

ANC2E Resolution to the BZA

ANC2e encourages the Board of Zoning Adjustment to award a Special Exception for Crumbs & Whiskers, an Animal Boarding facility, located at 3211 O Street, NW BZA No. 18954. We believe this Special Exception is warranted based on the applicant meeting the following criteria for Animal Boarding facilities in the District:

- There are no residence zones within 25 feet of the facility.
- There is no shared space with any other facilities.
- The applicant has agreed the facility will be enclosed and soundproof in such a way to ensure no objectionable noise or odor conditions to nearby properties.
- The windows and doors of the premises shall be kept closed.
- The animal boarding use shall take place entirely within an enclosed building
- The applicant is partnering with the Washington Humane Society in the pre-care and ongoing care of all animals. This will include all cats being spayed/neutered prior to occupying this facility further reducing excessive noise by the animals. Double doors will be installed, which will not only prevent cats from departing the facility accidentally, but also help reduce noise.
- No animals will be kept in external areas of the premises;
- Animal waste and litter shall be placed in closed and sealed waste disposal containers. All outside waste containers shall be metal or other rodent-proof type containers. All waste and litter shall be collected by a licensed waste disposal vendor at least twice a week
- All animals and litter boxes shall be deodorized daily.
- Odors shall be controlled by means of an air filtration system or an equivalently effective odor control system; This will include both a HEPA filter system and a air deodorizer to be placed in the basement.
- Two of the three floors are tiled, while the remaining floor is sealed wood. Although this remaining floor is not impervious we believe the conditions will be acceptable based on feedback from the Washington Humane Society. This also includes painting the lower 48 inches of the walls in a washable semi-gloss enamel.

In addition to the Zoning criteria listed above, ANC2e requests this Animal Boarding facility is for cats only, and is limited to a maximum number of twenty.

ANC2e welcomes this new and unique business to Georgetown and happily supports its Mission of providing significantly better living conditions for shelter cats and to create a unique and fun café experience for its visitors.