

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Board of Zoning Adjustment



MEMORANDUM

To: Andrew Trueblood
Director, Office of Planning

From: Clifford W. Moy
Secretary, Board of Zoning Adjustment

Date: February 4, 2020

Re: Foreign Missions BZA Application No. 19557A

A Foreign Mission is requesting permission to locate, replace, or expand a chancery use in a location where a chancery use is not permitted as a matter of right for the zoning district. The Office of Zoning (“OZ”) requests that the Office of Planning provide a report on this application, as the Board’s determination of this application must be solely based upon the following six factors:

- (a) The international obligation of the United States to facilitate the provision of adequate and secure facilities for foreign missions in the Nation’s Capital;
- (b) Historic preservation, as determined by the Board after receipt of report and recommendation from the Historic Preservation Review Board;
- (c) The adequacy of parking and the extent to which the area will be served by public transportation to reduce parking needs, subject to such special security requirements as may be determined by the Secretary of State, after consultation with federal agencies authorized to perform protective services;
- (d) The extent to which the area is capable of being adequately protected, as determined by the Secretary of State, after consultation with federal agencies authorized to perform protective services;
- (e) The municipal interest, as determined by the Mayor of the District of Columbia; and
- (f) The federal interest, as determined by the Secretary of State.

Since factors (d) and (f) are to be determined by the Secretary of State, your report need not address these criteria. As to factor (e), which is the determination of the municipal interest by the Mayor, OZ understands that this function has been delegated to OP and therefore this

referral satisfies the requirement of 11 DCMR § 1002.5 that this application be referred to the Mayor and a determination of the municipal interested requested. With respect to factor (b), historic preservation, and pursuant to 11 DCMR 1002.7, please determine whether the chancery is located in an historic landmark or historic district and, if so, whether the use requires review and processing of new construction, demolition, or alteration pursuant to the Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978. If such is the case, please refer the application to the Historic Preservation Review Board, and/or the Commission of Fine Arts if required by D.C. Law 2-144, for report and recommendation to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Such a report and recommendation may be appended to your report.

This application was filed on **January 22, 2020** through the Interactive Zoning Information System (IZIS).

In order to review exhibits in the case, follow these steps:

- Visit the Office of Zoning (OZ) website at www.dcoz.dc.gov
- Under “Online Services”, click on “Interactive Zoning Information System”.
- Click on “Go to Case Records”.
- Enter the BZA application number indicated above and click the search button.
- The search results should produce the case on the right. Click “View Details”.
- Click “View Full Log”.
- This list comprises the full record in the case. Simply click “View” on any document you wish to see, and it will open a PDF document in a separate window.

With respect to factors as described in the Zoning Regulations of the District of Columbia (Regulations), the Board of Zoning Adjustment (Board) gives “great weight” to the Office of Planning (OP) written report. Visit http://dcoz.dc.gov/resources/Filing_IZIS/index.shtm for instructions on how to file the OP report through IZIS. OP reports must be submitted at least seven days prior to the public hearing date so that the Board has ample time to consider OP’s position. If you submit documents less than seven days before the public hearing, you must file a Motion to Request Waiver of Time Requirements (Form 150) in addition to the documents for consideration by the Board.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please call OZ at 202-727-6311.

MEETING DATE : March 18, 2020