

GOVERNMENT OF  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ZONING COMMISSION

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PUBLIC HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

Text Amendment to : Case No.

Subtitles Y & Z to : 20-26-B

Extend Eligibility for :

Administrative Approvals :

of Validity Period of :

Approvals During COVID-19 :

Pandemic :

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MONDAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2022

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The Public Hearing of the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Commission convened via videoconference, pursuant to notice at 3:45 p.m. EDT, Anthony J. Hood, Chairman, presiding.

ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

ANTHONY J. HOOD, Chairperson  
 ROBERT MILLER, Vice Chairperson  
 PETER MAY, Commissioner  
 JOSEPH IMAMURA, Commissioner

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

SHARON S. SCHELLIN, Secretary  
 PAUL YOUNG, Zoning Data Specialist

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OFFICE OF ZONING LEGAL DIVISION PRESENT:

HILLARY LOVICK, ESQUIRE  
DENNIS LIU, ESQUIRE

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Public Hearing held on February 14, 2022

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OPENING STATEMENT:  
 Anthony Hood. . . . . 4

PRESENTATION:  
 Case No. 20-26B, text amendment to Subtitles Y & Z to  
 extend eligibility for administrative approvals of  
 validity period of approvals during COVID-19 pandemic . 6

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:  
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P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

(3:45 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Let me say Happy Valentine's Day. I think someone mentioned that earlier, so I will say it as well. We are convening and broadcasting this public hearing via video conferencing. My name is Anthony Hood. Joining me this evening are Vice Chair Miller, Commissioner May, and Commissioner Imamura. We are also joined by the Office of Zoning staff, Ms. Sharon Schellin, and Mr. Paul Young who is handling all of our virtual operations; our Office of Zoning Legal Division, Ms. Lovick and Mr. Liu. We ask all others to introduce themselves at the appropriate time. Copies of today's virtual public hearing notice are available on the Office of Zoning's website. Again, today's date is February 14th, 2022.

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9 testimony or additional supporting documents during the hearing,  
10 then please be prepared to describe and discuss it at the time  
11 of your testimony.

12           The hearing will be conducted in accordance with  
13 provisions of 11-Z DCMR, Chapter 5, as follows: preliminary  
14 matters; presentations -- in this case, I believe it is the Office  
15 of Zoning, which has up to 60 minutes -- I know we don't need 60  
16 minutes; report of other government agencies; report of the ANC,  
17 and this is all citywide ANCs; testimony of organizations or  
18 individuals, each have 5 and 3 minutes, respectively. And we  
19 will hear in the order from those in support, opposition or  
20 undeclared. While the Commission reserves the right to change the  
21 time limit for presentations if necessary, it intends to adhere  
22 to the time limits as strictly as possible and notes that no time  
23 shall be ceded.

24           Again, any issues, please call our hotline number at  
25 202-727-5471. And I think that's the wrong number. I didn't

1 change it on this sheet. So I will work with Ms. Schellin, and  
2 we will change all those numbers. Ms. Schellin, could you give  
3 me -- the right number to call if you are having problems is 202-  
4 727-0789. Again, 202-727-0789.

5 At this time, the Commission will consider any  
6 preliminary matters. Does the staff have any preliminary matters?

7 MS. SCHELLIN: No preliminary matters.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay, there are no preliminary  
9 matters.

10 Ms. Schellin, I will -- and again, the subject of  
11 tonight's -- this hearing, is Zoning Commission Case 20-26-B,  
12 Office of Zoning text amendment to Subtitles Y and Z to extend  
13 eligibility for administrative approvals of validity period of  
14 approvals during COVID-19 pandemic.

15 So, Ms. Schellin, I believe I'll turn it over to you.

16 MS. SCHELLIN: Yeah, staff really doesn't have anything  
17 to add other than what you stated, and it is to extend the  
18 administrative time extensions due to COVID-19 to June 30, 2022.  
19 And, with that, we did publish already a proposed Rulemaking.  
20 And if the Commission is so inclined this evening, they could  
21 take final action, unless Ms. Lovick or Mr. Liu states otherwise,  
22 but the Emergency and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking were  
23 published for a 30-day comment period.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So do we have anyone, ANCs  
25 or anybody here to testify on that topic?

1 MS. SCHELLIN: There were not, but I will, if you will  
2 give me one second, I will double-check, just for a last check.  
3 There are no witnesses signed up in any category.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you. So we will have  
5 really -- we have the full-fledge of our responsibilities.

6 Let me open it up to my colleagues again. The date we  
7 are extending is to June 30, 2022, for administrative approvals.  
8 Let me open it to any questions or comments. Commissioner May.

9 COMMISSIONER MAY: (No audible response.)

10 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Commissioner Imamura.

11 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: No comments.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: And Vice Chair Miller.

13 VICE CHAIR MILLER: No comments. Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. So I think it is pretty  
15 straightforward. Not hearing anything, I will close the record.  
16 And I think it is pretty straightforward for approvals, it makes  
17 it a lot easier. COVID-19, you know, that has changed the course  
18 of all of our lives. So I would move -- unless I hear from the  
19 Office of Zoning Legal Division -- I would move that we approve  
20 Zoning Commission Case No. 20-26B as captioned, Office of Zoning  
21 text amendment to Subtitles Y and Z, to extend eligibility for  
22 administrative approvals of validity period of approvals during  
23 COVID-19 pandemic, and the date will be to June the 20 -- let me  
24 find the date again -- to June 30, 2022. That is my motion. Can  
25 I get a second?

1 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Second.

2 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: It's been moved and properly  
3 seconded. Any further discussion? Not hearing any, I think we  
4 are sufficient to move forward.

5 Ms. Schellin, would you do a roll call vote, please?

6 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Hood.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Yes.

8 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Miller.

9 VICE CHAIR MILLER: Yes.

10 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner May.

11 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.

12 MS. SCHELLIN: Commissioner Imamura.

13 COMMISSIONER IMAMURA: Yes.

14 MS. SCHELLIN: The vote is 4-0-1, the minus one being  
15 the 3rd Mayoral Appointee Position vacant.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Schellin.

17 MS. SCHELLIN: And ask to approve final action.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Schellin. Do  
19 we have anything else?

20 MS. SCHELLIN: Nothing else until 4 o'clock.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOOD: Okay. I will see everyone at  
22 4 o'clock. We will be starting promptly at 4 o'clock, and I  
23 don't expect that to go long as well. So with that, thank you,  
24 and this hearing is adjourned.

25 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the

1 record at 3:51 p.m.)

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