11.0 VARIANCES

11.1 Variances Authorized. The Board of Managers may hear requests for variances from the literal provisions of these Rules in instances where their strict enforcement would cause practical difficulty because of circumstances unique to the property under consideration. The Board of Managers may grant variances where it is demonstrated that such action will be in keeping with the spirit and intent of these Rules. A variance shall contain conditions to prevent or mitigate adverse impacts from the activity.

11.2 Standard. In order to grant a variance, the Board of Managers shall determine that the special conditions that apply to the structure or land in question do not apply generally to other land or structures in the District, that the granting of the variance will not merely serve as a convenience to the applicant, and that the variance will not impair or be contrary to the intent of these Rules. A hardship cannot be created by the landowner, the landowner's agent or representative, or a contractor. Economic hardship alone is not grounds for issuing a variance.

11.3 Term. Unless terminated under section 11.5, a variance will remain valid for the same term as the permit of which it is a part.

11.4 Procedure. The procedure for requesting a variance to the District’s rules can be obtained from the contacting the District Administrator.

11.5 Violation. A violation of any condition set forth in a variance shall be a violation of the District Rules and may terminate the variance.