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**Members of the Commission:**

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on, August 6, 1999, I found that the proposed text amendment to the District of Columbia Zoning Regulations to modify requirements for public libraries in residential zones would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, nor would they adversely affect any other identified federal interests. A copy of the Delegated Action of the Executive Director is enclosed.

Sincerely,



**Marcel C. Acosta**  
**Executive Director**

**Enclosure**

cc: Harriet Tregoning, Director, D.C. Office of Planning  
Anthony Hood, Chairman, Zoning Commission

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**TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ZONING REGULATIONS  
TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES**

Submitted by the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

DEC 30 2009

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on August 6, 1999, 40 U.S.C. §8724(a), and DC Code §2-1006(a), I find that the proposed text amendment to the District of Columbia Zoning Regulations to modify requirements for public libraries in residential zones is not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, nor would it adversely affect any other identified federal interests.

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The Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia has taken a proposed action to modify the text of the District of Columbia Zoning Regulations so as to change certain requirements for public library uses within residential zones. Specifically, the proposed amendment will:

- Allow public library uses to reach a maximum density of 2.0 Floor-to-Area Ratio (FAR) in residential zones
- Eliminate the requirement that the Board of Zoning Adjustment must approve any reduction in parking for public libraries that are located within one-half mile of a Metrorail Station.
- Allow the Board of Zoning Adjustment to eliminate requirements for parking spaces, rear and side yards and permit expanded lot occupancy for public libraries in residential districts.

The proposed text amendment is intended to provide greater zoning flexibility in accommodating improvements and expansion of public libraries. The District of Columbia Public Libraries (DCPL) is in the process of either modernizing, through reconstruction or addition, many its facilities and in the course of doing so will expand the typical library program from 15,000 square feet to 25,000 square feet. This is to accommodate expanded activities such as community rooms and teaching facilities.

On April 20, 2009 the National Capital Planning Commission reviewed and commented on the District of Columbia Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for the years 2010-2015. The CIP included a program to rehabilitate and improve many of the public libraries in the District of Columbia and the Commission commented favorably on these improvements. This text amendment will help implement the District of Columbia CIP library projects.

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Marcel C. Acosta  
Executive Director