

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Board of Zoning Adjustment**



**Application No. 19835 of Application of Maria Naranjo**, as amended<sup>1</sup> pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X, Chapter 9, for special exception relief under the use provisions of Subtitle U § 251.1(b)(3) to expand an existing child development home, and under Subtitle U § 251.6(b) to waive the sign size requirement of Subtitle U § 251.4(b), for property in the R-3 Zone at premises 2909 North Capitol Street N.E. (Square 3500, Lot 37).

**HEARING DATE:** October 17, 2018  
**DECISION DATE:** October 17, 2018

**SUMMARY ORDER**

**SELF-CERTIFICATION**

The zoning relief requested in this case was self-certified, pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle Y § 300.6. (Exhibit 5; Exhibit 36 (amended relief).) In granting the certified relief, the Board of Zoning Adjustment ("Board" or "BZA") made no finding that the relief is either necessary or sufficient. Instead, the Board expects the Zoning Administrator to undertake a thorough and independent review of the building permit and certificate of occupancy applications filed for this project and to deny any application for which additional or different zoning relief is needed.

The Board provided proper and timely notice of the public hearing on this application by publication in the *D.C. Register* and by mail to Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") 5E and to owners of property located within 200 feet of the site. The site of this application is located within the jurisdiction of ANC 5E, which is automatically a party to this application. The ANC submitted a report recommending approval of the application. The ANC's report indicated that at a regularly scheduled, properly noticed public meeting on September 18, 2018, at which a quorum was present, the ANC voted 8-0-0 to support the application. (Exhibit 30.) The ANC expressed no issues or concerns regarding the application.

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<sup>1</sup> The Applicant amended the application by adding a request under Subtitle U § 251.6(b) to waive the sign size requirement under Subtitle U § 251.4(b) to allow an existing sign that is larger than what is permitted. (See Exhibit 36, p. 2)

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The Office of Planning (“OP”) submitted a timely report recommending approval of the application, the waiver, and the conditions proposed by the Applicant. (Exhibit 38.) The District Department of Transportation (“DDOT”) submitted a timely report indicating that it had no objection to the grant of the application. (Exhibit 37.)

Three letters of support were submitted by clients of the facility. (Exhibits 28, 31 (duplicate), 32, and 33.) A letter of support was also filed by the Stronghold Civic Association (Exhibit 34.)

One person, testifying at the public hearing on behalf of the adjacent property owner at 2911 N. Capitol Street, N.E., expressed concerns that the use interferes with the resident’s quiet use and enjoyment of his property. The Board noted the modest increase in the number of children at the home, and encouraged the Applicant to communicate with the adjacent neighbor to ameliorate any of his concerns.

As directed by 11 DCMR Subtitle X § 901.3, the Board has required the Applicant to satisfy the burden of proving the elements that are necessary to establish the case pursuant to Subtitle X § 901.2, for special exception relief under the use provisions of Subtitle U § 251.1(b)(3), and under Subtitle U § 251.6(b), a waiver from the sign size requirement of Subtitle U § 251.4(b), to expand an existing child development home in the R-3 Zone. The only parties to the case were the ANC and the Applicant. No parties appeared at the public hearing in opposition to this application. Accordingly, a decision by the Board to grant this application would not be adverse to any party.

Based upon the record before the Board and having given great weight to the OP and ANC reports, the Board concludes that the Applicant has met the burden of proof, pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X § 901.2, Subtitle U §§ 251.1(b)(3), 251.6(b), and 251.4(b), that the requested relief can be granted as being in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Map. The Board further concludes that granting the requested relief will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Map.

Pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle Y § 604.3, the order of the Board may be in summary form and need not be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law where granting an application when there was no party in opposition.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that this application is hereby **GRANTED AND, PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 604.10, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVED PLANS AT EXHIBIT 11C - BURDEN OF PROOF: TAB C (ARCHITECTURAL PLANS) - AND WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1. Enrollment shall not exceed 12 children, age 15 years or less.
2. There shall be a maximum of five staff.
3. The days and hours of operation shall be Monday through Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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- a. Drop-off hours shall be between 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- b. Pick-up hours shall be from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
4. One parking space shall be reserved on-site for use by staff.
5. Trash collection shall be scheduled at least once a week.

**VOTE: 5-0-0** (Anthony J. Hood, Carlton E. Hart, Frederick L. Hill, Lesylleé M. White, and Lorna L. John to APPROVE).

**BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT**

A majority of the Board members approved the issuance of this order.

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
SARA A. BARDIN  
Director, Office of Zoning

**FINAL DATE OF ORDER:** October 23, 2018

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 604.11, NO ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN (10) DAYS AFTER IT BECOMES FINAL PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 604.7.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 702.1, THIS ORDER SHALL NOT BE VALID FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS AFTER IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE UNLESS, WITHIN SUCH TWO-YEAR PERIOD, THE APPLICANT FILES PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING A BUILDING PERMIT, OR THE APPLICANT FILES A REQUEST FOR A TIME EXTENSION PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 705 PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND THE REQUEST IS GRANTED. PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 703.14, NO OTHER ACTION, INCLUDING THE FILING OR GRANTING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y §§ 703 OR 704, SHALL TOLL OR EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 604, APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE APPROVAL OF THE PLANS SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE (OR ADDITION THERETO) OR THE RENOVATION OR ALTERATION OF AN EXISTING BUILDING OR STRUCTURE. AN APPLICANT SHALL CARRY OUT THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, OR ALTERATION ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

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AS THE SAME MAY BE AMENDED AND/OR MODIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE A § 303, THE PERSON WHO OWNS, CONTROLS, OCCUPIES, MAINTAINS, OR USES THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, OR ANY PART THERETO, SHALL COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS IN THIS ORDER, AS THE SAME MAY BE AMENDED AND/OR MODIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS IN THIS ORDER, IN WHOLE OR IN PART SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR THE REVOCATION OF ANY BUILDING PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ORDER.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE D.C. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, AS AMENDED, D.C. OFFICIAL CODE § 2-1401.01 ET SEQ. (ACT), THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED: RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, PERSONAL APPEARANCE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, FAMILIAL STATUS, FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, MATRICULATION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, GENETIC INFORMATION, DISABILITY, SOURCE OF INCOME, OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS A FORM OF SEX DISCRIMINATION WHICH IS PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. IN ADDITION, HARASSMENT BASED ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PROTECTED CATEGORIES IS PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF THE ACT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.