

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT



BZA Application No. 21320  
Washington Georgetown Properties, LLC  
3401 K Street, NW (Square 1183, Lot 813)

**HEARING DATE:** July 23, 2025  
**DECISION DATE:** July 23, 2025

**SUMMARY ORDER**

**RELIEF REQUESTED.** The application requests the following relief in order to construct a seven-story hotel with penthouse, ground floor retail and restaurant uses, and 230 guestrooms in the MU-13 zone:

- Special Exception from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701.5, pursuant to Subtitle C § 703.2 and Subtitle X § 901.2 (*27 spaces required; 0 proposed*)

The zoning relief requested in this case was self-certified. (Exhibit 14.)

**PARTIES.** The parties to this case were the Applicant and Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") 2E, the "affected ANC" pursuant to Subtitle Y §§ 101.8 and 403.5(b) of the Zoning Regulations (Title 11 of the DCMR, Zoning Regulations of 2016, to which all references are made unless otherwise specified).

**NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING.** The Board of Zoning Adjustment (the "Board") referred the application to the appropriate agencies and provided proper and timely notice of the public hearing in accordance with Subtitle Y § 402.1.

**ANC REPORT.** The ANC's report indicated that at a regularly scheduled, properly noticed public meeting on June 30, 2025, at which a quorum was present, the ANC voted to support the application. (Exhibit 26.) The ANC report included reference to several conditions relating to off-site parking, outreach between the Applicant and ANC, future change of use, and agreement on TDM and Construction Management Plans. These conditions were further specified in a Memorandum of Agreement between the Applicant and ANC. (Exhibit 30A.) The Board adopted the conditions addressing off-site parking, TDM and Loading Management Plans, and outreach with the ANC as part of the final order.

**OFFICE OF PLANNING ("OP") REPORT.** OP submitted a report recommending approval of the application. (Exhibit 25.)

**DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“DDOT”) REPORT.** DDOT submitted a report indicating that it had no objection to the application because it concluded that the relief would not result in any adverse impacts to the District’s transportation network. (Exhibit 27.) DDOT’s report included TDM and Loading Management Plan conditions, as well as a condition regarding the expansion of a Capital Bikeshare station. The latter condition was not adopted by the Board.

**PERSONS IN SUPPORT.** The Board received two letters from neighboring property owners in support of the application. (Exhibits 24 and 28.)

### **CONCLUSIONS**

Pursuant to Subtitle Y § 604.3, the order of the Board may be in summary form where granting an application when there was no party in opposition. As a summary order, it does not constitute binding legal precedent on the Board and shall not be considered by the Board in evaluating future applications.

Based upon the record before the Board, and having given great weight to the appropriate reports and recommendations filed in this case, the Board concludes that the Applicant has met the burden of proof that the requested special exception relief can be granted because:

- It is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Map;
- It will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property; and
- Pursuant to Subtitle X § 901.2(c), the relief satisfies the specified conditions for special exception relief.

### **DECISION**

Based on the case record and the testimony at the hearing, the Board concludes that the applicant has satisfied the burden of proof for the requested relief:

- Special Exception from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701.5, pursuant to Subtitle C § 703.2 and Subtitle X § 901.2 (*27 spaces required; 0 proposed*)

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the application is **GRANTED** consistent with the plans shown in Exhibits 5, 22A of the record, as required under Subtitle Y §§ 604.9 and 604.10, subject to the following **CONDITIONS**:

1. The Applicant shall provide 17 off-site parking spaces within 0.5 miles of the property, which may include valet parking.
2. The Applicant shall implement the Transportation Demand Management plan in Exhibit 19A, Attachment F.
3. The Applicant shall implement the Loading Management Plan in Exhibit 19A, Attachment C.

4. Once every six (6) months for the first two (2) years after the effective date of the BZA order, and annually thereafter, the Applicant shall make themselves available to the ANC and (a) send a summary of whether the spaces are or are not being used and if more spaces are needed, how much more monthly; and (b) share if hotel visitors arriving by vehicle are causing congestion on the public road due to actions like double parking and how the Applicant shall apply its staff to resolve the issues. If needed, the Applicant shall attend a duly noticed, regularly scheduled meeting of the affected ANC.

**VOTE: 4-0-1** (Frederick L. Hill, Carl H. Blake, Chrishaun S. Smith, and Anthony J. Hood to APPROVE; one Board seat vacant)

**BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT**

A majority of the Board members approved the issuance of this order.

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
SARA A. BARDIN  
Director, Office of Zoning

**FINAL DATE OF ORDER:** July 29, 2025

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 604.11, NO ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN (10) DAYS AFTER IT BECOMES FINAL PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 604.7.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 702.1, THIS ORDER SHALL NOT BE VALID FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS, UNLESS, WITHIN SUCH TWO-YEAR PERIOD, AN APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE ERECTION OR ALTERATION APPROVED IS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING A BUILDING PERMIT, OR A REQUEST FOR A TIME EXTENSION PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 705 IS FILED PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND THE REQUEST IS GRANTED. PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 703.14, NO OTHER ACTION, INCLUDING THE FILING OR GRANTING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y §§ 703 OR 704, SHALL TOLL OR EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 604, APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE APPROVAL OF THE PLANS SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE (OR ADDITION THERETO) OR THE RENOVATION OR ALTERATION OF AN EXISTING BUILDING OR STRUCTURE. AN APPLICANT SHALL CARRY OUT THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, OR ALTERATION ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

AS THE SAME MAY BE AMENDED AND/OR MODIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE A § 303, THE PERSON WHO OWNS, CONTROLS, OCCUPIES, MAINTAINS, OR USES THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, OR ANY PART THERETO, SHALL COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS IN THIS ORDER, AS THE SAME MAY BE AMENDED AND/OR MODIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS IN THIS ORDER, IN WHOLE OR IN PART SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR THE REVOCATION OF ANY BUILDING PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ORDER.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE D.C. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, AS AMENDED, D.C. OFFICIAL CODE § 2-1401.01 *ET SEQ.* (ACT), THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED: RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, PERSONAL APPEARANCE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, FAMILIAL STATUS, FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, MATRICULATION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, GENETIC INFORMATION, DISABILITY, SOURCE OF INCOME, OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS A FORM OF SEX DISCRIMINATION WHICH IS PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. IN ADDITION, HARASSMENT BASED ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PROTECTED CATEGORIES IS PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF THE ACT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.