This patter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Administrative Variance for that property known as 117 Fairfield Drive, located in the Catonsville area of western Baltimore County. The Potition was originally filed through the administrative variance process by Edward and Deborah Galloway, owners of the property. However at the request of the adjoining property owners, Edgar and Barbara Massey, a mublic hearing was scheduled to determine the appropriateness of the the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a side yard without of 6 feet is light of the minimum required 10 feet for a proposed serves and to permit a total side ward setback sum of 17 feet in lieu of the minimum required 25 feet for existing improvements. The subject propests and relief rought are more particularly described on the plat submitted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petition were Edward and Deborah Galloway, property owners, and their builder, Michael and Wood Jacks Owings with Owings Brothers Contracting. Appearing as Protestants n the matter were Edgar Massey, Bill Bauman, and Doris Jones, adjoining and nearby property owners

> Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a side yard setback of 6 feet in lieu of the minimum required 10 feet for a proposed garage, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby DENIED; and,

> IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance to permit a total side yard setback sum of 21 feet in lieu of the minimum required 25 feet for existing improvements, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following

> > 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building pormit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby ma^h aware that pro-ceeding 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 If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

2) The Petitioners shall maintain a 10-foot setback z) The retitioners shall maintain a 10-foot set between the improvements on their property and property line adjoining the Massey property. block wall that was constructed approximately 6 from the Massey property line shall be removed and side yard restored to its original condition wi mixty (60) days of the date of this Order.

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Testimony presented revealed that the subject property consist. of .31 acres, more or less, zoned D.R. 3.5 and is improved with a single family dwelling and detached garage. The Petitioners are in the process of converting the existing parage to a family room and constructing a two-car garage addition to the existing garage to accommodate two of the family's four vehicles. Testimony indicated the Petitioners obtained the requisite building permit and had commenced construction of the proposed garage. During the course of construction, it was determined that the proposed garage would not be large enough to accommodate the turning radius for two automobiles due to the angle at which the vehicles must enter the garage and that an additional 4 feet in width would be necessary. This additional 4 feet will result in the south side wall of the proposed garage being located within 6 feet of the property line adjoining 119 Fairfield Drive. The Petitioners filed the instant Petition in an effort to resolve the metter

Armouring in composition to the Datitionous! wempest was the address cent property owner Edgar Massay Mr. Massay prefered his testimony with the fact that he finds it extremely difficult testifying equinst his neighbor with whom he and his wife have had excellent relations for the years that they have been neighbors. While he found it difficult to testify, he stated that he is opposed to the variance requested due to a water runoff problem that currently exists between the two properties. He helieves that the granting of the variance will only exacerbate the runoff problem and cause his property to receive additional runoff over and above what he currently experiences. Mr. Massey also indicated t' t he was upset that the Petitioners installed a footing and a partial block well 6 feet from his property line without requesting a variance prior thereto. He feels

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that the Gallowaya proceeded prematurely with the installation of this block wall without having had the benefit of a variance hearing

Bill Bauman, nearby property owner. Mr. Bauman stated that he does not believe the Petitioners have met the burden imposed upon them to werrant the greating of a variance. He also believes that a variance is not necess sary in this instance in that the Petitioners could build a one-car garage and would not be prejudiced by maintaining the required 10-foot setback from the Massey property line.

Ms. Doris Jone: also appeared and testified in opposition to the Petitioners' request. Ms. Jones lives directly across the street from the

his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

Also testifying in opposition to the Patitioners' remest was

subject property at 116 Pairfield Drive. She testified that she has lived in the neighborhood for the past 25 years. Ms. Jones testified concerning a very serious water runoff problem that exists at this location and that while the rest of Pairfield Avenue will be completely dry, this area will rowain covered with stagnant water. Photgraphs introduced as Protestant's Exhibit 2 evidenced this standing water problem. Ms. Jones testified that in the winter time, any standing water freezes and makes it difficult to enter or exit her drivewey. She believes that the additional construction and the requested variance will exacerbate the standing water problem. Testimony revealed that the Galloway property does drain toward Pairfield Drive and any additional runoff would cascade towards Feirfield Drive.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and

1) whether strict compliance with requirement wou unreasonably prevent the use of the property for

Petition for Administrative Variance

permitted purpose or render conformance unne

whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relexation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

whether relief can be granted in such fashic the spirit of the ordinance will be observed ar ic safety and welfare secured.

v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapsake Beach, 22 Md Arm 30 /19741

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, there is insufficient evidence to allow a finding that the Petitioners would experience practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship if the requested variance to permit a side yard setback of 6 feet were denied. The Petitioners have failed to show that compliance would unreasonably prevent the use of the property or be unnecessarily burdensome. opinion of this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the minimum required setback of 10 feet should be maintained. However, the other variance is necessary for existing improvements. While I do not believe a side yard setback sum of 17 feet is appropriate, I will grant a modified variance of 21 feet in lieu of the minimum required 25 feet. As such, the relief requested in the instant Petition shell be denied in part, and granted in part in accor-

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested shall be granted in part and denied in part.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Beltimore County this 4th day of May, 1994 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 1802.3.C.1 of the Beltimore County Zoning

Affidavit in support of Administrative Variance

Due to the age of our home which was built in 1954, the floor plan is very inflexible. We are in the process of converting

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May 4. 1994

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Galloway 117 Fairfield Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21228

PETITION FOR VARIANCE E/S Fairfield Drive, 400' S of the c/l of Rolling Road let Flaction District = 2nd Councilmanic District

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Galloway:

Suite 113 Courthou 400 Washington Ave

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in part and denied in part in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavor-able, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management Office at 887-391.

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cc: Mr. Michael Owings and Mr. Wellace Owings Owings Brothers Contracting, P.O. Box 3158, Baltimore, Md. 21228 Hr. Edgar Massey, 119 Pairfield Drive, Baltimore, Md. 21228

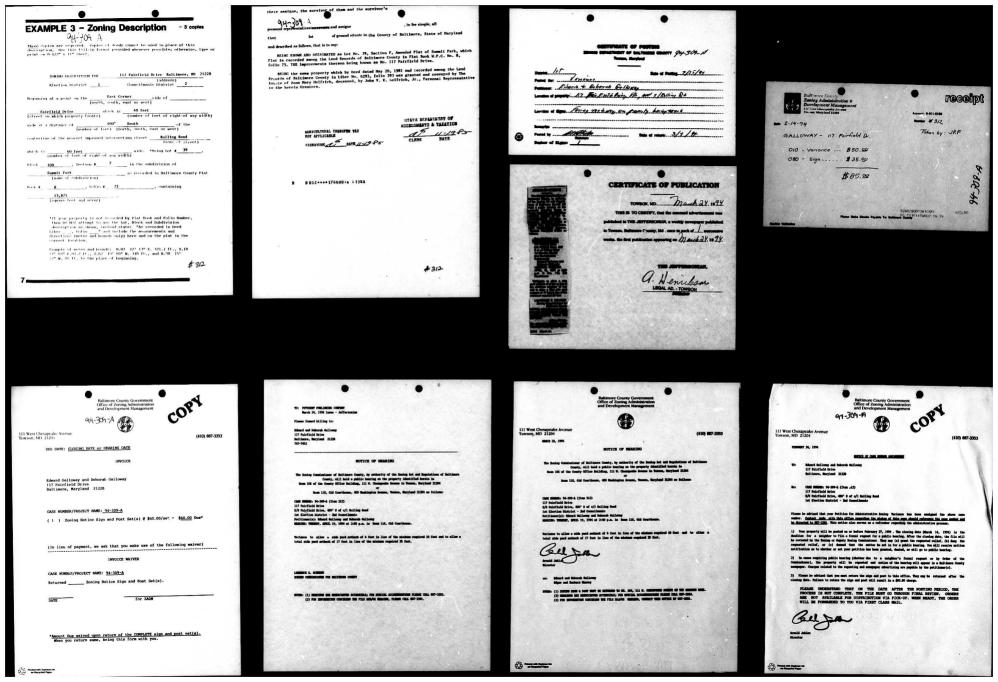
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REFORE THE PETITION FOR March 9, 1994 ZONING COMMISSIONER SPECIAL HEARING 15058 Eastview Drive OF BALTIMORE COUNTY CASE NO: 94-305- SPH PETITIONER : To Whom It may Concern: Item 309 DEAN E. ABBOTT, et ux We are requesting a hearing ENTRY OF APPEARANCE Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above on a request for a zoning variance captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other made by our adjoining graperty owners, proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order Edward and Deborah Gallowey, 117 Pairfield Mer Zome Drive, Catonwelle, Md. 21228, Case # Peter Max Zinmerman People's Counsel for Baltimore County 194-309A. We are Edgar and Bulara :181/ Massey, 119 Pairfield Drive, Catorwelle, Carole S. Demilio Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-2188 Md. 21228, telephone # 410-788-3310 Enclosed is a check for \$40.00. OThank you. of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Dean E. Abbott, 15058 Eastview Drive, Upperco, Maryland, 21155. Sincerely, Edgar & Barbara oh, Met James Peter Max Zinnerus

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ZONING HEARING FOR CASE #94-309-A

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1994

Last week in January 1994-exterior wall was constructed by the property line. Barbara Massey questioned the builder as to the proximity of the wall to the property

Second week in February 1994-notice for public hearing requesting variance for construction sight was posted in the front yard of 117 Fairfield Drive. The deadline for inquiries was March 14, 1994.

March 9, 1994-personnal check for \$40 was sent by Ed Massey along with request for a hearing on the variance issue.

March 14, 1994-deadline for all requests on variance issue.

March 15-17, 1994-concrete was poured for the area requested in

March 18, 1994-Ed Massey called and left a message for Mark Gawell, a county inspector, to question whether this nouring of concrete was a violation of the zoning law

March 22, 1994-Mark Gawell informed Ed Massey by phone that the pouring of the concrete was a "gamble" on the builder's part. He told Ed Massey the builder would have to remove the concrete if the variance request was denied.

Concerns regarding variance request:

- 1. Impervious surface-the two areas being requested for the verience will be covered by concrete. Thus all properties of 115 and 119 Pairfield Drive. This will have a detrimental effect on the quality of life due to muddy and soggy ground on which the children play. Notesince construction has started the drainage on Pairfield Drive has been very poor. The surface road in front of 115, 116,117 and 119 Fairfied has been covered with water sly, as has the sidewalk in front of 115 Pairfield Drive.
- 2. Standing water-the concern of drainage mentioned in item #1 also leads to the health issue that stagnant water could cause. This is an area where children constantly play and ride bikes during the Notethis winter the ice build up in front of 117. 116 and 119 Pairfield was greater than any
- where else on the street, causing an inconvenience for other residents and any traffic through Pairfield Drive. 3. Section 307.1 of the County Zoning Regulations states that variances are permitted "where circumstan or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request and where strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations of
- Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship".

 4. Construction continued before the hearing-the garage wall was constructed before the notice for a hearing was even posted on the property. The concrete floor was poured for the two car garage shortly after the hearing request deadline of March 14.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

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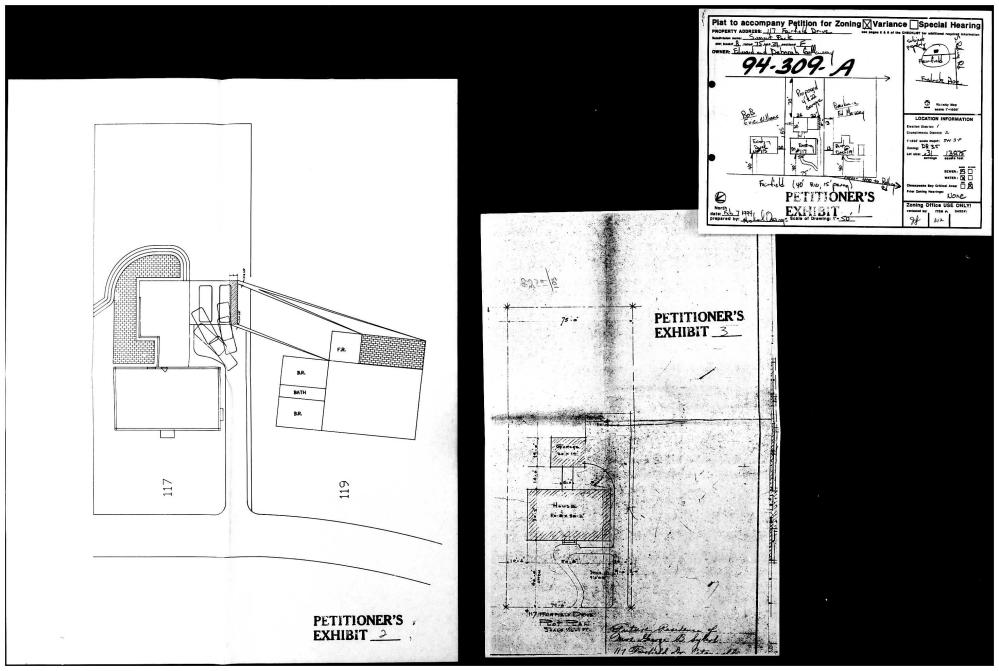
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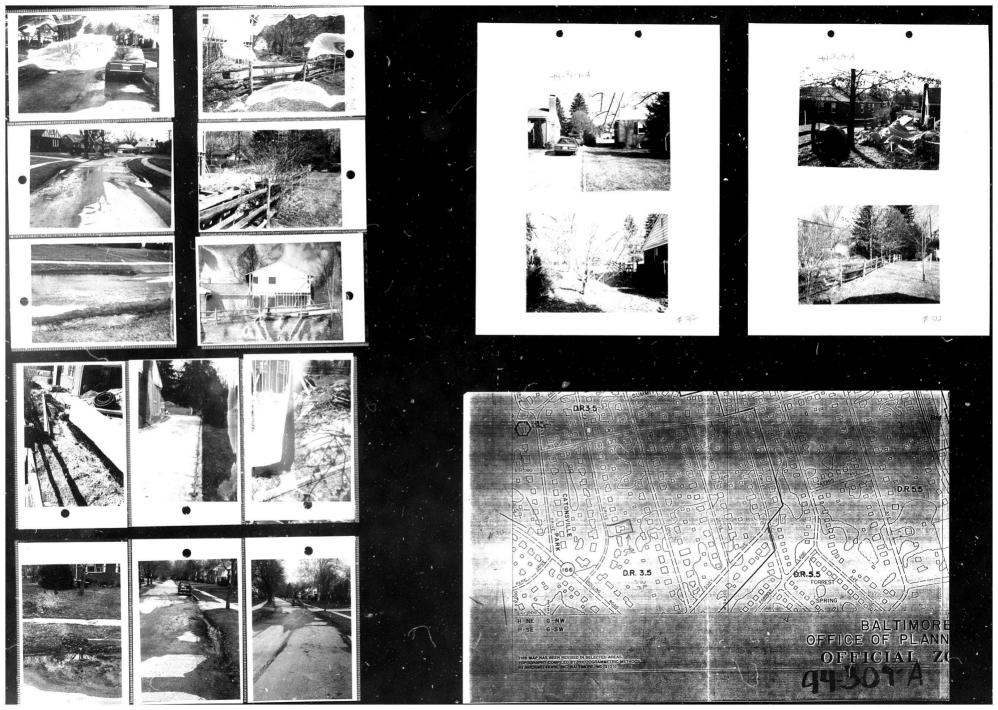
- Zoning Regul tions are in place to protect the community and surrounding property owners. What is the point of having the regulations in place if they are not enforced
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- Strict compliance will certainly not result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. Strict compliance will limit the structure to a one car garage. There are 21 other houses on Fairfield Ave. between Rolling Road and McGruder Ave. are 21 other houses on Fairfield Ave, between Rolling Road and McGruder Ave. Of those, seven have no garage, eight have a once are garage, and its have a two car garage. Therefore, limiting the construction to a one car garage will provide a condition equal to, or better than, that enjoyed by more than 70% of the other residents of the street. That certainly cannot be considered a hardwhyl
- 3. The overall improvement, including structure, driveway, garage, and patio, will greatly capsed the amount of improvious service in conquerions to what was present before the construction began. (Amount of increase) and the contraction began. (Amount of increase) are constructed began. (Amount of increase) are constructed by the contraction right up to the property line, done is less room for other property. With construction right up to the property line, done is less room for one heighboring property. This will have a decrimental effect on the quality of life due to modely and rough ground on which the cliticate will be playing, as well as increasing the amount of moistern (both liquid and moistern in the air) that will exhaus becament of the biasesy hours. So Act conditions will decrease the value of the property.

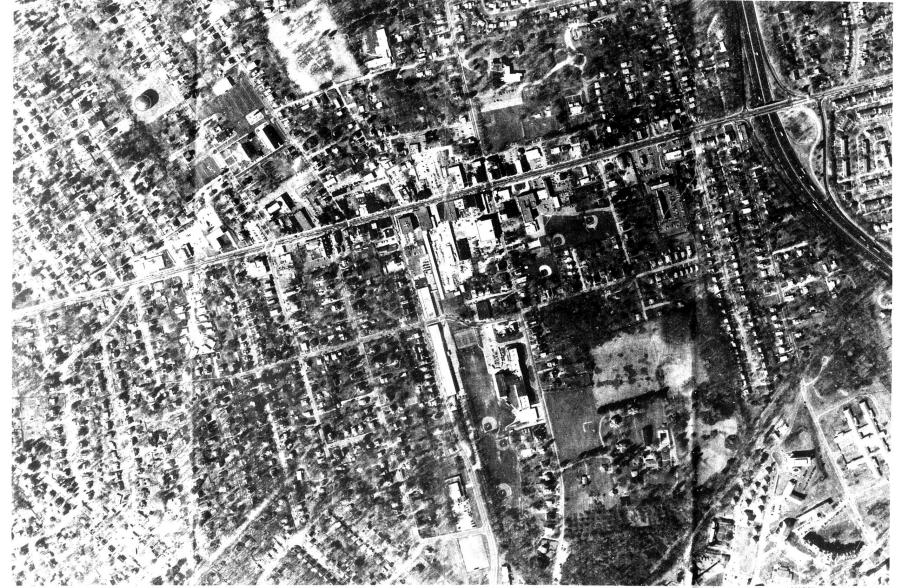
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- Why was the issue of the required arosing variance only brought to light after questions were stated following the initiation of construction within the requires stated: never like the other for inquiries by the Massey's, it is likely that the construction would have continued in chrowing violation of the Zonijan Regulations. Any required variances should have been obtained before construction began. After beginning work without the proper representation being made, and contenting work until caspit by a concerned citizen, the preparations being made, and continuing work until Caugint of a continuing work until
- If the hole for the construction of the house addition was incorrectly placed, as was stated by an individual in the county office of Zoning Administration and Development Management (ZADM), it is wrong to now place the burden for that error on the surrounding neighbors. The builder will soon be gone from the site and digging as hole arrounding neighbor. The builder will soon be gone from the site and digging a hole in the wrong place somewhere clee, but the neighbor strond the current site will be left with the effects of his mistake. Therefore, let the builder correct his mistake, which could have been accomplished nuch more easily if it had been converted when it was first noted (when he notice for the variance was first posted), instead of continuing to work, raying on the receipt of a variance to make up for his mistake. Now he exhaust the sum of the contract o
- This really becomes an issue of zoning enforcement, is which a matter of great concern to many citizens of the county. Unlike the people who call to complian about justice area, thegat learn, or property out, it is a matter of enforcing the Zoning Regulations are the contract of the county of the county of the county of the purpose of the zoning regulation. This may not be an environmental contract of the county of the zoning regulation. This may not be an environmental county of the county of the county of the zoning the county of the county of the zoning the county of the zoning the county of the zoning the zoning after the fact.







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