

PUBLIC HEARING--June 16, 1965

Appeal #6212 Robert Perry, appellant.

The Zoning Administrator District of Columbia, appellee.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the following Order was entered on June 22, 1965:

ORDERED:

That the appeal to change a nonconforming use from retail dairy products to a coin-operated laundromat at 321 - 15th Street, N.E., lot 28, square 4564, be conditionally granted.

From the records and the evidence adduced at the hearing, the Board finds the following facts:

(1) Appellant's lot has a frontage of 19.49 feet on 15th Street, a depth of 120.08 feet to an eighteen foot wide public alley in the rear. The lot contains an area of 2341 square feet.

(2) Appellant's lot is improved with a two story and basement building. The basement floor will be used for the laundromat and the two upper stories used for apartments.

(3) 15th Street in this area contains many nonconforming uses, appellant stating that from Florida Avenue south to Pennsylvania Avenue there are at least fifty of these nonconforming uses.

(4) Appellant requested permission to operate the laundry from 7:00 a. m. until 11:00 p. m. seven days a week. He states he lives upstairs and rents out one apartment.

(5) There was objection to the granting of the appeal, but those in opposition stated if granted they wanted the hours of operation and the days of operation limited.

OPINION:

We are of the opinion that this laundromat, as conditioned by the terms of this order, will provide a neighborhood facility and should not affect adversely the present character or future development of the neighborhood in accordance with these regulations and the Comprehensive Plan for the District of Columbia. The Board feels, however, due to the opposition that the following conditions should be placed upon the business:

- (a) No neon or gas tube displays shall be located on the outside of the building, nor shall any such displays, if placed inside the building, be visible from the outside of the structure.
- (b) Hours of operation shall be limited from 7:00 a. m. until 10:00 p. m.