

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE	*	BEFORE THE
(16610 Old York Road)		
10 th Election District	*	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
3 rd Council District		
Carol and William Randall	*	HEARINGS FOR
Petitioners		
	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
	*	CASE NO. 2020-0149-A

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (“OAH”) for Baltimore County for consideration of a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Carol and William Randall (“Petitioners”). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (“BZCR”) § 400.1 to permit an accessory structure (detached garage) to be placed in the side yard in lieu of the required rear yard placement. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners’ Exhibit 1.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (“ZAC”) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. There were no adverse ZAC comments submitted by any of the County reviewing agencies.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on July 12, 2020, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavits as required by § 32-3-303 of the BCC. Based upon the information available, there is no evidence in the file to indicate that the requested variance would adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of the public and

should therefore be granted. In the opinion of the Administrative Law Judge, the information, photographs, and affidavits submitted provide sufficient facts to comply with the requirements of § 307.1 of the BCZR. Furthermore, strict compliance with the BCZR would cause practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship for the Petitioners.

Although the Department of Planning did not make any recommendations related to the proposed accessory structure (garage) to be placed in the side yard in lieu of the required rear yard, I will impose conditions that the accessory structure (detached garage) shall not be converted into a dwelling unit or apartment, shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, kitchen or bathroom facilities, and shall not be used for commercial purposes.

Pursuant to the posting of the property and the provisions of both the BCC and the BCZR, and for the reasons given above, the requested variance should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 12th day of **August, 2020**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from BZCR § 400.1 to permit an accessory structure (detached garage) to be placed in the side yard in lieu of the required rear yard placement is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- Petitioners may apply for their appropriate permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.
- Petitioners or subsequent owners shall not convert the accessory structure (detached garage) into a dwelling unit or apartment. The proposed accessory structure (detached garage) shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, and kitchen or bathroom facilities.

- The proposed accessory structure (detached garage) shall not be used for commercial purposes.

Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

Signed
PAUL M. MAYHEW
Managing Administrative Law Judge
for Baltimore County

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