

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Board of Zoning Adjustment



Application No. 18111 of the Kingdom of Sweden by National Property Board Sweden, SFV (Statens Fastighetsverk), pursuant to 11 DCMR §§ 3104.1 and 3103.2, for a variance from the non-residential floor area ratio limitations under subsection 931.3, and a special exception under section 2108, to convert the residential units in House of Sweden to office use in the W-2 District at premises 2900 K Street, N.W. (Square 1171, Part of Lot 82, including Lots 814, 7001, and 7002).¹

HEARING DATE: October 5, 2010
DECISION DATE: October 5, 2010 (Bench Decision)

SUMMARY ORDER

SELF CERTIFIED

The zoning relief requested in this case was self-certified, pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3113.2. (Exhibit 6).

The Board provided proper and timely notice of the public hearing on this application by publication in the *D.C. Register* and by mail to Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) 2E and to owners of property within 200 feet of the site. The site of this application is located within the jurisdiction of ANC 2E, which is automatically a party to this application. The ANC submitted a timely report indicating that at a duly-noticed public meeting at which a quorum was present, the ANC voted to take “no objection” to the application. (Exhibit 24). The Office of Planning (“OP”) submitted a timely report indicating that it supported the application. (Exhibit 27).

¹ The Board determined that the variance relief being sought in this application under § 931.3 from the non-residential floor area ratio limitations is a use variance, not an area variance. The Applicant amended the application with regard to the special exception relief being sought under § 2108. The application was amended by requesting a reduction of nine required parking spaces, instead of the eight originally asked for.

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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 pursuant to § 3103.2, for a variance from the limitation on the non-residential floor area ratio under § 931.3, to allow conversion of the residential units in the House of Sweden to office use in the W-2 District. 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 proving under 11 DCMR §§ 3103.2 and 931.1, that there exists an exceptional or extraordinary situation or condition related to the property that creates an undue hardship 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.

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 pursuant to § 3104.1, for a special exception under § 2108, to reduce the required parking spaces by nine. Based upon the record before the Board and having given great weight to the ANC and OP reports, the Board concludes that the Applicant has met the burden of proof, pursuant to 11 DCMR §§ 3104.1 and 2108, that the requested relief can be granted as being in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Map. The Board further concludes that granting the requested relief will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Map. No parties appeared at the public hearing in opposition to the application. Accordingly, a decision by the Board to grant this application would not be adverse to any party.

Pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3100.5, 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. It is therefore **ORDERED** that this application be **GRANTED**.

VOTE: **4-0-1** (Meridith H. Moldenhauer, Nicole C. Sorg, Jeffrey L. Hinkle, and Anthony J. Hood to APPROVE. The third Mayoral appointee (vacant) not present, nor voting.)

BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
The majority of the Board members approved the issuance of this order.

ATTESTED BY: 
JAMISON L. WEINBAUM
Director, Office of Zoning

FINAL DATE OF ORDER: OCT 14 2010

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR § 3125.9, NO ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN (10) DAYS AFTER IT BECOMES FINAL PURSUANT TO § 3125.6.

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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.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE D.C. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, AS AMENDED, D.C. OFFICIAL CODE §§ 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, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, FAMILIAL STATUS, FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, MATRICULATION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, GENETIC INFORMATION, DISABILITY, SOURCE OF INCOME, OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS A FORM OF SEX DISCRIMINATION WHICH IS PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. IN ADDITION, HARASSMENT BASED ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PROTECTED CATEGORIES IS PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF THE ACT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

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As Director of the Office of Zoning, I hereby certify and attest that on OCT 14 2010, 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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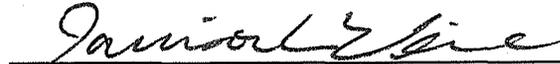
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