



Zoning Regulations Review (ZRR) Zoning Commission Case No. 08-06A Community-Based Public Hearings



January 13, 2014

Dear District of Columbia Resident:

As you may know, the Zoning Regulations Review, otherwise known as the ZRR, is the first comprehensive revision of the current DC Zoning Regulations (11 DCMR) since 1958. This multi-year project started a new phase when the DC Office of Planning (OP) submitted its draft text for the ZRR to the Zoning Commission (ZC) on July 29, 2013. On September 9, 2013, the ZC set down the proposed ZRR text for public hearings, which were held from November 4th through the 20th. In the last part of this phase of the process, the ZC will hold four community-based public hearings to hear from residents. The public hearings will be held as follows:

Date/Time	Wards	Location
Saturday, February 8, 2014, 9:00 a.m.	5 & 6	Dunbar High School Auditorium, 101 N Street, N.W.
Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 6:00 p.m.	3 & 4	Wilson High School Auditorium, 3950 Chesapeake Street, N.W.
Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 6:00 p.m.	7 & 8	Department of Employment Services, 4058 Minnesota Avenue, N.E.
Thursday, February 13, 2014, 6:00 p.m.	1 & 2	D.C. Housing Finance Authority, 815 Florida Avenue, N.W.

Residents may only testify at the hearing being held for the Ward in which they reside, as indicated in the chart above. In addition, if you have previously testified at any of the November 2013 hearings or the January 2014 Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) hearing, you will not be able to testify at these community-based public hearings. Please note that if you are not allowed to testify and you still wish to provide the Commission with additional comments, you may do so by submitting written comments into the record by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014.

At each hearing, the ZC will first hear from individuals, organizations, or associations in the order in which they notified the Office of Zoning (OZ) of their intent to present testimony. The ZC will then hear from persons in the audience who did not sign-up to testify in advance.

The final decision on the text will be made by the ZC using its rulemaking authority after public hearings are held and the public's comments are considered. Residents are strongly encouraged to play a role in this process by participating in the public hearings. Please see the reverse side of this letter for more information about how you can sign-up to testify and prepare for and participate in the public hearings.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact OZ at dcoz@dc.gov or (202) 727-6311.

Sincerely,

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Sign-up today to testify!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ZONING AT (202) 727-6311 OR [DCOZ@DC.GOV](mailto:dcoz@dc.gov).



How can I prepare for and participate in the public hearings?

How do I prepare for the public hearing?

ZRR Case Record

All of the case documents for the ZRR case can be found on the Office of Zoning (OZ) website at <http://app.dcoz.dc.gov/content/search/Search.aspx> by typing 08-06A in the search, clicking "Go", clicking "View Details" and clicking on "View Full Log" on the right side of the page. Exhibits 4, 5, 8, 9, 14 – 48, 92, 140, 144, 160, 181, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 210, 218, 226, 262, 267, 284, 284A, 314, 330, and 407 are all documents the Office of Planning (OP) has uploaded to explain the changes between the current regulations and what is being proposed. Please keep checking the electronic case file as OP will continue to upload documents to assist the public in understanding the proposed changes.

ZRR Video-on-Demand

OZ also strongly encourages the public to watch the ZRR proceedings that were held from November 4th through the 20th. On each night of the public hearings, OP made a presentation on the major changes in each Subtitle. The ZC then heard public testimony and asked OP questions based on testimony.

The videos can be accessed on the OZ website in the Interactive Zoning Information System (IZIS) at <http://app.dcoz.dc.gov/content/search/Search.aspx> by typing 08-06A in the search, clicking "Go" and clicking "View Details".

How can I participate?

Submit Written Testimony

You may submit written testimony to the ZC by logging into the Interactive Zoning Information System (IZIS) at <http://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Login.aspx>. If you require assistance, please see the "Filing a Document in ZRR Case No. 08-06A" tutorial on the OZ website at www.dcoz.dc.gov or contact OZ at (202) 727-6311. If you do not have access to the internet, you may e-mail your signed testimony in PDF format to zcsubmissions@dc.gov, fax it to (202) 727-6072, or mail it to Office of Zoning 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200-S, Washington, DC 20001.

All testimony should clearly state the Case Number (ZC Case No. 08-06A) in the subject line and reference the specific Subtitle(s) for which you are providing testimony.



Tips for submitting testimony

- **Use the "Filing a Document in ZRR Case No. 08-06A" tutorial as a reference!** This tutorial will provide you with all of the information you need to open an account and submit documents.

- **Provide solutions in your written testimony!** You are encouraged to propose effective solutions to issues with the proposed text.
- **Submit your testimony by January 31, 2014!** In order for the ZC to have ample time to read all comments prior to the hearings, it is necessary that testimony be submitted as early as possible, but no later than January 31, 2014. Testimony submitted after the 31st will still be given to the ZC; however, it is possible that it will not be reviewed prior to the hearing day.

Present Oral Testimony

To present testimony before the ZC, you are strongly encouraged to sign up in advance. Although it is not mandatory to sign up, please note that testimony will be given in the order that people have signed up. To sign-up, please call or write Donna Hanousek at (202) 727-0789 or donna.hanousek@dc.gov, and leave your name, address, phone number or email address, and the Ward in which you reside.

The ZC also requests that you prepare your testimony in writing and submit it to OZ by January 31, 2014. If you do not submit testimony by this deadline, the ZC requests that you bring 10 copies the night of the public hearing. Oral presentations should be limited to summaries of the most important points. The applicable time limits for oral testimony are described below. Testifying in person is not required; written statements, in lieu of personal appearances or oral presentation, may be submitted for inclusion in the record.

The ZC will impose the following maximum time limits on testimony presented to it at the public hearing and no time may be ceded:

1. Organizations or Associations - 5 minutes each
2. Individuals - 3 minutes each



Tips for presenting testimony

- **Sign up in advance!** Although you will still be able to testify if you show up the night of any hearing, testimony will be given in the order that people have signed up.
- **Provide detail in your written testimony!** Your written testimony is where you should provide as much detail as you need to present your views.
- **Be succinct with your oral testimony!** As your time is limited, use your time wisely and limit your oral testimony to the most important points.
- **Provide solutions in your oral testimony!** You are encouraged to propose effective solutions to issues with the proposed text.

Sign-up to testify in advance!

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