

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Board of Zoning Adjustment



Application No. 18973 of Pouria Saidi and Gholam Paknejad, pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3103.2, for a variance from the off-street parking requirements under § 2101.1, to allow the alteration and repair of an existing building to create a three-unit apartment building in the C-2-A District at premises 508 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W. (Square 476, Lot 20).

HEARING DATE: April 14, 2015

DECISION DATE: April 14, 2015

SUMMARY ORDER

SELF-CERTIFIED

The zoning relief requested in this case was self-certified, pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3113.2. (Exhibits 5 and 32.)

The Board of Zoning Adjustment (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”) 6E, and to owners of property within 200 feet of the site. The site of this application is located within the jurisdiction of ANC 6E, which is automatically a party to this application. The ANC did not submit a report or testify with respect to the application. The Applicant testified that she attempted to contact the ANC several times both by telephone and by email to schedule making a presentation to the ANC but was unable to do so.

The Office of Planning (“OP”) submitted a timely report and testified at the hearing in support of the application. (Exhibit 30.) The District’s Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) submitted a timely report indicating it had no objection to approval of the application. (Exhibit 31.) Nine letters in support of the application signed by neighbors were submitted to the record. (Exhibit 27.)

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 under § 3103.2 from the strict application of the off-street parking requirements under § 2101.1, to allow the alteration and repair of an existing building to create a three-unit apartment building in the C-2-A District. 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.

Based upon the record before the Board, and having given great weight to the OP report filed in

ALTERATION ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AS THE SAME MAY BE AMENDED AND/OR MODIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT.

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.