

Government of the District of Columbia

Department of Transportation



d. Planning and Sustainability Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Meredith Soniat
Acting Associate Director *MS*

DATE: October 9, 2025

SUBJECT: BZA Case No. 21355 – 916 D Street NE

APPLICATION

Robert and Rachael Loper (jointly the “Applicant”), pursuant to Title 11 of the *District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR)*, request that the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) grant a Special Exception from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 210.1 to construct a front porch addition to an existing row house. The site is in the RF-1 Zone at 916 D Street NE (Square 937, Lot 83) and is not served by a public alley.

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.

STREETSCAPE AND PUBLIC REALM

DDOT’s lack of objection to this application should not be viewed as an approval of the public realm design. All elements of the project proposed within District-owned right-of-way, such as the front porch steps, require the Applicant to pursue a public space construction permit.

The Applicant has an active public space permit application TOPS #477232.

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

HERITAGE AND SPECIAL TREES

According to the District's [Tree Size Estimator map](#), the property has two (2) Special Trees. DDOT expects that the Applicant coordinate with the Ward 6 Arborist regarding the preservation and protection of existing Special and small street trees.

Special Trees are between 44 inches and 99.99 inches in circumference. Special Trees may be removed with a permit. However, if a Special Tree is designated to remain by DDOT's Urban Forestry Division, a Tree Protection Plan will be required.

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