

Statement of Existing and Intended Use Application No. BZATmp1191

Existing Use

The property at 1536 16th St. NW is currently used to provide office space to Foundation to Support Animal Protection (FSAP), a not-for-profit charity that provides general and administrative support services to certain charitable animal protection organizations, and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), one of the charitable organizations to which FSAP provides support services. The building contains three floors used for office space, a basement used for storage, a small kitchen on the second floor, and three small bathrooms on each floor for use by staff and guests.

Intended Use

FSAP would like to offer some staff and business guests visiting its 1536 16th St. NW office free, temporary accommodations, to save on costs currently associated with providing them accommodations and to eliminate the need for them to travel between the office and where they would stay otherwise. FSAP proposes to modify only the interior of the building by converting existing office space on the second and third floors to accommodate up to ten overnight transient guests by converting some of the offices on the second and third floors to sleeping rooms, and adding showers to the bathrooms on the second and third floors that would be shared by the overnight guests. The first floor will remain office space.

We would not offer accommodations to the public and the regular density of the building will not change and may even decrease because staff members currently using the office space will be permitted to work remotely. Traffic and parking in the area will not be impacted because there are six private parking spaces onsite and we will continue to encourage all staff and visitors to use public transportation, taxis, and ride-sharing to commute to and from the building.

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