



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT Text Amendments to Permit Animal Care Uses in Mixed-Use Areas District-wide Washington, DC	NCPC FILE NUMBER ZC 20-20 NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 00:00(06.00)45249
REFERRED BY Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia	DETERMINATION Approve comments as requested REVIEW AUTHORITY Advisory per 40 U.S.C. § 8724(a) and DC Code § 2-1006(a)

The Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia has referred several text amendments to NCPC for review on behalf of the District Office of Planning. The amendments would increase opportunities for animal care businesses to locate in mixed-use areas as a way to meet a growing demand. Current Zoning Regulations make it difficult to establish animal care businesses in many parts of the District, particularly in higher-density neighborhoods and in mixed-use buildings, where many residents do not have ready access to a personal vehicle and/or prefer to walk to local services. Therefore, the District Office of Planning has recommended the following text amendments:

- Subtitle U, Uses, Section 513, Special Exception, Subsection 513.1(a), Animal care and animal sales uses, to permit animal care and animal sales uses to locate within mixed-use buildings by special exception without a requirement that they be separated from residential uses by a minimum of one floor of non-residential use;
- Correct for missing animal care uses from ZC Case 05-21A and Case 14-10; and
- Allow Pet Grooming Establishments with no boarding or overnight stays as a matter-of-right in MU Use Groups C, D, E, F and G.

Federal properties are not subject to local zoning and therefore would not be impacted by the zoning changes. As such, the proposed amendments do not appear to be inconsistent with the policies set forth in the Federal Elements of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* nor would they impact any other identified federal interest.

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on August 6, 1999 and per 40 U.S.C. § 8724(a) and DC Code § 2-1006(a), I find that the proposed text amendments to permit Animal Care Uses in Mixed-Use Areas would not be inconsistent with the Federal Elements of the *Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital* nor would they impact any other identified federal interest.



Marcel Acosta
Executive Director



Date