

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Board of Zoning Adjustment**



**Application No. 20274 of MQMF 1313 L Street LLC**, as amended, pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X, Chapter 9, for a special exception under Subtitle I § 205.5 from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle I § 205, to redevelop an existing office building and convert it into a 10-story residential building in the D-4-R Zone at premises 1313 L Street, N.W. (Square 247, Lot 94).

**HEARING DATES:** May 13, 2020<sup>1</sup> and September 23, 2020  
**DECISION DATE:** September 23, 2020

**SUMMARY ORDER**

Relief Requested. The zoning relief requested in this case was self-certified, pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle Y § 300.6. (Exhibit 4 (Original) and Exhibit 38B (Revised)<sup>2</sup>.)

Notice of the Application and Public Hearing. The Board of Zoning Adjustment ("Board" or "BZA") referred the application to the appropriate agencies and provided proper and timely notice of the public hearing in accordance with Subtitle Y § 402.1.

Parties. The parties to this case were the Applicant and Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") 2F.

ANC Report. The ANC's report indicated that at a regularly scheduled, properly noticed public meeting on May 6, 2020, at which a quorum was present, the ANC voted to support the application. (Exhibit 18.)

OP Report. The Office of Planning submitted a report recommending approval of the application. (Exhibit 36.)

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<sup>1</sup> This application was originally scheduled for public hearing on April 1, 2020 but was rescheduled for a virtual public hearing on June 17, 2020 based on the closures and postponements related to the public health emergency declared on March 11, 2020. Notice of the virtual public hearing was provided to the parties and to the property owners within 200 feet of the subject property.

<sup>2</sup> The original application was amended to withdraw area variance relief from the minimum court width requirement under Subtitle I § 207.1.

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DDOT Report. The District Department of Transportation submitted a report indicating that it had no objection to the application. (Exhibit 16.)

Persons in Support. One letter was submitted in support of the application (Exhibit 17.)

Other Public Input. One neighbor who testified at the hearing noted his general support for the project, and he expressed concerns about the construction period - a matter not within the purview of the Board.

**Special Exception Relief**

The Applicant seeks relief under Subtitle X § 901.2, for a special exception under Subtitle I § 205.5 from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle I § 205, to redevelop an existing office building and convert it into a 10-story residential building in the D-4-R Zone.

Based upon the record before the Board, and having given great weight to the appropriate reports and recommendations filed in this case, the Board concludes that the Applicant has met the burden of proof that the requested relief can be granted as being in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Map and that granting the requested relief will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Map. The Board further concludes that, pursuant to Subtitle X § 901.2(c), any other specified conditions for special exception relief have been met.

Pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle Y § 604.3, the order of the Board may be in summary form and need not be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law where granting an application when there was no party in opposition.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that this application is hereby **GRANTED AND, PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 604.10, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVED PLANS<sup>3</sup> AT EXHIBITS 33A1 AND 33A2 – UPDATED ARCHITECTURAL PLANS – PARTS 1 & 2.**

**VOTE: 4-0-1** (Frederick L. Hill, Lorna L. John, Chrishaun S. Smith, and Anthony J. Hood to APPROVE; one Board seat vacant).

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

A majority of the Board members approved the issuance of this order.

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<sup>3</sup> In granting the certified relief, the Board made no finding that the relief is either necessary or sufficient. Instead, the Board expects the Zoning Administrator to undertake a thorough and independent review of the building permit and certificate of occupancy applications filed for this project and to deny any application for which additional or different zoning relief is needed.

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
SARA A. BARDIN  
Director, Office of Zoning

**FINAL DATE OF ORDER:** October 1, 2020

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 604.11, NO ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN (10) DAYS AFTER IT BECOMES FINAL PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 604.7.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 702.1, 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 PURPOSE OF SECURING A BUILDING PERMIT, OR THE APPLICANT FILES A REQUEST FOR A TIME EXTENSION PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 705 PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND THE REQUEST IS GRANTED. PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 703.14, NO OTHER ACTION, INCLUDING THE FILING OR GRANTING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y §§ 703 OR 704, SHALL TOLL OR EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 604, APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE APPROVAL OF THE PLANS SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE (OR ADDITION THERETO) OR THE RENOVATION OR ALTERATION OF AN EXISTING BUILDING OR STRUCTURE. AN APPLICANT SHALL CARRY OUT THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, OR 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

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ACT. DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF THE ACT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.  
VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.