



**PROPOSED ALLEY CLOSING IN SQUARE 316,
BOUNDED BY 11TH, K, 12TH AND L STREETS, NW**
(S.O. 03-2973)
Washington, DC

Delegated Action of the Executive Director

September 25, 2003

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996, I find that the proposed alley closing in Square 316, bounded by 11th, K, 12th and L Streets, NW would not adversely affect the identified federal interests nor be inconsistent with the Federal Elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

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The Council of the District of Columbia seeks to close a portion of a public alley in Square 316, which is bounded by 11th, K, 12th and L Streets, in Northwest Washington, DC. This is to permit the construction of a 258,150 square foot office building which is to be developed as a matter of right project on this square. The existing alley has two access points from 12th Street and connects via one curb cut through the square to 11th Street. The proposed closure will eliminate one curb cut on 12th Street and will utilize the interior alley as a receiving and loading area for the proposed development. A new curb cut will be added on 12th Street to provide access to the development's below grade parking.

The subject site is within the original L'Enfant City and is bounded by historic L'Enfant Streets. The proposal will close only a portion of the existing alley but will not eliminate its function as a connection from 11th Street to 12th Street through Square 316. Furthermore, the development in which this alley closure will permit is a matter of right project and will meet all specifications of the District of Columbia Zoning Regulations. Therefore it is my determination that this partial closure of a public alley in Square 316 will not negatively affect the federal interest, nor be inconsistent with the federal elements of the Comprehensive Plan of the National Capital.

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Executive Director