Government of the District of Columbia
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

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**Application No. 17412 of Galen Heights LLC**, pursuant to 11 DCMR §§ 3104.1 and 3103.2, for a special exception from the lot area and lot width requirements for eight (8) semi-detached single-family dwellings on individual lots pursuant to section 401.3, and a variance to permit parking between the building and the lot line of each of the individual lots under subsection 2116.4, in the R-5-A District at premises 1736-50 Galen Street, S.E. (Square 5755, Lots 144-151).

**HEARING DATE:** January 17, 2006
**DECISION DATE:** January 17, 2006 (Bench Decision)

## SUMMARY ORDER

**SELF-CERTIFIED**

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

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) 8A and to owners of property within 200 feet of the site. The site of this application is located within the jurisdiction of ANC 8A, which is automatically a party to this application. ANC 8A did not participate in the application. The Office of Planning (OP) submitted a report in support of the application.

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 section 401.3, and a variance pursuant to § 3103.2 from the requirements of section 2116.4. No parties appeared at the public hearing in opposition to this 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 and ANC reports, the Board concludes that the Applicant has met the burden of proof, pursuant to 11 DCMR §§ 3104.1 and 401.3, that the requested relief can be granted, 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.

Based upon the record before the Board, the Board further concludes that the applicant has met the burden of proving under 11 DCMR §§ 3103.2 and 2116.4, that there exists an exceptional or extraordinary situation or condition related to the property that creates a practical difficulty 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.

Based upon the record, the Board finds that the eight lots which are the subject of this application were part of the 12-lot plan that was the subject of Application No. 16364. The Board concludes that the requested lot area and lot width relief under Section 401.3 herein was previously approved by the Board in Application No. 16364, and that the Board's approval was vested by the subdivision approval and the issuance of building permits for all 12 of the lots that were the subject of that application, and by construction of semi-detached dwellings on four of those lots.

Pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3101.6, 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:** **4-1-0** (Geoffrey H. Griffis, Ruthanne G. Miller, Curtis L. Etherly, Jr., and John A. Mann II to approve, Carol J. Mitten opposed).

**BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT**
Each concurring member approved the issuance of this order.

**ATTESTED BY:** _____
**JERRILY R. KRESS, FAIA**
**Director, Office of Zoning**

**FINAL DATE OF ORDER:** JAN 19 2006

UNDER 11 DCMR 3125.9, "NO DECISION OR ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN DAYS AFTER HAVING BECOME FINAL PURSUANT TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE FOR THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT."

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR § 3130, 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 PURPOSES OF SECURING A BUILDING PERMIT.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR § 3125 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, UNLESS THE BOARD ORDERS OTHERWISE. AN APPLICANT SHALL CARRY OUT THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, OR ALTERATION ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

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, FAMILIAL STATUS, FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, MATRICULATION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, DISABILITY, SOURCE OF INCOME, OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS A FORM OF SEX DISCRIMINATION WHICH IS ALSO PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. IN ADDITION, HARASSMENT BASED ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PROTECTED CATEGORIES IS ALSO PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF THE ACT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION. THE FAILURE OR REFUSAL OF THE APPLICANT TO COMPLY SHALL FURNISH GROUNDS FOR THE DENIAL OR, IF ISSUED, REVOCATION OF ANY BUILDING PERMITS OR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ORDER. RSN

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**BZA APPLICATION NO. 17412**

As Director of the Office of Zoning, I hereby certify and attest that on January 19, 2006, 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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