

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT



Application No. 16211 of the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church, as amended, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3107.2 for a variance to allow an addition to an existing nonconforming structure that now exceeds the floor area ratio limitation, will increase the nonconformity and create a new nonconforming open court [Paragraphs 2001.3(b) and (c)], a variance from the open court requirements (Subsection 536.1), a variance from the allowable floor area ratio requirement (Subsection 1203.3), and a variance from the mechanical penthouse restrictions [Paragraph 1203.2(b)] for an addition to an existing nonconforming structure in a CAP/SP-2 District at premises 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E. (Square 726, Lot 11).

HEARING DATE: March 19, 1997
DECISION DATE: March 19, 1997 (Bench Decision)

SUMMARY ORDER

The Board provided proper and timely notice of public hearing on this application by publication in the D.C. Register, and by mail to Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A and to owners of property within 200 feet of the site.

The original application included a special exception under Subsection 1203.2(b) - the mechanical penthouse restrictions. At the public hearing, the Board amended the application, eliminating this special exception and requiring variance relief from the same provision - Subsection 1203.2(b). The Board concludes that while the application was advertised to include a special exception, the true nature of the applicant's proposal was clear in the advertisement. Therefore, no person or party would be harmed by the amendment.

The site of the application is located within the jurisdiction of ANC 6A. ANC 6A, which is automatically a party to the application, did not file a written statement related to the application.

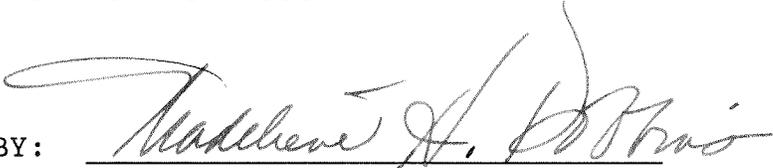
As directed by 11 DCMR 3324.2, the Board has required the applicant to satisfy the burden of proving the elements which are necessary to establish the case for a variance from the strict application of the requirements of 11 DCMR 2001.3(b) and (c), 536.1, 1203.2(b) and 1203.3. No person or entity appeared at the public hearing in opposition to the application or otherwise requested to participate as a party in this proceeding. Accordingly, a decision by the Board to grant this application would not be adverse to any party.

Based upon the record before the Board, the Board concludes that the applicant has met the burden of proof, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3107, that there exists an exceptional or extraordinary situation or condition related to the property which creates a practical difficulty for the owner in complying with the Zoning Regulations, and that the requested relief can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent, purpose, and integrity of the zone plan as embodied in the Zoning Regulations and Map. It is therefore ORDERED that this application is GRANTED.

Pursuant to 11 DCMR 3301.1, the Board has determined to waive the requirement of 11 DCMR 3331.1 that the order of the Board be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law. The waiver will not prejudice the rights of any party, and is appropriate in this case.

VOTE: 4-0 (Laura M. Richards, Herbert M. Franklin, Sheila Cross Reid and Susan Morgan Hinton to grant; Angel F. Clarens not present, not voting).

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

ATTESTED BY: 
MADELIENE H. DOBBINS
Director

FINAL DATE OF ORDER: MAR 28 1997

PURSUANT TO D.C. CODE SEC. 1-2531 (1987), SECTION 267 OF D.C. LAW 2-38, THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY FULLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF D.C. LAW 2-38, AS AMENDED, CODIFIED AS D.C. CODE, TITLE 1, CHAPTER 25 (1987), AND THIS ORDER IS CONDITIONED UPON FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE PROVISIONS. THE FAILURE OR REFUSAL OF APPLICANT TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISIONS OF D.C. LAW 2-38, AS AMENDED, SHALL BE A PROPER BASIS FOR THE REVOCATION OF THIS ORDER.

UNDER 11 DCMR 3103.1, "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."

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THIS ORDER OF THE BOARD IS VALID FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, UNLESS WITHIN SUCH PERIOD AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS.

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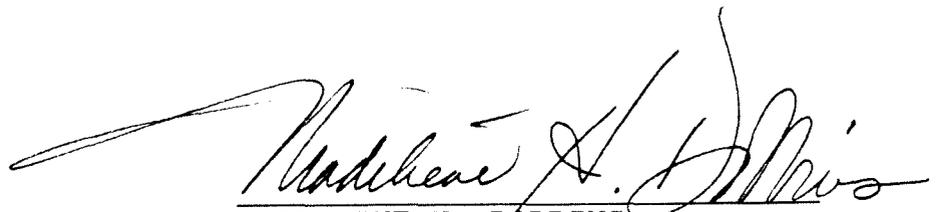


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As Director of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, I hereby certify and attest to the fact that on MAR 28 1997 a copy of the order entered on that date in this matter was mailed first class postage prepaid to each person who appeared and participated in the public hearing concerning this matter, and who is listed below:

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