

# 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   
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**DATE:** May 6, 2020

**SUBJECT:** BZA Case No. 20281 – 150 I Street SE

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#### APPLICATION

Square 737 LLC (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 the Downtown-use requirements of Subtitle I §303.1(i) to permit a veterinary boarding hospital use on the first floor of an existing mixed-use building. The veterinary use is intended to be neighborhood-oriented and draw mainly foot traffic, similar to other retail uses that could occupy the first-floor unit. The site is in the D-5 Zone at 150 I Street SE (Square 737, Lot 828).

#### 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 the public realm design. All elements of the project proposed within District-owned right-of-way require the Applicant to pursue a public space permit through DDOT’s permitting process. The Applicant should ensure that all building entrances are at-grade with the sidewalk to avoid any ramps or stairs in public space and that no doors should be swinging into the pedestrian clear path.

DDOT expects the adjacent public realm to meet all District standards. The Applicant should refer to Titles 11, 12A, and 24 of the [DCMR](#), the most recent version of DDOT’s [Design and Engineering Manual \(DEM\)](#), and the [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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