

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



**d. Policy, Planning, and Sustainability Administration**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

**FROM:** Samuel Zimbabwe  
Associate Director 

**DATE:** December 10, 2015

**SUBJECT:** BZA Case No. 19161 – 1537-1541 6<sup>th</sup> Street, NW

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**APPLICATION**

1537 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW, LLC (the “Applicant”), requests a variance from the off-street parking requirements under § 2101.1, to construct three flats in the R-4 District at premises 1537-1541 6th Street N.W. (Square 478, Lots 56, 57, and 58). The project requests relief from the three required parking spaces.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the Applicant’s request and determined that based on the information provided, this proposed project will have no adverse impacts on the travel conditions of the District’s transportation network. The proposed project may lead to a minor increase in vehicular, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle trips. In addition, the project has the potential to generate minor impacts to on-street parking conditions in the area. Vehicle parking demand may increase slightly as a result of the project, inducing a higher level of parking utilization in the immediate area. Despite this minor potential impact, DDOT has no objection to the approval of the requested variance.

DDOT’s lack of objection to this zoning variance should not be viewed as an approval of public space elements. The proposed areaways, leadwalks, and steps need to meet DDOT standards and require public space permit approvals through DDOT’s permitting process. The Applicant may refer to the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations and DDOT’s Design and Engineering Manual for specific controls of public space. A summary can be found in DDOT’s Public Realm Design Manual.

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