

FORWARDED IN SUPPORT FOR REMOVAL DUE TO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NEIGHBOR PARTICIPATION REQUESTED IN ADDRESSING SOURCE OF RODENTS AND INSECTS
AS WELL AS HEALTH AND SANITARY NEIGHBORHOOD CONDITIONS**

IMPORTANT!!!!

**TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 CASE#19887A INVOLVING JAMACIAN RESTAURANT
LOCATED AT 1724 NORTH CAPITOL STREET NW AND BOARD OF ZONING ADMINISTRATION
(BZA)** IN APPEAL TO DCRA DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING GENERAL COUNCIL'S DIRECTION FOR
IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL NON PERMITTED EXTERNAL STRUCTURES OUTSIDE OF
RESIDENCE ZONED RESIDENTIAL NOW CONVERTED FOR COMMERCIAL RESTAURANT USE
FOUND TO BE ILLEGALLY HOUSING COMMERCIAL RESTAURANT GARBAGE AND FOOD WASTE
EXTERNALLY IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF PERMIT GRANTED AND RESIDENTIAL ZONING LAW
REQUIRING THAT GARBAGE IS **NOT** TO BE STORED OR HOUSED EXTERNALLY IN THIS
RESIDENTIAL ZONE.

ISSUES:

The issues in part regards the city now attempting to enforce the immediate REMOVAL of an illegal Structure housing rat infested garbage dump and containers on sidewalk hidden by a ragged tin shed that illegally houses and hides the restaurant's daily overloaded garbage and food waste nightly and weekends that has been the primary source of fresh food for the rodents and insects in this area since this place opened in 2022. Previously, this problem was from this place when operation at 1726 address next door where this problem existed for decades in back of residential street and the alley until business granted permit to move next door home zoned for residential housing and not commercial use. The problem is that there is no legal alley access or sidewalk access and the business is illegal storing garbage and food waste externally where the permit requires the garbage to maintain "inside" this residence based on zoning law that has been in violation for years at the expense of the health and safety of the residents causing the now rat and rodent problems the neighborhood is now faced with. This has been finally formally recognized and fined by DCRA, DPW, DDot, Department of Health and Safety under the inspection units for both Rodent Control Management and Environmental Crimes as well as address to the Mayor's office and for Environmental Crimes due to the ongoing contamination and violations of the public water drains.

What is worst is that this nuisance business has been instructed to remove this dump by both rodent control, DPW and cited DCRA and DPW numerous times with pending cases and still has refused to comply now seeking to be granted a waiver to allow this rat den to remain at the continued expense of the residents homes. There are years of document proof of waste and garbage dumped onto street and onto sidewalk with food waste running from dump causing the smell of rotten food waste, rodents and insects.

There has been document proof of the rats crawling in and all around the dump nightly retrieving open food waste taken to nest now in residents yards and properties. Following years of request for city involvement to address the problems, it is now being exposed to the public by ANC request for public hearing in support of ANC to remove this illegal mess that not only is causing the health and sanitary problems for the area but is also regarded to be an eyesore and violation to this recognized historical area as understood has been cited by the historical society very much in support of the removal. Based on the laws and community regulations, this should not be necessary and may in part to one reason to voice an opinion at the link or contact person listed below.

Thanks in advance for you participation and feel free to pass on to others!!

PS: Forwarded any and all opinions and concerns in reference to **case #19887A** to the following:

BZA Email: bzasubmissions@dc.gov

If like to address concerns to ANC Contact for more Info:

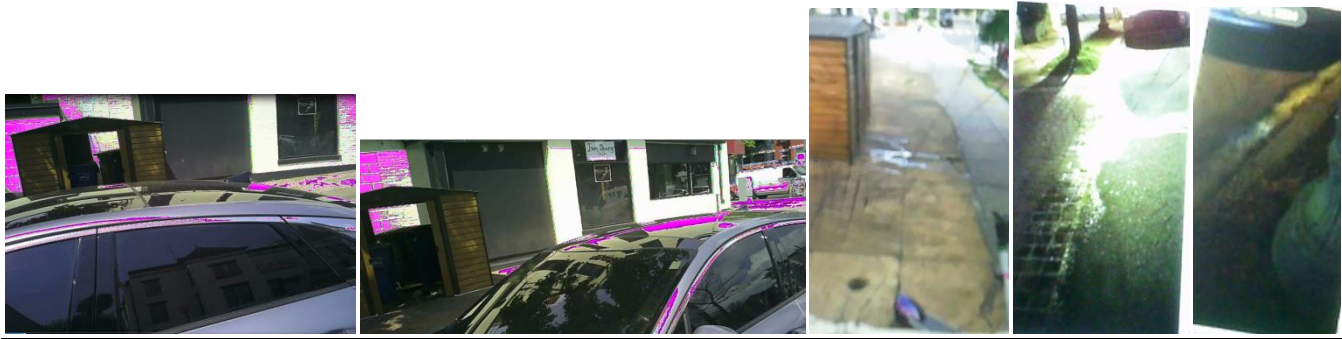
ANC Contact Representative Email: SE04@anc.dc.gov

Phone Contact: 202 240 2638

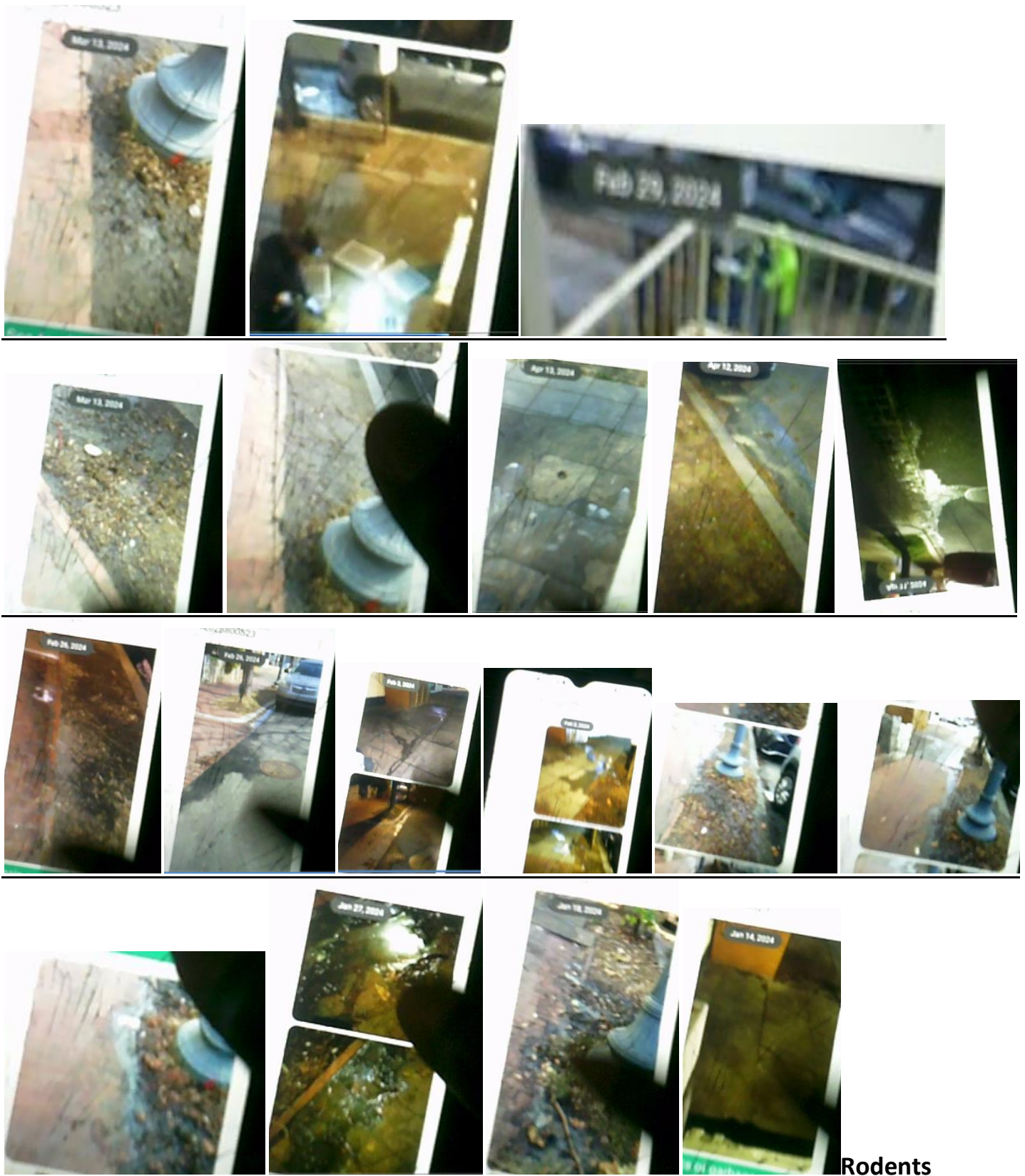
Note: Attached are pics revealing various continued violations including environmental crimes for illegal contamination of public ground space and the water street drains with food waste, garbage runoff and poisonous or harmful chemicals used inside illegal shed, rodents access to open garbage in violation of 1 inch gap allowance for external garbage containers that is non permitted, overload of garbage illegally stacked above capacity in containers, illegal access safety hazard for commercial garbage pickups on public sidewalk in public pedestrian traffic, automobiles violated by runoff, private property violations by

illegal dumping, illegal clean of restaurant equipment and items, and garbage runoff, illegal dumping of restaurant waste, garbage runoff onto public space, runoff violations of public space and health and safety issues impacting sidewalk traffic due to dumping and runoff, and illegally using public space to clean filthy nasty restaurant food and cooking items contamination of the public space property and properties of the residential homes.

First 2 pics below see inside of illegally constructed Ragged 3-Sided Shed used to mask or hide illegal external garbage and food waste storage containers directly responsible for years of neighborhood contamination, foul smell, insects, and rodents:



Rodents



Rodents

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Additional Issues:

In addition to the issues listed previously, what is worst is the gross miss management of the dump upon reporting the intolerable smell and gross condition of the dump to health and safety as well as Clean City Initiative for action to be taken. This nuisance business illegally treat the food, grease, and organic waste as regular trash that creates the problem of an unbearable foul smell that should be considered a health hazard. Upon fines and citations, this nuisance business then will proceed to correct the problem by unloading bug spray and toxic ammonia based chemicals into and around the dump where they then scrub and hose the disgusting rotten stinking food residue mixed with the toxic chemicals away from their business and onto the sidewalk, onto the plant life on the land strip, onto the street where the automobiles reside, into the storm drains, and in front of the resident's properties contaminating the entire area that constitutes environmental crime and should be criminally charged. There is absolutely no regard for the health and safety environmental laws and what is worst it that there is no common sense regard for respect or for the sanitary conditions as it concerns the public and the residents. This business is not only a nuisance but a hazard to the community as there has been police involvement due to verbal threats and vandalism in retaliation against residents for simply reporting the unsanitary conditions and actions to be investigated leading to the fines and citations. This business never should have been granted a permit to operate at this location give conflict with the business use and miss representation as well as past history of same unsanitary conditions and fines when operating at previous locate next door at 1726 North Capitol where the difference was the issue reside in the back and there was alley access to the garbage but still the illegal external storage issue. The individuals responsible for approval should be removed as it is obvious there was no regulatory or functional consideration as to the use and the operational requirements that has led to this problem.

Pics below of the toxic cleaning of the dump and ongoing environmental contamination:

