## BZA Application No. 20710

## 2340 Ainger Place, SE TMT Services, LLC <br> May 25, 2022

## Overview and Requested Relief

## Overview

- Razing existing single-family dwelling
- Two new buildings on their own theoretical lot (Building A: 13 units, Building B: 8 units)
- Meets all other development standards
- Three, 4-BR IZ Units + voucher units
- 21 Parking Spaces
- Individual unit entrances/townhome style units for family housing

Three Special Exceptions

1. New Residential Multi-Family in RA-1 (U-421)
2. Theoretical Lot Subdivision- 2 buildings on one record lot (C-305)
3. Special Exception Relief from the screening Requirements (C-714.3)

Agency Communications

- The Office of Planning recommends approval
- DDOT has no objection
- See next slide for ANC outreach



## ANC Outreach

- February 4, 2022: Filed Application and served ANC, asks to meet with ANC
- March 15, 2022: Emailed again asking to meet/be placed on March or April agenda
- April 13, 2022: Emailed again to be placed on ANC agenda/answer questions
- April 18, 2022: Emailed again to be placed on ANC agenda/answer questions
- April 19, 2022: SMD called Attorney; then Architect called SMD to coordinate meeting in-person; also sent hard-copies of plans to SMD
- April 22, 2022: Architect spoke with SMD again after she cancelled in-person meeting, rescheduled for $5 / 3$
- April 26, 2022: Emailed again to be placed on ANC agenda/answer questions
- May 3, 2022: Architect met in-person with SMD. SMD likes project, she presents it at the executive meeting, the ANC agrees to place on May agenda (May $17^{\text {th }}$ )
- Week of May 10: Applicant requests link for meeting
- May 16, 2022: Request link for meeting again
- ANC meeting May 17: Meeting link does not work; applicant's team attempts to login and contact SMD/chair, but no alternative link is provided.


## General Requirements of Subtitle X § 901.2

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| 1) "Granting relief will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations, and Zoning Maps." | - The RA-1 Zone provides for areas predominately developed with low to moderate density development, including multi-family residential buildings. The proposal is for a new multi-family development. <br> - The area is made up of a mix of multi-family residential buildings. |
| 2) "Granting relief will not tend to affect adversely, the Use of Neighboring Property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps." | - The proposed buildings and development conform to the development standards of the RA-1 Zone. |



Specific Requirements of U § 421
Section 421.2 (a) Existing and planned area schools to accommodate the numbers of students that can be expected to reside in the project; and

Section 421.2 (b) Public streets, recreation, and other services to accommodate the residents that can be expected to reside in the project

It is expected that the Office of the State Superintendent of Education will not have an issue with the addition of residents from the development.
In-boundary Schools: Stanton Elementary School, Kramer Middle School, and Anacostia High School.

The Property is located near priority Metrobus route 92, which stops at the intersection of Ainger PI., SE, and Alabama Ave., SE, about 635 feet to the southeast.
The closest recreation center-Fort Stanton Recreation Center-is only four-tenths of a mile away. The recreation center can also be accessed via the W2 and W3 bus routes, which stop directly in front of the subject Property.
A shopping center with amenities such as a Safeway grocery store, drugstore, bank, retail, and dining, is located approximately one-half mile to the northeast, accessed via Good Hope Road.

The Applicant has provided sufficient information for the Office of Planning to recommend approval.

Section 421.3: The Board of Zoning Adjustment shall refer the application to the Office of Planning for comment and recommendation on the site plan, arrangement of buildings and structures, and provisions of light, air, parking, recreation, landscaping, and grading as they relate to the surrounding neighborhood, and the relationship of the proposed project to public plans and projects.
Section 421.4: In addition to other filing requirements, the developer shall submit to the Board of Zoning Adjustment with the application a site plan and set of typical floor plans and elevations, grading plan (existing and final), landscaping plan, and plans for all new rights-of-way and easements.

All relevant materials have been submitted.

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Section 305.3(a) The following development standards shall apply to theoretical lots: (a) Side and rear yards of a theoretical lot shall be consistent with the requirements of the zone;

Section 305.3(b) Each means of vehicular ingress and egress to any principal building shall be at least twentyfour feet ( 24 ft .) in width, exclusive of driveways;

Section 305.3(c) The height of a building governed by the provisions of this section shall be measured from the finished grade at the middle of the building façade facing the nearest street lot line; and

## Section 305.3(d) The rule of height measurement in

 Subtitle C §305.3(c) shall supersede any other rules of height measurement that apply to a zone, but shall not be followed if it conflicts with the Height Act.The side and rear yards of each proposed theoretical lot are consistent with the requirements of the RA-1 zone.

The Applicant is requesting variance relief from this requirement as more thoroughly discussed below.

The height of each building has been measured from the finished grade at the middle of the building façade facing the nearest street lot line.

The rule of height measurement in Subtitle C § 305.3(c) shall supersede any other rules of height measurement that apply to a zone but shall not be followed if it conflicts with the Height Act.

## Specific Requirements of C-305.4

Section 305.4(a) For a theoretical subdivision application, the following information is required to be submitted to the Board of Zoning Adjustment, in addition to other filing requirements pursuant to Subtitle Y § 300:
(a) Site plans including the following information:
(1) A plat of the record lots proposed for subdivision;
(2) The location of proposed streets and designated fire apparatus roads;
(3) Location of proposed easements;
(4) Lot lines of proposed theoretical lots, and the delineation of the lot lines shared by theoretical lots that will serve as private drives or easements;
(5) Existing grading and proposed grading plans;
(6) Existing landscaping and proposed landscaping plans, including the sizes and locations of all trees on or adjacent to the property on public or private lands;
(7) Plans for the location of building footprints on theoretical lots; and
(8) Required yards (rear, side and front) based on the regulations applicable to a zone or any modifications to regulations provided through this section;
Section 305.4(b) Typical or individual floor plans and elevations for the proposed buildings and structures; and Section 305.4(c) A table of zoning information including required and proposed development standards.

The Applicant has provided the relevant information as required by C-305.4

## Specific Requirements of C-305.5-6

Section 305.5(a) Before taking final action on an application under this section, the Board of Zoning Adjustment shall refer the application to the Office of Planning for coordination, review, and report, including:
(a) The relationship of the proposed development to the overall purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations, and other planning considerations for the area and the District of Columbia as a whole, including the plans, programs, and policies of other departments and agencies of the District government
Section 305.5(b) Considerations of site planning; the size, location, and bearing capacity of driveways; deliveries to be made to the site; side and rear setbacks; density and open space; and the location, design, and screening of structures;
Section 305.5(c) Considerations of traffic to be generated and parking spaces to be provided, and their impacts;
Section 305.5(d) The impact of the proposed development on neighboring properties; and
Section 305.5(e) The findings, considerations, and recommendations of other District government agencies.

The Applicant has provided sufficient information for the Office of Planning to review the above-referenced criteria.
Section 305.6 The proposed development shall comply with the substantive intent and purpose of this title and shall not be likely to have an adverse effect on the present character and future development of the neighborhood.

The proposed project will comply with the substantive intent and purpose of the title and will not have an adverse effect on the present character or future development of the neighborhood.

## Screening Relief

- A strict reading of C-714.2(a) means that it would be required to place screening where the paved parking area meets the curb and sidewalks as "screening shall be provided around the entire perimeter of the surface parking area."
- The surface parking area is defined as "The area of a lot, building, or structure devoted to parking spaces, attendant driveways, aisles, queuing lanes, and landscaping. All such areas on a lot shall be considered to constitute a single parking area, even if the areas are not contiguous."
- As there are a number of areas with curbs adjacent to the parking area, it is not possible to provide the required screening; therefore, the Applicant is requesting special exception relief pursuant to $\mathrm{C}-714.3$.




## Specific Requirements of C-714.3

Section 714.3(a) Impacts on the pedestrian environment within adjacent streets, sidewalks, and other public areas;

Section 714.3(b) Existing vegetation, buildings or protective and screening walls located on adjacent property;

Section 714.3(c) Existing topographic conditions;

## Section 714.3(d) Traffic conditions; and

Section 714.3(e) In granting a modification or waiver, the Board of Zoning Adjustment may require any special treatment of the premises that it deems necessary to prevent adverse impacts on neighboring properties or the general public.

## Project

- The parking area is located at the side of the Subject Property and does not intersect with any public areas except at the driveway
- A strict enforcement of this rule would mean that the driveway and parking area would have to have a fence surrounding it-- that would impede egress by increasing the distance between residents' parking spaces and their respective homes.
- It creates a dangerous situation where the residents would have to walk much further through a parking area to go around a fence through an opening to get to their respective front doors.

The Applicant will have a fence between the parking area and the adjacent property to the east/southeast and a fence along Ainger

Does not apply.

The parking area is surrounded by sidewalks and islands which are separated from the parking area by a curb up to the sidewalks and island as clearly shown in the plans. As there are a number of areas with curbs, it is impossible to provide the required screening between the curb area/sidewalk and still have room for people to walk. And the screening cannot go in front of the curb or else it would impact the vehicular egress.

The Applicant will comply with special treatment if the Board deems it necessary.

## AINGER RESIDENCES

2340 AINGER PL SE

WASHINGTON, DC 20020


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LEVEL 1B-FAR 7





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UNIT AREA - LEVEL 2 2B| 5




## gross area tabulations



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BUILDING B-EAST ELEVATION 18



BUILDING B - WEST ELEVATION 3


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