

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Board of Zoning Adjustment



Application No. 19166 of The Department of General Services of DC, as amended,¹ pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3104.1, for a special exception from the new rooftop mechanical equipment requirements under § 411.11 (as per § 411.6) and § 411.18 to allow the installation of new rooftop mechanical equipment to an existing school building in the R-1-B District at premises 4601 Texas Avenue, S.E. (Square 5351, Lot 878).

HEARING DATE: February 2, 2016

DECISION DATE: February 2, 2016

SUMMARY ORDER

REVIEW BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

This application was accompanied by a memorandum, dated August 12, 2015, from the Zoning Administrator certifying the required relief. (Exhibit 20.)

The Board of Zoning Adjustment (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”) 7F and to owners of property located within 200 feet of the site. The site of this application is located within the jurisdiction of ANC 7F, which is automatically a party to this application. ANC 7F did not submit a report or attend the hearing. The Applicant testified that it had not met with the ANC or the Single Member District (“SMD”) Commissioner. The Board noted that the ANC and SMD were notified of the application and hearing date, and therefore would move forward with the decision on the application.

The Office of Planning (“OP”) submitted a timely report recommending approval of the application (Exhibit 22), and testified in support of the application at the hearing. The District Department of Transportation submitted a timely report, indicating that it had no objection to the approval of the application. (Exhibit 21.)

As directed by 11 DCMR § 3119.2, the Board has required the Applicant to satisfy the burden of

¹ Based on the Office of Planning’s recommendation, the application was amended by the Board’s motion to add special exception relief for roof structures under § 411.18 to the relief originally requested. The caption has been changed accordingly.

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proving the elements that are necessary to establish the case pursuant to §§ 3104.1 for a special exception under §§ 411.11, 411.6, and 411.18. 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 averse to any party.

Based upon the record before the Board, and having given great weight to the OP report, the Board concludes that the Applicant has met the burden of proof under 11 DCMR §§ 3104.1, 411.11, 411.6, and 411.18, that the requested relief can be granted as 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.

Pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3100.5, the Board has determined to waive the requirement of 11 DCMR § 3125.5, that the order of the Board be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law. The waiver will not prejudice the rights of any party and is appropriate in this case.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that this application is hereby **GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE APPROVED PLANS AT EXHIBIT 6.**

VOTE: 3-0-2 (Frederick L. Hill, Anthony J. Hood, and Jeffrey L. Hinkle, to APPROVE; Marnique Y. Heath not present, not voting; 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.

ATTESTED BY:



SARA A. BARDIN
Director, Office of Zoning

FINAL DATE OF ORDER: February 8, 2016

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR § 3125.9, NO ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN (10) DAYS AFTER IT BECOMES FINAL PURSUANT TO § 3125.6.

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 PURPOSE OF SECURING A BUILDING PERMIT, OR THE APPLICANT FILES A REQUEST FOR A TIME EXTENSION PURSUANT TO § 3130.6 AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND THAT SUCH

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REQUEST IS GRANTED. NO OTHER ACTION, INCLUDING THE FILING OR GRANTING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION PURSUANT TO §§ 3129.2 OR 3129.7, SHALL EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD.

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