

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
OFFICE OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



March 24, 2015

Brother John FitzGerald  
Brothers of Charity  
7720 Doe Lane  
Laverock, PA 19038

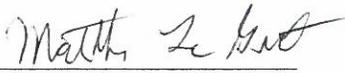
Re: 1359 Monroe Street NE

Dear Brother John:

I have reviewed your proposed use of 1359 Monroe Street, NE, a detached house in the R-1-B zone, which is an existing religious retreat of the Brothers of Charity that you plan to house up to 5 homeless veterans living with at least 3 resident members of the religious community, as well as 2 part time support staff.

This proposed use would qualify as a matter of right use, under a “one-family detached dwelling” permitted by 11 DCMR 201.1(k), based on the definition of “family” in 11 DCMR 199.1, as including up to 6 unrelated individuals, or 15 members of a religious community, provided the residents share housekeeping and common rooms. As I understand the proposal, based on the materials you submitted, that although the homeless veterans would not necessarily be members of your religious order, these veterans would effectively be members of the “religious community” and would share housekeeping and common rooms. Also I understand the Brothers would be focused on assisting these veterans. Based on this understanding, I believe that the veterans, who would stay for between six months and a year [but not less than 30 days in any event], would be lay members of the Brothers of Charity’s community.

Therefore, my office would approve the proposed arrangement. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,   
Matthew Le Grant  
Zoning Administrator

File: Det Let re 1359 Monroe Street NE to John 3-24-15