is the Embassy of the USSR. By letter of November 9, 1979 the U.S. Department of State acknowledged the notification by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting of the proposed antenna. In its letter the Department of State stated that it had discussed the matter with the Embassy of the USSR on November 8, 1979.

8. There was no opposition to the application at the Public Hearing or of record.

9. Advisory Neighborhood Commission - 2B made no recommendation on the application.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

Based on the record, the Board concludes that the subject modification of previously approved plans by the Board in BZA Order No. 11367 is minimal in nature and requires no further variances. The Board further concludes that the special exception can be granted as in harmony with the intent, purpose and integrity of the zone plan and that will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is GRANTED.

VOTE: 5-0 (Walter B. Lewis, William F. McIntosh, Connie Fortune, Charles R. Norris and Leonard L. McCants to GRANT).

BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

ATTESTED BY: Steven E. Sher  
STEVEN E. SHER  
Executive Director

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FINAL DATE OF ORDER: 7 JUL 1980

THIS ORDER OF THE BOARD IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDER, UNLESS WITHIN SUCH PERIOD AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES, INVESTIGATIONS, AND INSPECTIONS.

UNDER SUB-SECTION 8204.3 OF THE ZONING REGULATIONS "NO DECISION OR ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN DAYS AFTER HAVING BECOME FINAL PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BEFORE THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT."