

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT



**Application No. 16925 of Katherine L. Novitch**, pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3104.1, for a special exception to allow an addition to a single family detached dwelling under section 223, not meeting the lot width requirements (section 401), side yard requirements (section 405), and nonconforming structure provisions (subsection 2001.3) in the R-1-B District at premises 3558 Albemarle Street, N.W. (Square 1970, Lot 75).

**HEARING DATE:** October 15, 2002  
**DECISION DATE:** October 15, 2002 (Bench Decision)

**SUMMARY ORDER**

**SELF-CERTIFIED**

The zoning relief requested in this case was self-certified, pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3113.2.

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) 3F, and to the owners of property within 200 feet of the site. The application was also referred to the Office of Planning for review and report.

The site of this application is located within the jurisdiction of ANC 3F. ANC 3F, which is automatically a party to the application submitted a letter in conditional support of the case. The Office of Planning submitted a report in support of the application.

As directed by 11 DCMR § 3119.2, the Board has required the applicant to satisfy the burden of proving the elements that are necessary to establish the case for a special exception from the strict application of the requirements of 11 DCMR §§ 3104.1, and 223. No person or entity appeared at the public hearing in opposition to this 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, and having given great weight to the ANC and OP reports filed in this case, the Board concludes that the Applicant has met the burden of proof, pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3104.1, for a special exception under section 223, and that the requested relief can be granted as in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps and will not tend to affect adversely the use

of neighboring property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps. In respect to the foregoing, the Board advised the Applicant during the public hearing, that the large tree on the subject property is to be protected during construction. It is therefore **ORDERED** that this application be **GRANTED**.

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 appropriate in this case.

**VOTE: 5-0-0** (Geoffrey H. Griffis, Anne M. Renshaw, James H. Hannaham, Curtis L. Etherly, Jr., and David A. Zaidain to approve).

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

Each concurring member has approved the issuance of this order.

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
**JERRILY R. KRESS, FAIA**  
**Director, Office of Zoning**

**Final Date of Order: OCT 23 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 TWO YEARS AFTER IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE UNLESS, WITHIN SUCH TWO-YEAR PERIOD, THE APPLICANT FILES PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECURING A BUILDING PERMIT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE D.C. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, AS AMENDED, D.C. OFFICIAL CODE SECTION 2-1401.01 ET SEQ., (ACT) THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED: RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, PERSONAL APPEARANCE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, FAMILIAR STATUS, FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, MATRICULATION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, DISABILITY, SOURCE OF INCOME, OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS A FORM OF SEX

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DISCRIMINATION WHICH IS ALSO PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. IN ADDITION, HARASSMENT BASED ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PROTECTED CATEGORIES IS ALSO PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF THE ACT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION. RSN

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As Director of the Office of Zoning, I hereby certify and attest that on OCT 23 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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