



PROPOSED TEXT ADMENDMENT TO THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO ALLOW, BUT NOT TO MANDATE, THE USE OF PERVIOUS PAVING FOR CERTAIN PARKING AND RELATED FACILITIES

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Delegated Action of the Executive Director

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on August 6, 1999, I find that the proposed text amendment to the zoning regulations of the District of Columbia to allow, but not to mandate, the use of pervious paving for certain parking and related facilities, would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, nor would it have an adverse impact on any federal interests.

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The District of Columbia Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), on behalf of the ZAC's Green Subcommittee, is proposing a text amendment to the Zoning Regulations of the District of Columbia to allow the use of pervious paving for certain parking and related facilities. Currently, the Zoning Regulations require open parking spaces to be "paved and maintained with bituminous, concrete, or brick materials....that form an all-weather impervious surface..." thereby prohibiting the use of pervious paving. The text amendment, as proposed, will allow the use of pervious paving for open parking spaces, including accessory driveways and access lanes, and for private residential driveways.

The District of Columbia Office of Planning (DCOP) reviewed the text amendment and produced a detailed report with recommendations in support of the text amendment. Staff commends the proposal for supporting and encouraging the use of innovative and environmentally friendly "Best Management Practices" to help reduce erosion and avoid pollution of surface waters.

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