

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT



Application No. 16908 of Howard University, pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3103.2, for a variance from the use provisions to allow a parking lot for the general public (including the patrons of a club located at 815 V Street, N.W.) under subsection 602.1(j) in a CR District at premises 2129 9th Street, N.W. (Square 2875, Lot 203).

HEARING DATE: July 30, 2002
DECISION DATE: July 30 2002 (Bench Decision)

SUMMARY ORDER

REVIEW BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The application was accompanied by a memorandum from the Zoning Administrator certifying the required relief.

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) 1B, the Office of Planning (OP) and to owners of property within 200 feet of the site. The site of the application is located within the jurisdiction of ANC 1B. The ANC 1B did not participate in the application. The OP submitted a report in support of the application.

As directed by 11 DCMR § 3119.2, the Board required the applicant to satisfy the burden of proving the elements that are necessary to establish the case for a variance pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3103.2. No person or entity appearing as a party to this case testified in opposition to the application. Accordingly, a decision by the Board to grant this application would not be adverse to any party.

Based upon the record before the Board and having given great weight to the Office of Planning report filed in this case, the Board concludes that the applicant has met the burden of proving under 11 DCMR §§ 3103.2 and 602.1(j), that there exists an exceptional or extraordinary situation or condition related to the property that creates a practical difficulty for the owner in complying with the Zoning Regulations, and that the 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 be **GRANTED** subject to the following **CONDITIONS**:

1. Approval shall be for **SIX (6)** years.
2. All areas devoted to driveways, access lanes, and parking areas shall be paved and maintained with bituminous concrete or brick materials, or a combination of these materials or other material approved by the District of Columbia Department of Public Works as structurally equivalent or better, which form an all-weather impervious surface, and which is a minimum of four inches (4 in.) in thickness.
3. The parking lot shall be designed so that no vehicle or any part of a vehicle projects over any lot line or building line.
4. No other use shall be conducted from or upon the premises, and no structure other than an attendant's shelter shall be erected or used upon the premises unless the use or structure is otherwise permitted in the district in which the parking lot is located.
5. No vehicular entrance or exit shall be within forty feet (40 ft.) of a street intersection as measured from the intersection of the curb lines extended.
6. Any lighting used to illuminate a parking lot or its accessory buildings shall be arranged so that all direct rays of the lighting are confined to the surface of the parking lot.
7. The parking lot shall be kept free of refuse and debris and shall be landscaped. Landscaping shall be maintained in a healthy growing condition and in a neat and orderly appearance. Landscaping with tree and shrubs shall cover a minimum of five percent (5%) of the total area of the parking lot, or an area as determined by the Board of Zoning Adjustment for a parking lot otherwise requiring Board approval.

Pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3101.6, the Board has determined to waive the requirement of 11 DCMR § 3125.3 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 not prohibited by law.

VOTE: **4-0-1** (Geoffrey H. Griffis, Anne M. Renshaw, Curtis L. Etherly, Jr., and Anthony J. Hood to approve, the NCPC designee not present, not voting).

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

Each concurring Board member has approved the issuance of this order.

ATTESTED BY: 
JERRILY R. KRESS, FAIA
Director, Office of Zoning

FINAL DATE OF ORDER: AUG 15 2002

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR § 3125.6, THIS ORDER WILL BECOME FINAL UPON ITS FILING IN THE RECORD AND SERVICE UPON THE PARTIES. UNDER 11 DCMR § 3125.9, THIS ORDER WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE TEN DAYS AFTER IT BECOMES FINAL.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR 3130, THIS ORDER SHALL NOT BE VALID FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS AFTER IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE UNLESS THE USE APPROVED IN THIS ORDER IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN SUCH SIX-MONTH PERIOD.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR § 3205, FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS IN THIS ORDER, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR THE REVOCATION OF ANY BUILDING PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ORDER.

THE APPLICANT SHALL COMPLY FULLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, D.C.LAW 2-38, AS AMENDED, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 14 IN TITLE 2 OF THE D.C. CODE. SEE D.C. CODE SECTION 2-1402.67 (2001). THIS ORDER IS CONDITIONED UPON FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT. THE FAILURE OR REFUSAL OF THE APPLICANT TO COMPLY SHALL BE A PROPER BASIS FOR THE REVOCATION OF THIS ORDER. NOTE IN SECTION 2-1401.01 OF THE D.C. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT THAT IT IS THE INTENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, IN ENACTING THIS CHAPTER, TO SECURE AN END IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO DISCRIMINATION FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN THAT OF INDIVIDUAL MERIT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DISCRIMINATION BY REASON OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATURAL

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SEXUAL ORIENTATION, FAMILIAL STATUS, FAMILY
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DISABILITY, SOURCE OF INCOME, AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR
BUSINESS.

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As Director of the Office of Zoning, I hereby certify and attest that on AUG 15 2002 a copy of the order entered on that date in this matter was mailed first class, postage prepaid or delivered via inter-agency mail, to each party and public agency who appeared and participated in the public hearing concerning the matter, and who is listed below:

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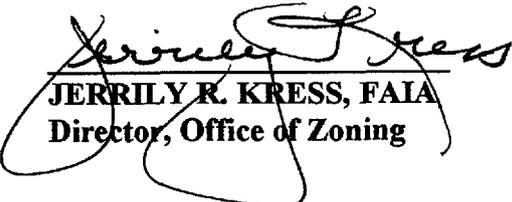
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