ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TIME AND PLACE: Thursday, September 13, 2018, @ 6:30 p.m.

Jerrily R. Kress Memorial Hearing Room 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 220-South

Washington, D.C. 20001

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

CASE NO. 17-03 (Office of Planning (Text Amendment to Subtitle A §§ 301.5(a) & 301.7 (re: Vesting of Building Permits))

THIS CASE IS OF INTEREST TO ALL ANCS

On January 23, 2017, the Office of Zoning (OZ) received a report that served as a petition from the District of Columbia Office of Planning (OP) proposing text amendments to 11-A DCMR § 301.5(a). On May 4, 2018, OZ received an amended report from OP proposing revised text for § 301.5(a) and an additional text amendment to 11-A DCMR § 301.7

Subtitle A § 301.5 governs how building permit applications are processed when a map amendment to rezone the site is pending before the Zoning Commission. The crucial date is the date upon which the Commission votes to set down the case for a hearing (Setdown Date). Section 301.5(a) provides that building permit applications filed on or before the Setdown Date that are sufficiently complete to permit processing without substantial change or deviation are processed in accordance the site's existing zone classification. Section 301.5(b) provides that building permit applications filed after the Setdown Date are processed based upon the zone classification adopted, or if the case is still pending, in accordance with whichever is the most restrictive, either the zone classification being considered for the site or, the site's current zone classification. Section 301.5(b) is known as the "Setdown Rule".

OP proposed to amend § 301.5(a) to require that a building permit application must be "officially accepted as being complete" on or before the Setdown Date to be protected against the Setdown Rule. In addition, a protected application would become subject to the Setdown Rule if it is amended to increase the intensity of a proposed use, change the use, or deviate from the submitted plans, except for certain identified deviations. Finally, the amendments clarify that a building permit application protected against the Setdown Rule, for which a building permit is not issued on or before the date the new zoning classification becomes effective, must be processed in accordance the Zoning Regulations applicable to the property's new zone classification.

Subtitle A § 301.7 provides that building permits filed pursuant to Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) orders may be processed based upon the Zoning Regulations in place as of the date of the BZA's vote to approve the application. The proposed amendments would extend that protection to building permits authorized by Zoning Commission orders granting contested case

applications under the same circumstances. The amendment clarifies that in all instances this protection is limited to the extent the proposed building or structure is depicted on any plans approved.

The OP set down report served as a pre-hearing filing.

On May 14, 2018, the Commission voted to set down the revised petition for a public hearing.

The following amendments to Title 11 DCMR are proposed (additions are shown in **bold underlined text** and deleted text is shown in strikethrough text).

Section 301, BUILDING PERMITS, of Subtitle A, AUTHORITY AND APPLICABILITY, is amended as follows:

Paragraph (a) of § 301.5 is amended to read as follows:

- 301.5 If an application for a type of building permit enumerated in Subtitle A § 301.6 is filed when the Zoning Commission has pending before it a proceeding to consider an amendment of the zone classification of the site of the proposed construction, the processing of the application and the completion of work pursuant to the permit shall be governed as follows:
 - (a) If one (1) of the building permit applications listed in Subtitle A § 301.6 is filed officially accepted as being complete by the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs on or before the date on which the Zoning Commission makes a decision to hold a hearing on the amendment, the processing of the application and completion of the work shall be governed by the property's existing zone classification pursuant Subtitle A § 301.4. However, if no building permit has been issued prior to the date that the zoning map amendment becomes effective, the building permit application shall be processed in accordance with the adopted zoning map amendment. The building permit application shall:
 - (1) Be be accompanied by any fee that is required, and by the plans and other information required by Subtitle A § 301.2, which shall be sufficiently complete to permit processing without substantial change or deviation, and by any other plans and information that are required to permit complete review of the entire application under any applicable District of Columbia regulations; and
 - (2) Be sufficiently complete to permit processing without changing the proposed use or increasing the intensity of the use, and without deviations from the submitted plans, except for plan deviations that:

- (A) Address the requirements of the Construction Codes (12 DCMR), subject to Subtitle A § 304.2; or
- (B) <u>Increase the extent to which the proposed structure</u> complies with matter-of-right standards under the existing zone designation, such as by:
 - (i) Reducing lot occupancy, gross floor area, building height, penthouse height, the number of stories or number of units; or
 - (ii) <u>Increasing the size of yards or other setbacks</u> from property lines.

Subsection 301.7 is amended to read as follows:

All applications for building permits authorized by orders of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, or authorized by orders of the Zoning Commission in a contested case, may be processed in accordance with the Zoning Regulations in effect on the date the vote was taken to approve the Board or Commission application, to the extent the proposed building or structure is depicted on any plans approved by the Board or Commission; provided, that all applications for building permits shall be accompanied by the plans and other information required by Subtitle A § 301.2, which shall be sufficiently complete to permit processing without substantial change or deviation.

Proposed amendments to the Zoning Regulations of the District of Columbia are authorized pursuant to the Zoning Act of June 20, 1938, (52 Stat. 797), as amended, D.C. Official Code § 6-641.01, et seq.

This public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the rulemaking case provisions of the Zoning Regulations, 11 DCMR Subtitle Z, Chapter 5.

How to participate as a witness.

Interested persons or representatives of organizations may be heard at the public hearing. The Commission also requests that all witnesses prepare their testimony in writing, submit the written testimony prior to giving statements, and limit oral presentations to summaries of the most important points. The applicable time limits for oral testimony are described below. Written statements, in lieu of personal appearances or oral presentation, may be submitted for inclusion in the record.

All individuals, organizations, or associations wishing to testify in this case are encouraged to inform the Office of Zoning their intent to testify prior to the hearing date. This can be done by mail sent to the address stated below, e-mail (donna.hanousek@dc.gov), or by calling (202) 727-0789.

The following maximum time limits for oral testimony shall be adhered to and no time may be ceded:

1. Organizations

5 minutes each

2. Individuals

3 minutes each

The Commission may increase or decrease the time allowed above, in which case, the presiding officer shall ensure reasonable balance in the allocation of time between proponents and opponents.

Written statements, in lieu of oral testimony, may be submitted for inclusion in the record. The public is encouraged to submit written testimony through the Interactive Zoning Information System (IZIS) at http://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Login.aspx; however, written statements may also be submitted by mail to 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 200-S, Washington, DC 20001; by e-mail to zcsubmissions@dc.gov; or by fax to (202) 727-6072. Please include the case number on your submission. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ZONING AT (202) 727-6311.

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