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> RE: Case 21262
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>>> I am writing in opposition to the non-conforming addition to the house at 2728 O ST NW. we are 8 year residents of 2722 O ST NW and look directly at what would be the proposed addition from a large, two story window facing west. We have lived in Georgetown for 36 years and have undertaken several projects, spending the time to make sure we conform with zoning as well as neighbor's important input. In this case, it is clear that our neighbors' will suffer serious deleterious effects from an addition that will limit their light, and diminish the value of their homes.
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>>> Georgetown is an unique hodgepodge of houses, benefiting from the important zoning and planning restrictions that have allowed residents to live in relative peace knowing that unlike so many other neighborhoods, they can make purchase decisions based on the certitude that things will not change, and if they do, the Old Georgetown Board, The ANC, and the BZA will endeavor to uphold the protections that have maintained the historic neighborhood. With every variance, a little bit of Georgetown is lost. The great news is that there are many, many houses that can provide the needed space as family's grow, making the need to alter less important.
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>>> In this particular case, has the board validated the existing one story porch as a legal addition? If it is not, this should really go no further as it would set precedent that if one can get away with ignoring the Zoning Board's authority by building an unapproved addition, then that illegal act can be whitewashed with another addition. If the addition of the one story was approved, then compounding that non-conformance with another is not in character with what existing zoning was created to achieve.
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>>> Lot coverage may be one of the most important aspects of the livable nature of Georgetown. In this case, there is already far too little room on the lot, and if the existing structure was not approved, adding a second floor only compounds the problem. I urge you to identify if the existing structure is approved, and then to halt any additional additions so as to uphold the important and unique character of this neighborhood.

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