

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



**Application No. 20064 of Mount Sinai Baptist Church**, pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X, Chapter 9, for a special exception under the use provisions of Subtitle U § 320.1(b) to permit a new community service center in an existing attached building in the RF-1 Zone at premises 1608 3rd Street, N.W. (Square 520, Lot 93).

**HEARING DATE:** July 17, 2019  
**DECISION DATE:** July 17, 2019

**SUMMARY ORDER**

Relief Requested. The zoning relief requested in this case was self-certified, pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle Y § 300.6. (Exhibit 4.)

Notice of the Application and Public Hearing. The Board of Zoning Adjustment ("Board" or "BZA") referred the application to the appropriate agencies and provided proper and timely notice of the public hearing in accordance with Subtitle Y § 402.1.

Parties. The parties to this case were the Applicant and Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC") 5E.

ANC Report. The ANC's report indicated that at a regularly scheduled, properly noticed public meeting on June 18, 2019, at which a quorum was present, the ANC voted 9-0-0 to support the application. (Exhibit 27.)

OP Report. The Office of Planning submitted a report recommending approval of the application. (Exhibit 28.)

DDOT Report. The District Department of Transportation submitted a report indicating that it had no objection to the application. (Exhibit 30.)

Persons in Opposition. One neighbor residing adjacent to the property at 1606 Third Street, N.W., testified in opposition to the application, expressing concerns about potential noise at the facility, given the number of children who will be served. The Applicant pointed out that the children's arrival will be staggered, and the children will not all be in one place at the same time - which will

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lessen the noise at the facility. The Applicant expressed a commitment to working with the neighbor to address any concerns that might arise.

**Special Exception Relief**

The Applicant seeks relief under Subtitle X § 901.2, for a special exception under the use provisions of Subtitle U § 320.1(b) to permit a new community service center in an existing attached building in the RF-1 Zone.

Based upon the record before the Board, and having given great weight to the appropriate reports and recommendations filed in this case, the Board concludes that the Applicant has met the burden of proof that the requested relief can be granted as being in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Map, and that granting the requested relief will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Map. The Board further concludes that, pursuant to Subtitle X § 901.2(c), any other specified conditions for special exception relief have been met.

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**.

**VOTE: 5-0-0** (Frederick L. Hill, Lorna L. John, Lesylleé M. White, Carlton E. Hart, and Anthony J. Hood 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:** July 22, 2019

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.

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PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR SUBTITLE Y § 702.2, THIS ORDER SHALL NOT BE VALID FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS AFTER IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE UNLESS THE USE APPROVED IN THIS ORDER IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN SUCH SIX-MONTH PERIOD.

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.