

Opposition to Application No. 21475 for Zoning Adjustment (6A06)

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Hi Jesse,

Thank you for keeping neighbors informed about this application and for offering to pass along comments. If it would be helpful for me to submit these comments directly, please let me know and I would be happy to do so.

I am writing to express my opposition to the requested zoning exceptions for 1226 F Street NE.

My husband and I purchased our home on F Street, less than a block from this property, last fall. We chose this neighborhood because of its strong sense of community and residential character, and we intend to be long-term residents. I moved to DC in 2011 and this is my first home purchase - we waited years to be able to financially invest in this home and we are committed to being good residents and good neighbors.

Since moving here, I have observed ongoing issues at 1226 F Street that raise concerns about property management and the property's impact on surrounding residents including myself. Trash frequently accumulates around the building and adjacent public areas. In addition, there are recurring late-night disturbances associated with the property, often resulting in police or other emergency responder activity. This is on nearly a weekly basis.

I have also experienced repeated instances of inappropriate behavior from individuals gathered outside the property (mostly from minors who are unsupervised), including being catcalled and harassed while walking by with my dog. As a result, I now avoid passing the property, particularly in the evenings.

From my understanding, zoning relief is generally intended to accommodate reasonable property use while remaining compatible with the surrounding community. Given the ongoing quality-of-life concerns and the apparent lack of effective property management, I do not believe additional zoning flexibility, whether through expansion, increased occupancy, or other exceptions, is warranted at this time. Existing issues should be addressed and sustained compliance demonstrated before the property is granted relief from established zoning requirements.

Thank you,
Margaret

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