

Government of the District of Columbia


Department of Transportation



d. Planning and Sustainability Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Anna Chamberlin
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DATE: August 30, 2019

SUBJECT: BZA Case No. 20108 – 1238 Wisconsin Avenue NW

APPLICATION

1238 Wisconsin Owner LLC (the “Applicant”), pursuant to Title 11 (2016 Zoning Regulations) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), Subtitle X, Chapter 9, is requesting special exceptions under Subtitle X § 901.2 and Subtitle G § 409.1 for special exception relief from the rear yard requirements of Subtitle G § 405.2 in order to expand and renovate the mixed-use building on the Property. The site is located in the MU-4 Zone at 1238 Wisconsin Avenue NW (Square 1218, Lot 102).

RECOMMENDATION

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the application materials and has determined that the proposed action will not have adverse impacts on the District’s transportation network. DDOT has no objection to the approval of this application.

PUBLIC SPACE

DDOT’s lack of objection to this application should not be viewed as an approval of public space design. All elements of the project proposed in public space, such as bay windows, and café patio seating, require the Applicant to pursue a public space permit through DDOT’s permitting process. Of note, no permanent door or window shall open outward into public spaces when less than 12 feet above the sidewalk grade (DCMR 12 - 3202.11.4.1). A permit application can be filed through the DDOT [Transportation Online Permitting System \(TOPS\) website](#).

DDOT expects the proposed public space design to meet all District standards. The Applicant should refer to Titles 11, 12A, and 24 of the [DCMR](#), and the most recent versions of DDOT’s [Design and Engineering Manual](#) and [Public Realm Design Manual](#) for public space regulations and design guidance.

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