

Director Brian J. Hanlon,

In the last stages of renovating our home at 3220 Brothers Place SE, the city abruptly ceased construction after saying they incorrectly issued us a (B2300303) permit. When we spoke with DOB representative (Kathleen Beeton/Zoning), we were told that stopping construction on our home was due to an error in zoning discovered by viewing a wall check. She later found that a wall check wasn't done yet. So, what generated the Stop Work Order (SWO)? To date, I have not received any further information from the Kathleen Beeton or any DOB representatives citing the reason for the SWO. Our plans were already approved and our addition has been built with framework completed. Records show that we applied and got approved for the permits (B3300303/ BB2310826) received. Not only did we get approved for these permits, when it came to inspecting the construction process, none of the paper work that I or my contractor have reflected a wall check or wall inspection. Here is a list of completed inspections & the results of those inspections:

- Footing Inspection completed on 6/17/2024 - Passed
- Foundation Inspection completed on 6/25/2024 - Passed

We haven't done anything egregious Mr. Hanlon, just trying to complete our renovation and start enjoying our forever home. We are seniors and I've served my country (US Army) and city (DC Fire & EMS) proudly. DC is my home and I want it to stay that way. I shouldn't be penalized for DOB's mistake. I'm reaching out to you for a resolution because going through the Bureau of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) is costly and time-consuming setting our project back for months. I'd appreciate your feedback. Hopefully you'll have a better answer for us.