

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE	*	BEFORE THE
(15320 York Road)		
8 th Election District	*	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
3 rd Council District		
Neil Brownawell &	*	HEARINGS FOR
Jean W. Scheffenacker		
Petitioners	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
	*	CASE NO. 2020-0137-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 owners of the subject property, Neil Brownawell and Jean W. Scheffenacker (“Petitioners”). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (“BZCR”) § 1A04.3.B.2.b to permit an addition on the left side of house with a setback of 35 ft. in lieu of the required 50 ft. 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. A ZAC comment was received from the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (“DEPS”), dated June 23, 2020, indicating that the Ground Water Management section (within DEPS) will need to know what is planned to go into the addition.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on June 27, 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.

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 16th day of **July, 2020**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Administrative Variance seeking relief from BZCR § 1A04.3.B.2.b to permit an addition on the left side of house with a setback of 35 ft. in lieu of the required 50 ft., be and 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 must comply with the DEPS ZAC comment, dated June 23, 2020; a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

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