

**ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**

TIME AND PLACE: **May 22, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.**
Via WebEx: <https://dcoz.dc.gov/ZC24-16> (to participate & watch)
Via Telephone: 1-650-479-3208 **Access code:** 2304 536 5532 (audio participation & listen)
Via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DCOfficeofZoning> (to watch)
Instructions: <https://dcoz.dc.gov/release/virtual-public-hearings>
Witness Sign Up: <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/sign-testify>

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

Z.C. Case No. 24-16 (MR 1401 15th Street Retail, LLC – Map Amendment @ Square 210, Lot 827 (1401-1405 15th Street, N.W.))

THIS CASE IS OF INTEREST TO ANCs 2F & 2B

Oral and Written Testimony

- All who wish to testify in this case are **strongly encouraged** to sign up to do so **at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing** on OZ's website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/sign-testify> – see below: *How to participate as a witness – oral statements*.
- All written comments and/or testimony **must be submitted to the record at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing** – see below: *How to participate as a witness – written statements*.

On November 18, 2024, the Office of Zoning received an application from MR 1401 15th Street Retail, LLC (the “Applicant”) requesting review and approval for a Zoning Map amendment from the RA-5 zone to the ARTS-3 zone for property located at 1401-1405 15th Street, N.W. (Square 210, Lot 827) (the “Property”).¹

The Property is rectangular in shape and has approximately 7,200 square feet of land area. The Property is bounded by private property to the north, public alleys to the east and south, and 15th Street, N.W. to the west. Properties immediately surrounding the Property to the north and east along 15th Street and P Street, and to the east along the 14th Street corridor, are zoned ARTS-3. The Property is located within the Greater 14th Street Historic District. The Property is located within the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) 2F and across 15th Street, N.W., from ANC 2B.

The Property is improved with the Grace Reformed Church and Sunday School and the Parish House, which collectively are (i) designated as an historic landmark in the D.C. Inventory of

¹ The Applicant subsequently filed revised application materials on December 2, 2024, clarifying that the current zoning for the entire Property is RA-5. The original filing incorrectly stated that a portion of the Property was already zoned ARTS-3.

Historic Sites; (ii) listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and (iii) contributing structures to the Greater 14th Street Historic District.

The Property's designation on the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map is Mixed-Use Medium Density Residential / Moderate Density Commercial. The Property's designation on the Comprehensive Plan Generalized Policy Map is a Neighborhood Conservation Area. The Property is located within the Near Northwest Area Element of the Comprehensive Plan, and is subject to the goals and strategies set forth in the Logan Circle Investment Plan, prepared by the Office of Planning in 2008.

The Office of Planning submitted its setdown report to the Office of Zoning on February 28, 2025. The setdown report recommended the application be set down for a public hearing. The setdown report stated that the proposed map amendment would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan maps and written elements, including when viewed through a racial equity lens and that Inclusionary Zoning Plus would not be appropriate for the map amendment.

ANC 2F submitted a setdown form to the Office of Zoning on December 9, 2024. The ANC setdown form recommended the application be set down for a public hearing. The application was set down for a public hearing as a contested case by the Zoning Commission on March 13, 2025.

The Applicant filed its Prehearing Submission with the Zoning Commission on March 17, 2025.

The complete record in the case, including the Applicant's filings and the Office of Planning setdown report, can be viewed online at the Office of Zoning website, through the Interactive Zoning Information System (IZIS), at <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Content/Search/Search.aspx>.

This virtual public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the contested case provisions of Subtitle Z § 400, which includes the text provided in the Notice of Final Rulemaking adopted by the Zoning Commission in Z.C. Case No. 20-11 (*effective* October 30, 2020).

How to participate as a witness - oral presentation

Interested persons or representatives of organizations may be heard at the virtual public hearing. All individuals, organizations, or associations wishing to testify in this case are **strongly encouraged to sign up to testify at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing** on OZ's website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/> or by calling Ella Ackerman at (202) 727-0789 in order to ensure the success of the new virtual public hearing procedures.

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 Commission must base its decision on the record before them. Therefore, all written comments and/or testimony **must be submitted to the record at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing**. The following maximum time limits for oral testimony shall be adhered to and no time may be ceded:

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| 1. | Applicant and parties in support | 60 minutes collectively |
| 2. | Parties in opposition | 60 minutes collectively |
| 3. | Organizations | 5 minutes each |
| 4. | Individuals | 3 minutes each |

Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 408.4, 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.

How to participate as a witness – written statements

Written statements, in lieu of personal appearances or oral presentation, may be submitted for inclusion in the record. The public is encouraged to submit written testimony through the Interactive Zoning Information System (IZIS) at <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Login.aspx>; however, written statements may also be submitted by e-mail to zcsubmissions@dc.gov. Please include the case number on your submission. If you are unable to use either of these means of submission, please contact Ella Ackerman at (202) 727-0789 for further assistance.

How to participate as a party

Any person who desires to participate as a party in this case must so request and must comply with the provisions of Subtitle Z § 404.1.

A party has the right to cross-examine witnesses, to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, to receive a copy of the written decision of the Commission, and to exercise the other rights of parties as specified in the Zoning Regulations. If you are still unsure of what it means to participate as a party and would like more information on this, please contact OZ at dcoz@dc.gov or at (202) 727-6311.

Except for an affected ANC, any person who desires to participate as a party in this case must clearly demonstrate that the person's interests would likely be more significantly, distinctly, or uniquely affected by the proposed zoning action than other persons in the general public. Persons seeking party status shall file with the Commission, not less than 14 days prior to the date set for the hearing, or 14 days prior to a scheduled public meeting if seeking advanced party status consideration, a Form 140 – Party Status Application, a copy of which may be downloaded from OZ's website at: <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Help/Forms.html>. This form may also be obtained from OZ at the address stated below.

“Great weight” to written report of ANC

Subtitle Z § 406.2 provides that the written report of an affected ANC shall be given great weight if received at any time prior to the date of a Commission meeting to consider final action, including any continuation thereof on the application, and sets forth the information that the report must contain. Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 406.3, an ANC that wishes to participate in the hearing must file a written report at least seven days in advance of the public hearing and provide the name of the person who is authorized by the ANC to represent it at the hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ZONING AT (202) 727-6311.

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Do you need assistance to participate? If you need special accommodations or need language assistance services (translation or interpretation), please contact Zee Hill at (202) 727-0312 or Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov five days in advance of the meeting. These services will be provided free of charge.

¿Necesita ayuda para participar? Si tiene necesidades especiales o si necesita servicios de ayuda en su idioma (de traducción o interpretación), por favor comuníquese con Zee Hill llamando al (202) 727-0312 o escribiendo a Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov cinco días antes de la sesión. Estos servicios serán proporcionados sin costo alguno.

Avez-vous besoin d'assistance pour pouvoir participer ? Si vous avez besoin d'aménagements spéciaux ou d'une aide linguistique (traduction ou interprétation), veuillez contacter Zee Hill au (202) 727-0312 ou à Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov cinq jours avant la réunion. Ces services vous seront fournis gratuitement.

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