

# Government of the District of Columbia

## ZONING COMMISSION



ZONING COMMISSION ORDER NO. 368

CASE NO. 78-22

February 11, 1982

On September 14, 1978 the District of Columbia Zoning Commission initiated action to consider an amendment to the text of the Zoning Regulations relative to the issues of gross floor area. The initiative by the Zoning Commission was the result of a petition dated August 21, 1978 from the Wisconsin Avenue Corridor Committee and the Friendship Neighborhood Coalition. The primary thrust of the petition had to do with the adverse parking and traffic impact which can result from commercial office, retail, and service space located in cellars.

In the late fall of 1978 the Municipal Planning Office reported that it was short staffed and could not prepare a proposed text amendment to advertise for hearing at that time. The Office of Planning and Development in the early spring of 1979 reported that it was convening a task force to include architects, citizens groups and other interests to help develop a proposed amendment.

On September 13, 1979 the OPD reported to the Zoning Commission and identified the issues and areas of agreement and disagreement by the members of the task force. Since that time, there have been no further communications in the file from either the petitioners, the OPD, or any other organizations or individuals until the spring of 1980. The OPD, by memorandum dated May 7, 1980, recommended that this case not be set for hearing because the matter would be reviewed in the context of the Comprehensive Plan efforts.

On January 25, 1982 the Zoning Commission requested the Zoning Secretariat to review the status of all pending cases and make recommendations. The Zoning Secretariat by memorandum dated February 5, 1982, recommended that the case be denied. The Executive Director reported that the parking and traffic issues will be dealt with by the comprehensive parking and loading amendments now being prepared by the D.C. Department of Transportation in conjunction with OPD. The Executive Director further noted that there were no other major pressing concerns to be addressed. The Commission agrees.

In consideration of the reasons set forth herein, it is therefore hereby ordered that Case No. 78-22 is DISMISSED.

Vote of the Zoning Commission taken at the public meeting held on February 11, 1982: 4-0 (George M. White, Lindsley Williams, Ruby B. McZier, and Walter B. Lewis, to dismiss - John G. Parsons, not present not voting).



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WALTER B. LEWIS  
Chairman  
Zoning Commission



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Executive Director  
Zoning Secretariat