

**TEXT AMENDMENT THE ZONING REGULATIONS  
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO REVISE DEFINITIONS  
FOR EATING ESTABLISHMENTS**  
Washington, D.C.

**Delegated Action of the Executive Director**

Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on August 6, 1999, 40 U.S.C. §8724(a), and DC Code §2-1006(a), I find that the proposed text amendment to revise the definitions for eating establishments would not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital, nor would it have an adverse impact on any other federal interests.

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In an effort to protect residents from issues associated with fast food establishments that may affect quality of life (i.e., trash, traffic, litter, noise, vermin, etc.), ANC 6A has requested that the Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia take proposed action to approve a text amendment revising the definitions for eating establishments. The amendment includes revisions to the terms “restaurant” and “fast food establishment,” and includes the addition of a new use definition for “prepared food shop.”

In particular, the changes are targeted towards commercial zone districts (particularly C-1 and C-2 districts), since the level of activity of fast food restaurants does not seem consistent with those districts. It is also viewed that such establishments have the potential to negatively affect adjacent low- to medium-density residential districts.

The proposed text amendment is neither inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital nor would it have an adverse impact on any other federal interests.

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