# ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TIME AND PLACE: Monday, July 23, 2018, @ 6:30 p.m. (1st Case)

Jerrily R. Kress Memorial Hearing Room 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 220-South

Washington, D.C. 20001

#### FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

CASE NO. 18-06 (Office of Planning – Text Amendment to Subtitle G Creating a New MU-4A Zone and Renaming MU-4 to MU-4B)

#### THIS CASE IS OF INTEREST TO ALL ANCS

On April 24, 2018, the Office of Zoning received a report that served as a petition from the District of Columbia Office of Planning (OP) proposing a text amendment to the Zoning Regulations of 2016 (11 DCMR) to create a new MU-4A zone and to rename the MU-4 zone to the MU-4B. On April 30, 2018, the Commission voted to set down the petition for a public hearing. The OP set down report served as the supplemental filing required by 11-Z DCMR § 502.

The proposed new MU-4A is intended to be a zone with more density and height than the existing MU-3 but less than the MU-4 zone. The proposed new MU-4A zone would have a 2.4 maximum floor area ratio (FAR), a height limit of fifty feet (50 ft.) and four (4) stories, and additional setback and buffer requirements than are required in the original MU-4 zone. The proposed new zone would specifically require a lower maximum lot occupancy for all uses on Square 5539. This petition would also rename the MU-4 zone to the MU-4B zone but there would be no change to the development standards of the MU-4B zone.

The following amendments to Title 11 DCMR are proposed (additions are shown in **bold** underlined text; deleted text is shown in strikethrough text):

Amend Subtitle G, Chapter 4 as follows:

SUBTITLE G, MIXED USE (MU) ZONES, CHAPTER 4, MIXED USE ZONES MU-3, MU-4, MU-5, MU-6, MU-7, MU-8, MU-9, MU-10, AND MU-30

Amend Subtitle G § 400.3 as follows:

#### 400 PURPOSE AND INTENT

400.3 The MU-4 zone is zones are intended to:

(a) ...

Amend Subtitle G § 402, Density – Floor Area Ratio (FAR), as follows:

# **402 DENSITY – FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)**

The maximum permitted FAR in the MU-3 through MU-10 zones shall be as set forth in the following table:

TABLE G § 402.1: MAXIMUM PERMITTED FLOOR AREA RATIO

	Maximum FAR	
Zone	Total Permitted	Maximum Non-Residential Use
MU-3	1.0	1.0
	1.2 (IZ)	
<u>MU-4A</u>	<u>2.0</u>	1.5
	<u>2.4 (IZ)</u>	<u>1.5</u>
MU-4 MU-4B	2.5	1.5
	3.0 (IZ)	1.5
MU-5-A	3.5	1.5
MU-5-B	4.2 (IZ)	1.3
MU-6	6.0	2.0
WIC-0	7.2 (IZ)	2.0
MU-7	4.0	2.5
	4.8 (IZ)	2.3
MU-8	5.0	4.0
	6.0 (IZ)	4.0
MU-9	6.5	6.5
	7.8 (IZ)	0.3
MU-10	6.0	3.0
	7.2 (IZ)	3.0

Amend Subtitle G § 403, Height, as follows:

## 403 HEIGHT

403.1 The maximum permitted building height and number of stories, not including the penthouse, in the MU-3 through MU-10 zones and the MU-30 zone shall be as set forth in the following table, except as provided in Subtitle G § 403.2:

TABLE G § 403.1: MAXIMUM PERMITTED HEIGHT/STORIES

Zone	Maximum Height (Feet)	Maximum Stories
MU-3	40	3
<u>MU-4A</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>4</u>
MU-4—MU-4B	50	N/A
MU-5-A	65	N/A

Zone	Maximum Height (Feet)	Maximum Stories
	70 (IZ)	
MU-5-B	75	N/A
MU-6	90	N/A
MU-7	65	N/A
MU-8	70	N/A
MU-9	90	N/A
MU-10	90	N/A
	100 (IZ)	IN/A
MU-30	110	NA

The maximum permitted height of a penthouse, except as prohibited on the roof of a detached dwelling, semi-detached dwelling, rowhouse, or flat in Subtitle C § 1500.4, shall be as set forth in the following table:

TABLE G § 403.3: MAXIMUM PERMITTED PENTHOUSE HEIGHT AND STORIES

Zone	Maximum Penthouse Height	Maximum Penthouse Stories
MU-3 <u>MU-4A</u> <u>MU-4 MU-4B</u>	12 ft. except 15 ft. for penthouse mechanical space	1; Second story permitted for penthouse mechanical space
MU-5-A MU-7	12 ft., except 18 ft. 6 in. for penthouse mechanical space	1; Second story permitted for penthouse mechanical space
MU-5B MU-8	20 ft.	1; Second story permitted for penthouse mechanical space
MU-6 MU-9 MU-10 MU-30	20 ft.	1 plus mezzanine; Second story permitted for penthouse mechanical space

Amend Subtitle G § 404, Lot Occupancy, as follows:

## 404 LOT OCCUPANCY

The maximum permitted lot occupancy for residential use in the MU-3 through MU-10 zones and the MU-30 zone shall be as set forth in the following table:

TABLE G § 404.1: MAXIMUM PERMITTED LOT OCCUPANCY

Zone	Maximum Lot Occupancy for Residential Use
MU-3	60%
	60% (IZ)
MU-4A	<u>60%</u>
	75% (IZ)

Zone	Maximum Lot Occupancy for Residential Use
MU-4 MU-4B	60% 75% (IZ)
MU-5-A MU-5-B	80%
	80% (IZ)
MU-6	80%
	90% (IZ)
MU-7	75%
	80% (IZ)
MU-8	N/A
MU-9	N/A
MU-10	75%
	N/A (IZ)
MU-30	N/A

<u>Notwithstanding Subtitle G§ 404.1, lots 835 and 840 located on Square 5539 shall not exceed a sixty percent (60 %) maximum lot occupancy for all residential and non-residential uses.</u>

Add new text Subtitle G § 411, Transition Setback Requirements, as follows:

# 411 TRANSITION SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

- 411.1 In the MU-4A zone, the following transition setback requirements shall apply to any building or portion of a building within thirty feet (30 ft.) of a lot line directly abutting an R zone district:
  - a) A twenty-foot (20 ft.) minimum transition setback shall be provided from any lot line directly abutting an R zone district extended as a vertical plane parallel to each abutting lot line. No building or portion of a building may be constructed within the twenty-foot (20 ft.) transition setback; and
  - b) An additional upper-story transition setback of ten feet (10 ft.) minimum shall be provided above a building height of forty feet (40 ft.), or top of third story.
- 411.2 Any required transition setback area shall not be used for loading.
- 411.3 A minimum of six feet (6 ft.) of the transition setback area, measured in from the abutting residential lot line, shall be landscaped with evergreen trees subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) The trees shall be maintained in a healthy growing condition;

- (b) The trees shall be a minimum of eight feet (8 ft.) high when planted; and
- (c) Planting locations and soil preparation techniques shall be shown on a landscape plan submitted with the building permit application to the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for review and approval according to standards maintained by the Department's Soil Erosion and Storm Management Branch, which may require replacement of heavy or compacted soils with top and drainage mechanisms as necessary.
- 411.4 A required transition setback may be inclusive of a required side or rear yard provided all conditions of each section are met.
- 411.5 No residential communal outdoor recreation space shall be located within fifty feet (50 ft.) of any lot line directly abutting an R zone district extended as a vertical plane parallel to each abutting lot line.

Proposed amendments to the Zoning Regulations of the District of Columbia are authorized pursuant to the Zoning Act of June 20, 1938, (52 Stat. 797), as amended, D.C. Official Code § 6-641.01, et seq.

This public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the rulemaking case provisions of the Zoning Regulations, 11 DCMR Subtitle Z, Chapter 5.

# How to participate as a witness.

Interested persons or representatives of organizations may be heard at the public hearing. The Commission also requests that all witnesses prepare their testimony in writing, submit the written testimony prior to giving statements, and limit oral presentations to summaries of the most important points. The applicable time limits for oral testimony are described below. Written statements, in lieu of personal appearances or oral presentation, may be submitted for inclusion in the record.

All individuals, organizations, or associations wishing to testify in this case are encouraged to inform the Office of Zoning their intent to testify prior to the hearing date. This can be done by mail sent to the address stated below, e-mail (donna.hanousek@dc.gov), or by calling (202) 727-0789.

The following maximum time limits for oral testimony shall be adhered to and no time may be ceded:

Organizations
 Individuals
 minutes each
 minutes each

The Commission may increase or decrease the time allowed above, in which case, the presiding officer shall ensure reasonable balance in the allocation of time between proponents and opponents.

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