

ANC1C Resolution
Formulation of Regulations on Access to Parking & Placement of Waste Receptacles
Passed 5-0 - October 5, 2016

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (“ANC1C”) adopts the following resolution, votes to send it to the District Zoning Commission (“Zoning Commission”), the Mayor’s office, BZA, DCRA and the City Council. Further, ANC1C authorizes any Commissioner of ANC1C to represent ANC1C before the aforementioned parties in connection with this matter.

Whereas, there are no zoning regulations or laws that require rowhouse conversions to provide (1) rear of building access to on-site parking and trash/recycling cans and (2) rear of property space for trash/recycling cans, when such collection is the norm for the given street.

Whereas, rowhouse multi-unit conversions often seek to maximize interior square footage as living space (resulting in no passageway/rear of building egress) and maximize use of rear of property space for parking (leaving little to no space for trash/recycling cans).

Whereas, rowhouse conversions greater than 3 units are not eligible for DPW collection services and must secure private contractors¹ and are thus not subject to DPW requirements to place trash and recycling cans in the rear alley, when such collection is the norm for the given street.

Whereas lack of rear of building access to on-site parking creates potential safety hazards for residents who must walk through alleyways to access their vehicles.

Whereas, placement of trash and recycling cans in the front of rowhouses creates an eyesore, is highly likely to lead to rodent problems, and has a negative impact on the intent of historic preservation guidelines to preserve streetscapes.

Whereas several Adams Morgan rowhouses that have been converted to multiple units have placed their trash/recycling cans in the front of the buildings or may plan on doing so.

Whereas rowhouse conversions that occur on blocks with no alley access result in an even greater increase in the number of trash/recycling cans in the front.

Therefore Be It Resolved, ANC1C supports development of zoning and/or legislative language to require rear of building access to on-site parking and trash and recycling pickup services by private contractors from alleyways, where such collection is the norm for the given street.

Furthermore, be it resolved that circumstances that involve placement of trash/recycling cans in the front should be required to provide appropriate screening (e.g., plant material, fencing) and placed in a location that does not interfere with neighboring properties.

¹ DPW. <http://dpw.dc.gov/service/residential-trash-collection>