

Supplemental Report

TO:	District of Columbia Zoning Commission
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SUBJECT:	Supplemental Report for a Proposed Text Amendment to the Zoning Regulations, 11 DCMR, Subtitles C, D, E, F and X

At the November 7, 2019 Public Hearing for case ZC 19-14 the Zoning Commission directed the Office of Planning (OP) to provide a detailed response to ANC 6B and ANC 6Cs' letters. ANC 6C's letter requests expanding this amendment, ZC 19-14. They are requesting for it to include E§5203, the section for *Building Height* special exception, and E§206, the section for *Rooftop Or Upper Floors Additions*. Most of ANC 6C's letter identifies inconsistencies and clarity issues in the text that should be reconsidered and possibly amended. Similarly, some of the points identified in ANC 6B's letter identify potential conflicts with existing alley lot text. OP agrees with the ANCs, and reported that many of the issues raised are either currently included in or would be better addressed in two other cases currently in progress.

Case ZC 19-13 proposes text amendments to streamline and improve the clarity of the alley lot regulations in Subtitles B-G, I, J, &U.

Case ZC 19-21 proposes text amendments to revise the Rooftop or Upper Floor Element section in Subtitles D, E, and U to apply the solar energy system regulations to semi-detached and row buildings in the R zones

This case, ZC 19-14 does not include amendments to section 5203 but ZC 19-21 is proposing amendments to sections 5203 in Subtitles D and E and to E§206. One of the amendments being proposed is removal of the E§ 5203.2 waiver provision. Therefore, ZC 19-21 would be the more appropriate case to address ANC 6C's concerns on section 5203.

ANC 6B's alley lot related recommendations would be best addressed in ZC 19-13, which includes text amendments focused on alley lot.

The table below identifies the appropriate zoning case to handle each of the issues identifies by ANC 6C and 6B.

ANC 6 C Comment	19-14	19-21	19-13	Future
	Amnd to Non-	Amendments to	Amendments to	
	Conf and Special	Rooftop or Upper	Alley Lot	
	Exception text	Floor Element	Regulations	
Clean up grammar related to lot	19-14 will address			
occupancy in 5201.6.	this issue.			
Remove E§ 5203.1(d)		19-21 will address		
		this issue.		
Provide guidance in E§ 206 on		19-21 will address		
whether damaged/decayed		this issue.		
elements may be replaced in kind				
E§ 206.2 allows for special		19-21 will address		
exception relief but provides no		this issue.		
specific criteria				
Inconsistency in language for the		19-21 will address		
standards in E-206 and E-5203		this issue.		
E§ 5203 contains loopholes		19-21 will address		
		this issue.		
E§ 5203.2 allows for waivers of		19-21 will address		
almost any two criteria in E§		this issue.		
5203				
E§ 5203 refers mostly to new		19-21 will address		
additions but not to new		this issue.		
buildings				
Should standard sized lots be				Potential
allowed relief per 5201				Future Case
ANC 6 B Comment				
Ensure that E§ 5201.1 applies	19-14 will address			
only to street-facing lots	this issue			
Consistency with special			19-13 will address	
exception criteria for alley vs.			this issue	
street-facing lots				