TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD

RESOLUTION

OCTOBER 15, 2025

Resolution- to support a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (ZOTA) to expand the authority of the Historic District Review Board to grant setback reductions within the Historic District Overlay.

The Historic District Review Board supports a Zoning Text Amendment, to increase the Board's authority to grant setback reductions within the Historic District Overlay as provided for in Sec. 78-60.3(e) of the Zoning Ordinance. The Board finds that this change would allow additional flexibility in the design and construction of new construction of residential properties in the Historic District and allow for improvements with enhanced compatibility to the district character.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Historic District Review Board of the Town of Herndon, Virginia, that:

1. The following updates should be considered for initiation through a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment:

    a. Clarifying language providing the ability of the Historic District Review Board to grant setback reductions to all single-family detached residential properties within the Historic District Overlay.

    b. Additional provisions to allow the granting of setback reductions by the board, when appropriate with certain standards, to accommodate new primary dwellings, new outbuildings or accessory structures, and additions to existing buildings.

    c. Allowance of a greater setback reduction than what is currently permitted under this provision when appropriate and when compliant with other applicable local, state, and federal codes.

    d. Clarifying language expressing a principal criteria that the setback reduction may be granted only when it is demonstrated that the reduction allows the subject structure to be more compatible with nearby contributing structures and more appropriate within the historic neighborhood context specific to the proposed buildings' relationship to the street.

A Copy – Teste:



Aaron Zoellick
Clerk of Boards and Commissions

Motion: **Fetske**
Second: **Oleinick**
Re: **HDO ZOTA**
Action: **Approved**

Vote
Ayes: Chowdhury, Fetske, LeReche, Oleinick, O'Savio, Vice Chair Edmondson
Nays: None
Absent: Chair Blaker-Glass