

Government of the District of Columbia


Department of Transportation



d. Planning and Sustainability Division

MEMORANDUM

TO: District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

FROM: Anna Chamberlin
Neighborhood Planning Manager 

DATE: February 19, 2020

SUBJECT: BZA Case No. 20209 – 7521 9th Street NW

APPLICATION

Uzoma Ogbuokiri (the “Applicant”), pursuant to Title 11 (2016 Zoning Regulations) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR), Subtitle X, Chapter 9, requests a special exception under Subtitle D § 5201 from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle D § 304.1, to construct a 3-story rear addition to an existing semi-detached principal dwelling unit. The site is in the R-2 Zone at 7521 9th Street NW (Square 2961, Lot 18) and served by a 16-foot public alley.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has reviewed the application materials and has determined that the proposed action will not have adverse impacts on the District’s transportation network. DDOT has no objection to the approval of this application.

PUBLIC SPACE

DDOT’s lack of objection to this application should not be viewed as an approval of public space design. All elements of the project proposed in public space, such as areaways and retaining walls, require the Applicant to meet all District design regulations and pursue a public space permit through DDOT’s permitting process. It is noted that there is a 10-foot Building Restriction Line (BRL) along 9th Street. As such, the area between the property line and the BRL is regulated as public space and should remain park-like in nature.

The Applicant should refer to Titles 11, 12A, and 24 of the DCMR, and the most recent version of DDOT’s Design and Engineering Manual (DEM), and DDOT’s Public Realm Design Manual for public space

regulations and design guidance. A permit application can be filed through the DDOT [Transportation Online Permitting System \(TOPS\)](#) website.

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