



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

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RE: #11167172: Annie's Paramount Steakhouse Sreatery Design, 1609 17th Street NW

Dear Director Kershbaum,

At its regular meeting on January 14, 2026, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-1-0):

WHEREAS, Annie's Paramount Steakhouse ("Annie's") has applied for a Sreatery Design Permit, Tracking #11167172, as part of the process to obtain a Sreatery operating permit at 1609 17th Street NW located in ANC 2B, Single Member District 2B04.

WHEREAS, Annie's is a local family owned and operated restaurant that is a beloved member of the Dupont Circle community for nearly 80 years.

WHEREAS, Annie's has operated their Sreatery without incident since the District launched the program during the pandemic.

WHEREAS, DDOT issued permanent Sreatery regulations in 2024; however, implementation was delayed several times and finally took effect as of December 1, 2025, with termination of the emergency pandemic-era regulations on November 30, 2025.

WHEREAS, the seemingly inflexible "one-size-fits-all" nature of the permanent regulations, combined with the multiple implementation delays, created conflicting guidance from DDOT and confusion for applicants as to what conditions might be granted exceptions and approved by the Public Space Committee.

WHEREAS, at a Council Oversight Roundtable on November 6, 2025, DDOT Director Kershbaum advised current Sreatery operators to get their applications under the new program in and they could continue operating them past the deadline; and offered assurances that DDOT staff would work with applicants to help address problems with applications.

WHEREAS, the Council passed emergency legislation effective December 19, 2025, specifically allowing the Public Space Committee to grant waivers for major design requirements identified by restaurants and ANC's as being insurmountable obstacles to approval:

- Minimum distance between streateries and curb cuts, driveways, alleys, and trees
- Prohibition on streateries enclosures or vertical support structures exceeding 42 inches (42") in height
- Maximum seating capacity

WHEREAS, Annie's design application has been flagged with objections by reviewers in DDOT's Transportation Online Permitting System ("TOPS") for the aforementioned conditions the legislation seeks flexibility for, with insistence that the design be made compliant not later than January 15, 2025.

WHEREAS, reducing seating from the existing 48 seats to 16, in addition to the added 1 foot (1') interior buffering requirement, would make it financially infeasible for Annie's to operate the Streateries.

WHEREAS, the clearance from the alley at the south end is impossible to achieve without a further reduction of capacity. 17th Street is one-way southbound so there is no conflict with right-turns. The existing streateries has operated for over 5 years without incident, which indicates visibility for vehicles exiting the alley is not a significant factor.

WHEREAS, objections to the distance of the structure from the tree trunk and the clearance of the rooftop from the tree's canopy are unreasonable. A fixed roof and structure beside the tree and below tree branches does not pose a meaningful risk to the tree or its branches; constant movement of delivery trucks cause untold damage and harm to the District's street trees.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the streateries design permit application by Annie's Paramount Steakhouse as submitted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests the application by Annie's be granted all design waivers sought in accordance with Act 26-233 (B26-0516).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests the Public Space Committee approve Annie's Streateries permit at its Thursday, February 12, 2026 hearing.

Commissioners Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02@anc.dc.gov), Lawrence Sprowls (2B04@anc.dc.gov), and Zach Adams (2B08@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives for this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



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Chair