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RE Application #16443

"Application of Rainer K.Kraus, pursuant to 11 DCMR 3107.2 for a variance from Subsection 2116 to extend and enlarge an existing parking space for personal handicapped use in an R-1-B District at premises 2964 Newark Street, N.W. (Square 2080, Lot 29).

Dear Ms. Pruitt-Williams:

We are neighbors of Mr. Rainer Kraus, who has applied for his second variance regarding the one parking space he presently has on his front lawn. We do not think this is appropriate for the neighborhood and sets a very bad precedent. The District had already granted him a first variance several years ago as his house had originally been built with no driveway. Mr. Kraus' property is very narrow and anything more added in the way of parking, other than what you have already granted, would be inappropriate. This is an older neighborhood and most of the residences have very short narrow driveways. If many people asked to have their front lawns turned into several parking spaces the neighborhood would look like a parking lot.

As it has been explained to us, after Mr. Kraus received his first variance, he then asked the District to allow him to extend a patio in front of his house, which he did, and he then tied this extension into the parking space you had already granted to him. Since receiving the patio extension, he has used this extended space (patio with one parking space) to park not only the permitted one vehicle, but several vehicles. Now that he has applied to the District for the most recent variance, he has just been parking one car or truck in one parking the space the District allotted to him.

Mr. Kraus owns a vehicle with wheelchair accessibility. The present permitted one parking space on his property has direct access and handicapped accessibility to his home. Very rarely though is the vehicle with wheelchair accessibility parked on his property in his parking space, it is usually parked on the street, and instead other vehicles are parked on his property.

We have been told that the District is also considering designating an on street parking space in

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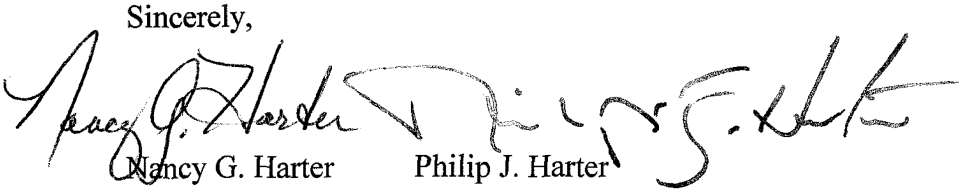
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front of his residence at 2964 Newark St for his use only, and also providing him with another Ward 3 parking sticker for another vehicle. This would then provide him the availability of three parking spaces: one for his vehicle and two for his caretaker's vehicles. This seems to be a very good solution for Mr. Kraus' need to have more than one parking space.

Mr. Kraus is disabled. He needs accessibility for one handicapped vehicle, which the District has already provided to him. He does not need accessibility for more than one handicapped vehicle. We ask that the District immediately take the extra steps to assist him further with a designated on street parking place in front of his residence and another Ward 3 parking sticker so that his caretakers can also have parking.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and our concerns. Unfortunately, we will be unable to personally appear at the April 21, 1999 public hearing on this matter, as we will be out of the District at that time.

Sincerely,



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