



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Zoning Commission
c/o Office of Zoning
One Judiciary Square
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: ZC Case No. 05-21A (Text Amendments for Pet-Related Uses in Commercial Districts)

Dear Zoning Commissioners,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on June 8, 2006, our Commissioner voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to provide this letter of support for text amendments requested by the Office of Planning to define and permit pet grooming, pet shops, veterinary hospitals, and animal shelters by special exception in the C2, C-3, C-4, C-M, and M Zone Districts.

Pet grooming, pet shops, veterinary hospitals, and animal shelters have the potential to generate animal noise, odor, or waste that may create objectionable conditions to adjacent commercial and residential properties. As a result, it would be appropriate and reasonable to require special exceptions for these uses in commercial districts.

Our Commission noticed that some of the proposed definitions mention "animal boarding". However, there are no separate definitions or requirements specified for this use. Our Commission believes that it would be reasonable to create a definition for animal daycare/boarding with requirements for this use similar to those for an animal shelter. This would include the provision that external yards or facilities would only be permitted at a distance of 1,000 feet or greater from residence zones.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Commissioner Cody Rice at (202) 544-3734 or rice6A03@verizon.net.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A