

**TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA TO PERMIT PET GROOMING, PET SHOPS, VETERINARY
HOSPITALS AND ANIMAL SHELTERS AS SPECIAL EXCEPTION USES WITHIN
THE C-2, C-3, C-4 C-M AND M ZONE DISTRICTS**

Washington, D.C.

Delegated Action of the Executive Director
September 28, 2006

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on August 6, 1999, I find that the proposed text amendment to add definitions and regulations for pet grooming establishments, pet shops, veterinary boarding hospitals, veterinary hospitals, and animal shelters as special exception uses within the C-2, C-3, C-4, C-M and M Zone Districts would not adversely affect any federal interests nor be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

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The District of Columbia Office of Zoning has referred to NCPC for comment a proposed text amendment that would define and regulate pet grooming establishments, pet shops, veterinary boarding hospitals, veterinary hospitals, and animal shelters within the C-2, C-3, C-4, C-M and M Zone Districts. As a result of the November 3, 2005 hearing for Zoning Commission case number ZC 05-21 (Dog/Cat Boarding), the District of Columbia Office of Planning (DCOP), in a Revised Second Supplemental Report (dated September 7, 2006), has recommended definitions of pet grooming establishments, pet shops, veterinary hospitals, and animal shelters, as well as regulations for the inclusion of those uses within the C-2, C-3, C-4, C-M and M Zone districts. DCOP recommended that inclusion of pet grooming establishments, pet shops, veterinary boarding hospitals, and animal shelters within the referenced zone districts be permitted by special exception (except for animal shelters as matter-of-right uses in M zone districts); DCOP also recommended that veterinary hospitals (where animal boarding does not exceed 50 percent of the area of the hospital) should continue to be permitted as a matter-of-right.

I find that the proposed text amendment would not adversely affect any federal interests nor be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital.

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