


**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:** July 5, 2016

**SUBJECT:** **BZA Case No. 19301** – 5630 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW – Republic of Gambia

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**APPLICATION**

Application of the Republic of The Gambia (the “Applicant”), pursuant to 11 DCMR §§ 1002 and 206 of the Foreign Missions Act, to allow the location of a chancery in the SSH-1/R-1-B District at premises 5630 16th Street, NW (Square 2721W, Lot 27).

**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. DDOT has no objection to the approval of the requested action.

The Applicant notes that six parking spaces are provided onsite – two in a garage accessed off of Madison Street and four on the adjacent parking pad. DDOT cannot determine from the site plans submitted as a part of the application whether these four parking spaces on the parking pad are entirely on private property. District of Columbia Municipal Regulations do not permit parking on public space. A 10-foot building restriction line exists along Madison Street, which further limits the ability for vehicles to park in the parking pad. Building restriction lines are regulated as public space. Therefore, six parking spaces may not be available for the staff and residents. Additionally, allowing parking in the parking pad hinders access to the garage parking spaces. DDOT has no objection to the provision of fewer than six parking spaces and does not object to the use of such tandem parking.

DDOT’s lack of objection to this zoning variance should not be viewed as an approval of public space elements. Beyond the issues previously noted, if any portion of the project has elements in the public space requiring approval, the Applicant is required to pursue a public space permit 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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