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The Department of State acknowledges receipt of diplomatic note No. 3199, dated October 24, 2025, from the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, requesting to extensively renovate the chancery located at 601 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20037.

The Department understands that the embassy plans to undertake a comprehensive interior renovation to replace and upgrade facilities and critical building systems—including mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire suppression, and technology infrastructure—to meet current operational standards. Additionally, exterior improvements include the replacement of all exterior windows, enhanced vehicular access controls, and strengthened physical security measures through the installation of security barriers and perimeter fencing.

The Department approves this request, subject to substantial compliance with applicable laws and regulations in the local jurisdiction. On the basis of reciprocity, the Department authorizes the Government of the District of Columbia to issue all permits required for this project. Enclosed is a letter to the Government of the District of Columbia to this effect. The embassy is advised to enclose this letter as part of its submission when applying for the applicable permit(s).

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO. 21515
EXHIBIT NO. 9

In connection with this project, the embassy is reminded it may request authorization from the Department for its contractors and subcontractors to use the embassy's mission tax exemption card for project-related goods and materials. More information regarding Purchasing Agent Arrangements can be found on the following website: <https://www.state.gov/construction-or-renovation-tax-exemption>.

The Department's Office of Foreign Missions may be contacted at OFMProperty@state.gov for matters relating to this approval.

Enclosure:

As stated.

Department of State,

Washington, February 20, 2026. 



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Office of Foreign Missions
Washington, DC*

February 20, 2026

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Ms. Nicole Rogers
Chief Building Official
Office of Construction and Building Standards
1100 4th Street, SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Ms. Rogers:

Enclosed is a completed "Application for Construction Permits on Private Property" submitted by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in connection with the full renovation of the chancery, located at 601 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

On the basis of reciprocity, the Department of State requests that all permits be issued for the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Further, the Department requests that all permit fees be waived for any applicable permits, other than fees required for the performance of a specific service.

The Department would appreciate your review of the plans and the issuance of the permit(s) at your earliest convenience.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Department's Office of Foreign Missions at OFMProperty@state.gov.

Sincerely,

Dan DiLeo
Acting Assistant Director
Property and Special Projects

Enclosure:

As stated.