IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
S/S of Firethorn Road,
260 ft. E of Kingston Road
15th Election District
6th Councilmanic District

(2224 Firethorn Road)

Deborah Ellinger & Todd Chilcote Petitioners * BEFORE THE

* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 04-083-A

ORDER ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

WHEREAS, this matter came before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Deborah and Todd Chilcote. After a public hearing held on the matter (October 2, 2003), the variance request was denied by Order dated October 22, 2003 and a recommendation made that the Petitioner contact the Office of Planning before proceeding further.

WHEREAS, representatives of the Office of Planning and the Petitioners corresponded at length regarding a structure which would meet the Petitioners needs while being compatible with the neighborhood; and

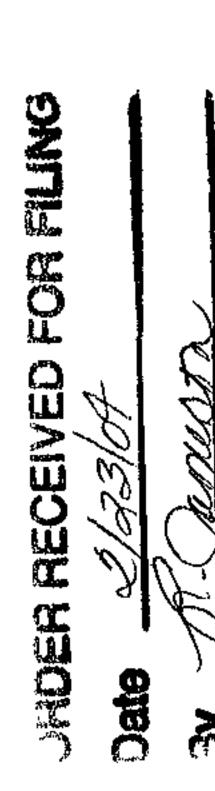
WHEREAS, on November 17, 2003 the Petitioners filed a Motion for Reconsideration which was accepted by this office; and

WHEREAS, in response to correspondence, the Petitioner indicated his plans to dismantle the existing deck and replace it with a new structure in the spring which would not require any variance but would be in full compliance with the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

Applicable Law

Appendix G, Rule 4 K

K. Motion for reconsideration. A party may file a motion for reconsideration of an order issued by the Zoning Commissioner. Such a motion must be made in writing, within 30 days of the date of the original order. The motion must state, with specificity, the grounds and



reasons for the request. The filing of a motion for reconsideration shall stay all further proceedings in the matter, including the time limits/deadlines for the filing of an appeal. The Zoning Commissioner shall rule on the motion within 30 days from the date which the motion is accepted for filing. A ruling by the Zoning Commissioner on the motion for reconsideration shall be considered the final decision in accordance with Section 26-209 or 26-132 of the Baltimore County Code. At his discretion, the Zoning Commissioner may convene a hearing to receive testimony and/or argument on the motion. Each party shall be limited to that which is the subject matter of the motion.

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

I find that the Petitioner's request for reconsideration is now moot as he plans to dismantle the existing structure and rebuilt according to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 33 day of February, 2004, by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, that Petitioner's Motion for Reconsideration, be and is hereby DISMISSED AS MOOT.

JOHN V. MURPHY

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

JVM:raj

Zoning Commissioner

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Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner'

February 23, 2004

Ms. Deborah Ellinger Mr. Todd Chilcote 2224 Firethorn Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

Re: Petition for Variance
Case No. 04-083-A
Property: 2224 Firethorn Road

Dear Ms. Ellinger & Mr. Chilcote:

Enclosed please find the Order to Dismiss regarding the above-captioned case.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office at 410-887-3868.

Very truly yours,

John V. Murphy

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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Visit the County's Website at www.baltimorecountyonline.info

1012/03 12200 Todd J. Chilcote

John V. Murphy Deputy Zoning Commissioner Suite 405, County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

2224 Firethorn Road Baltimore, MD 21220 410-456-9856 Cell

November 17, 2003

Re: REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Case No: 04-083-A

Property: 2224 Firethorn Road

Dear Mr. Murphy:

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

I would like to have this case put in for a request for reconsideration. I have contacted the planning department and I will be meeting with David Pinning the Sixth District Planner. I will be meeting with him at 11:30 am on the 17th of November, 2003.

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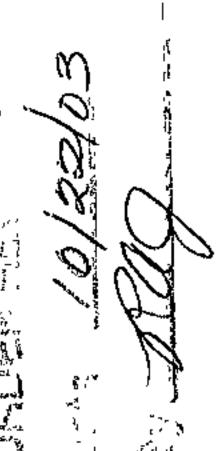
This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Deborah Ellinger and Todd Chilcote. The Petitioners are requesting variance relief for property located at 2224 Firethorn Road in the eastern area of Baltimore County. The variance request is from Sections 504.1 and 1B02.3.B. of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and V1.C.3 and V1.C.4 of the (B.C.Z.R., 1945), to permit a single-family attached dwelling with addition (carport) to have a rear yard setback of 8 inches and a side yard of 3 inches in lieu of the required 25 ft. and 10 ft. respectively. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petition for Variance.

The property was posted with Notice of Hearing on September 15, 2003, for 15 days prior to the hearing, in order to notify all interested citizens of the requested zoning relief. In addition, a Notice of Zoning hearing was published in "The Jeffersonian" newspaper on September 16, 2003 to notify any interested persons of the scheduled hearing date.

Applicable Law

Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. - Variances.

"The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County and the County Board of Appeals, upon appeal, shall have and they are hereby given the power to grant variances from height and area regulations, from off-street parking regulations, and from sign regulations only in cases where special circumstances 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 for



Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. No increase in residential density beyond that otherwise allowable by the Zoning Regulations shall be permitted as a result of any such grant of a variance from height or area regulations. Furthermore, any such variance shall be granted only if in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said height, area, off-street parking or sign regulations, and only in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare. They shall have no power to grant any other variances. Before granting any variance, the Zoning Commissioner shall require public notice to be given and shall hold a public hearing upon any application for a variance in the same manner as in the case of a petition for reclassification. Any order by the Zoning Commissioner or the County Board of Appeals granting a variance shall contain a finding of fact setting forth and specifying the reason or reasons for making such variance."

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments are made part of the record of this case and contain the following highlights: No comments were made initially by the reviewing agencies. However, the Planning Office filed comments on October 2, 2003 requesting the variance be denied which were then set to the Petitioner for comment. Petitioner's reply was received on October 17, 2003 and is made part of this record. Petitioner has not requested a further hearing in his reply so that the decision in this case will be made on the record.

Code Enforcement Comments

This matter is currently the subject of an active violation case (Case No. 03-6540) in the Division of Code Inspections and Enforcement. A citation for code violation has been issued in this matter due to the fact that construction of the structure was commenced without obtaining the appropriate permits.

It should be noted, for the record, that the fact that a zoning violation is issued is simply ignored in this zoning case. This means that the Petitioner can not use the fact that a structure has been built as a precedence to allow it to continue. Nor does the fact that a structure may be costly to remove or modify come into consideration of the zoning case. The reason for this is that this condition is clearly self-imposed and as such cannot be a basis for the hardship or practical difficulty required by Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. Conversely, the fact that something

may have been done which could violate the law is not held against the Petitioner as some sort of an additional punishment. Zoning enforcement is conducted by the Department of Permits and Development Management, which has the authority to impose fines and other penalties for violation of law. This is not the province of this hearing of this Office.

Interested Persons

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the variance request were Roy Ellinger, Angelo Branciforte and Todd Chilcote, the Petitioner. There were no Protestants or citizens at the hearing. People's Counsel, Peter Max Zimmerman, entered the appearance of his office in this case.

Testimony and Evidence

Testimony and evidence indicated that the property, which is the subject of this variance request, consists of approximately 1,632 sq. ft. and is zoned D.R.10.5. The subject property is improved with a brick town home which is one of many essentially identical town homes in the Hawthorne subdivision of eastern Baltimore County. The Petitioner's lot is 16 feet wide. The applicable zoning regulations require a side yard setback of 10 feet and so it would be impossible to build any structure in his back yard without a variance. In addition, the rear yard setback requirement is 25 feet and his actual yard is only 36 feet long leaving him only 9 feet in which to build a structure without a variance. Clearly some relief is needed. The question is what relief?

Mr. Chilcote testified that he was greatly concerned about the safety of his child and property and so constructed a carport with a security fence around the carport. He explained that his car had been vandalized twice and truck once in the recent past by hooligans. Consequently, he needed a safe place to park his vehicles and motorcycle off the street. He reasoned the carport would also give his child a safe place to play.

Finally, he presented a letter signed by neighbors stating they had no objection to his carport and a series of photographs showing similar carports in the neighborhood.

Findings of fact and conclusions of law

Mr. Chilcote presents a compelling case for variance relief considering the zoning requirements as applied to his lot and his need for a safe place for his child and property. The problem arises when one sees what exactly the relief is that he wants. Essentially, he wants to build out to his property lines. Instead of a rear yard setback of 25 feet he wants 8 inches. Instead of a side yard setback of 10 feet, he wants 3 inches. The impact of this request is best seen in Petitioner's Exhibit 3E. In addition to the security fence, his "carport" has a second floor deck and vertical columns which presumably would support a roof. This enormous structure is essentially the same size as his home. He has used all of his back yard. It clearly is out of all proportion to the neighborhood as pointed out by the Planning Office.

One of the pillars of zoning law is that the request must be the minimum, which can provide relief. If something smaller would do, that is the relief that should be granted. I understand that Mr. Chilcote, out of enthusiasm for his problem, would likely have no idea that he should build to the minimum. I am sure he reasoned that he owned all of his property and therefore could do with it as he would like. I am equally sure that he found that the cost to cover his entire rear yard with building would be only slightly greater than some lesser structure. However intuitive this may be, it clearly violates the rule of zoning variance law that requires minimum relief.

As an illustration of this problem, the photographs of Exhibit No. 3E show an automobile lost in the expanse of the structure. Another photo shows what is proposed as a "carport" roof in fact is an upper deck, which is 15.5 feet wide and 36 feet long. This would be an enormous deck on a home in a subdivision with acres of land for each home but in this town home neighborhood

of 16 foot wide lots it is outrageous. Essentially, he has built over his entire backyard not only once but twice in adding a second story backyard to it.

Pursuant to the posting of the property and the provisions of both the Baltimore County Code and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, and for the reasons given above, the requested variance should be denied as presented. He may well have a reason to have zoning relief for some smaller carport without a deck and roof. But a design for this lesser relief was not presented in this case. I have considered granting a variance for a smaller appropriate structure in this Order but I do not know what is feasible structurally and economically for the Petitioner. Consequently, I will simply deny this request as it stands but note that the Petitioner may request me to reconsider this matter within 30 days of the date of this Order should he decide to submit a smaller plan. If he decides to do so he must submit the new plan to the Planning Office for review prior to any reconsideration.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 22 day of October, 2003, by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that the Petitioners' request for administrative variance from Sections 504.1 and 1B02.3.B. of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and V1.C.3 and V1.C.4 of the (B.C.Z.R., 1945), to permit a single-family attached dwelling with addition (carport) to have a rear yard setback of 8 inches and a side yard of 3 inches in lieu of the required 25 ft. and 10 ft. respectively, be and is are hereby DENIED.

JOHN V. MURPHY

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Zoning Commissioner

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Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner

October 6, 2003

Mr. Todd Chilcote Ms. Deborah Ellinger 2224 Firethorn Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

> Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 04-083-A

> > Property: 2224 Firethorn Road

Dear Mr. Chilcote & Ms. Ellinger:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case. The Petition for Variance has been denied in accordance with the enclosed Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of the Order to the Department of Permits and Development Management. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our appeals clerk at 410-887-3391.

Very truly yours,

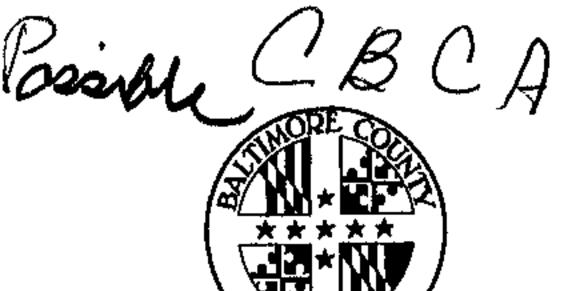
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Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 2224 FIRETHORN RD

which is presently zoned William D.R. 10.5

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 504.11802.3.8, VI.C.3
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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

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Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations. i, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

> I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

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Attorney For Petitioner:		2224 FIRETHORN Address BALTIMORE) RD MD	410-456-1956 Telephone No. 21220
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Hearing: Thursday, October 2, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.
in Room 407, County
Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT
Zoning Commissioner for
Baltimore County
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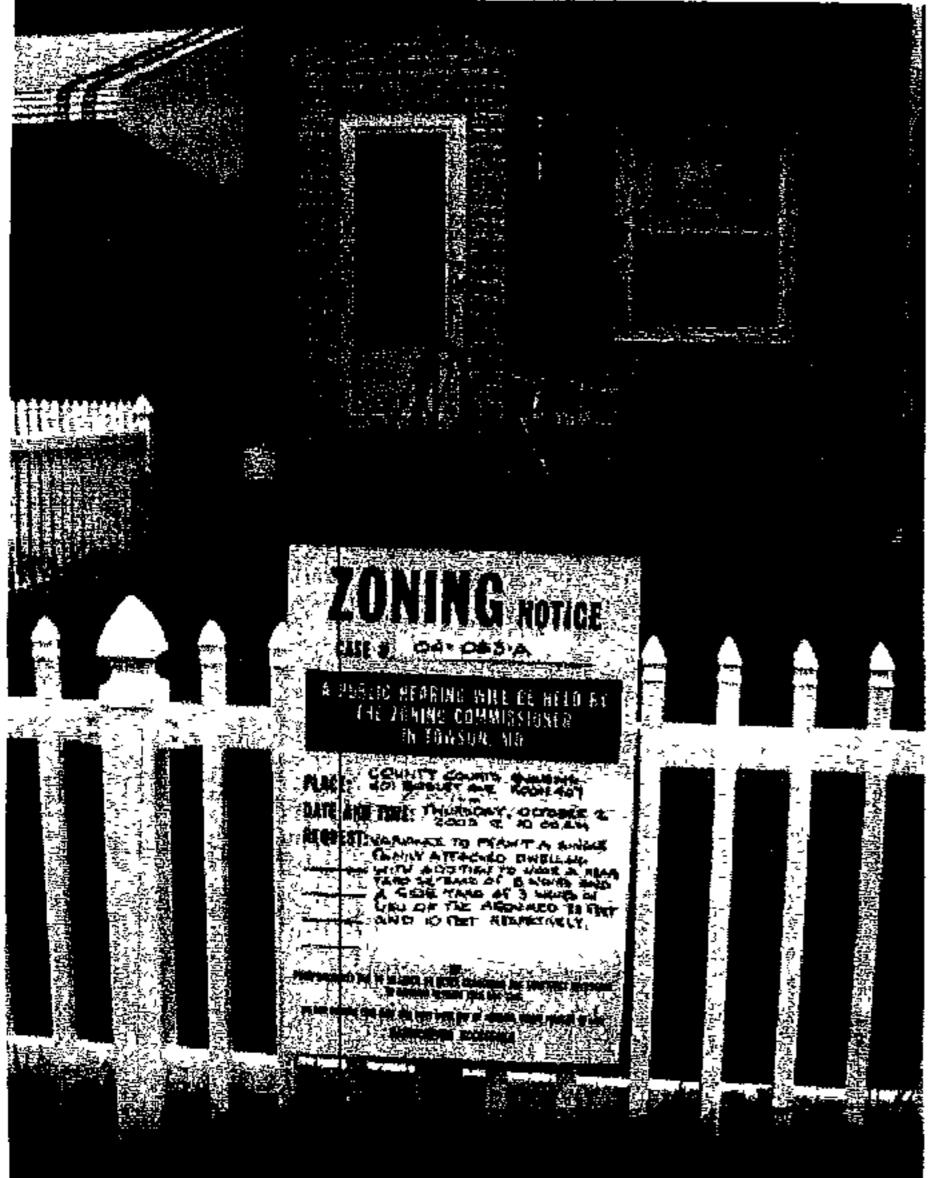
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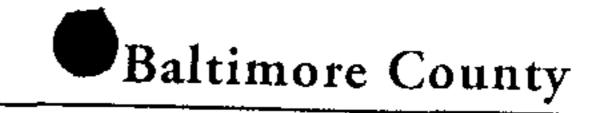


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James T Smith, Jr., County Executive Timothy M Kotroco, Director

September 2, 2003

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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Building, 401 Bosley Avenue

Timothy Kotroco

Director

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C: Todd Chilcote, Deborah and Roy Ellinger, 2224 Firethorn Road, Baltimore 21220

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2003.

(2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.

(3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.

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Todd Chilcote 2224 Firethorn Road Baltimore, MD 21220

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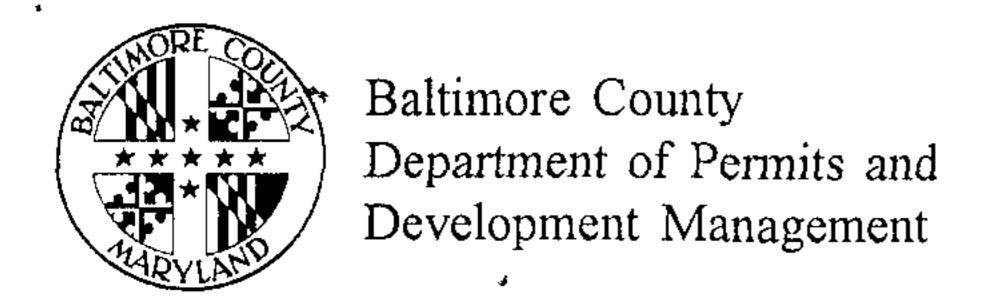
ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

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Item Number or Case Number: 04-083-A
Petitioner: TODD J. CHILCOTE
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BAUTIMORE MD 21220
Telephone Number: 410-456 or 410-808-7956



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

September 26, 2003

Todd Chilcote Deborah Ellinger 2224 Firethorn Road Baltimore, MD 21220

Dear Mr. Chilcote and Ms. Ellinger:

RE: Case Number: 04-083-A, 2224 Firethorn Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on August 20, 2003.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.
Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel



700 East Joppa Road Towson, Maryland 21286-5500 410-887-4500

County Office Building, Room 111

August 26, 2003

Mail Stop #1105 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

ATTENTION: Rebecca Hart

Distribution Meeting of: August 26, 2003

Item No.:

069-087

Dear Ms. Hart:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

7. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time.

LIEUTENANT JIM MEZICK Fire Marshal's Office PHONE 887-4881 MS-1102F

cc: File

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Date: 8.26.03

Baltimore County

Item No. 283

RE:

Ms. Rebecca Hart Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear. Ms. Hart:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 or by E-mail at (lgredlein@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

Kenneth A. McDonald Jr., Chief Engineering Access Permits Division

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

DATE: October 2, 2003

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

2224 Firethorn Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

04-083

Petitioner:

Todd Chilcote

Zoning:

DR 10.5

Requested Action:

Variance

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Office of Planning recommends the petition's Request be DENIED.

This office is of the opinion that the structure is out of scale, and not in keeping with the character of the established neighborhood. Furthermore, the proposed structure has already been built without proper approval and permits, and would set an undesirable precedent should it be allowed to remain. It is therefore the recommendation of this office that the petitioner be required to raze the illegally constructed carport/deck.

Prepared by:

Section Chief:

AFK/LL:MAC:

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Mark Cunningham

DATE:

September 25, 2003

FROM:

David Pinning

Sixth District Planner

Development Review

SUBJECT: 2224 Firethorn Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

04-083

Petitioner:

Todd Chilcote

Property Size:

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Zoning:

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Requested Action: Petition for variance to permit a single family attached dwelling with addition (carport) to have a rearyard setback of 8" and a sideyard setback of 3" in lieu of the required 25' and 10' respectively.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Office of Planning recommends the petition for variance be denied as the planned structure would not be in keeping with the character of the neighborhood and would set an undesirable precedent. Furthermore, the proposed structure has already been built without proper approval and permits and is out of scale with the character of the neighborhood. It is the recommendation of this office that the petitioner be required to raze the illegally constructed carport/deck.

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

DATE: September 25, 2003

Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For September 2, 2003

Item No. 083

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject-zoning item.

In conformance with Federal Flood Insurance requirements, first floor or basement floor must be at least 1 foot above the flood plain elevation in all construction.

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Inter-Office Memorandum

DATE: December 8, 2003

TO:

Lynn Lanham

Office of Planning

FROM:

John V. Murphy

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

SUBJECT: Case No. 04-083-A (2224 Firethorn Road)

Petitioners: Deborah Ellinger & Todd Chilcote

Petition for Variance

As you may recall, Mr. Chilcote had almost completed the carport/deck in his rear yard and was cited by Code Enforcement for building without a permit. You will further recall that he requested variances from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations that essentially filled his back yard with building. The Office of Planning opposed the variance and I denied the requested variances on October 22, 2003.

I noted in my opinion that I considered granting smaller variances, but did not know what would be acceptable or feasible from his or the community's standpoint. Essentially, I invited Mr. Chilcote to file a motion for reconsideration which he did on November 17, 2003.

I hope he has been in touch with you and the area planner to discuss what smaller building might be acceptable to your office. I will hold the record open in this case to allow your office and Mr. Chilcote time to discuss his project.

Let me know how you progress in this regard.

JVM:raj

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE * BEFORE THE

2224 Firethorn Road; S/side Firethorn Road,
260' E Kingston Road * ZONING COMMISSIONER

15th Election & 6th Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Todd Chilcote, Deborah & * FOR
Roy Ellinger

Petitioner(s) * BALTIMORE COUNTY

* 04-083-A

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent/documentation filed in the case.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel
Old Courthouse, Room 47
400 Washington Avenue
Towson, MD 21204
(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of August, 2003, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to, Todd Chilcote, 2224 Firethorn Road, Baltimore, MD, 21220, Petitioner(s).

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Per....

Zoning Commissioner

Suite 405, County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Tel: 410-887-3868 • Fax: 410-887-3468



Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner

October 15, 2003

Mr. Todd Chilcote 2224 Firethorn Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

> Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 04-083-A

> > Property: 2224 Firethorn Road

Dear Mr. Chilcote:

Enclosed please find the ZAC comment referred to in my correspondence to you dated October 6, 2003. The Planning Office recommends that your petition for variance be denied. It would be appreciated if you would review their comments and let me know how you wish to proceed in this matter.

Please respond in writing within 10 days from the date of this letter. If I do not hear from you, I may decide the case on the record before me or you could ask for another hearing to tell me in person your response. In this last situation, I will ask the Planning Office representative to come to the hearing and tell me in person why they oppose the variance.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

John V. Murphy

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner

October 6, 2003

Mr. Todd Chilcote 2224 Firethorn Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

> Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 04-083-A Property: 2224 Firethorn Road

Dear Mr. Chilcote:

You will recall that I gave you copies of the Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments at the hearing held on October 2, 2003. I am not sure why the attached comment was not in the package, but in fairness to you, I wanted to send this to you for your review.

As you can see, the Planning Office recommends that your petition for variance be denied for the reasons stated. You did not have a chance to respond to these comments at the hearing and consequently, I am writing to you now to give you an opportunity to do so.

In the event you have no response, I will simply decide the case on the record before me. In the alternative, you could write to me with your response and I will consider your letter and the attached comment when making my decision. Finally, you could ask for another hearing to tell me in person your response. In this last situation, I will ask the Planning Office representative to come to the hearing also and have them tell me in person why they oppose the variance.

Please let me know how you wish to proceed by sending me an informal written note to that effect. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

John V. Murphy

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

John V. Murphy

JVM:raj



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From:

David Pinning

To:

tjc691@comcast.net

Date:

1/22/2004 9:51:42 AM Re: 2224 Firethorn Road Baltimore Maryland 21220

Subject:

Hey Todd,

I just received your email. I have been out of the office since Friday Jan 16th. I will look it over and get back to you with comments. I will also contact Lou Mayer and apprize him of your plans.

Best, David

David A. Pinning, RLA Senior Planner Baltimore County Office of Planning 401 Bosley Avenue, Suite 406 Towson, MD. 21204 Phone:410-887-3211

Fax: 410-887-5862

EMail: dpinning@co.ba.md.us

>>> <tjc691@comcast.net> 01/19/04 07:20PM >>> David,

This is Todd Chilcote. I know how busy you have been and all of the meetings you have had. I hope you will receive this e-mail and this will be an easy way to communicate. I am going to dismantle the entire deck in the spring as we discussed. Could you please let Mr Lew Mayer know of our progress and that the deck will be taken down as soon as the weather breaks. I just want my back yard to be complete by the spring and all of the necessary steps taken to be done properly.

The deck will be only 4' off the ground at the house and roughly 5' at the garage or carport. There will be steps going to the downstairs closest to the house and there will be stairs exiting the deck through the carport or garage. I will use the pre-existing posts which are in the ground and are currently supporting the deck now to support these structures. The deck will be 28' long attaching to the garage or carport with the garage structure being 18' long and 15' wide roughly. There will be a door to enter going down the stairs off the deck and and a 10' x 7' garage door on the alley. I can make the roof gable or sloped flat. There will be no deck on top. The deck will be mostly 15'6" wide for the most part by 28' long, it will be attached to the house at the door exit height.

Thank you for your precious time and understanding. Please get back to me via e-mail or phone to let me know you have reviewed this message and you can give me a call or e-mail pertaining to these questions and drawings to see if I can begin with the permits I need.

Once Again Thanks A Billion,

Todd J Chilcote 410-456-9856 Cell 410-687-1005 Home

CC: John Murphy

Office of Planning

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Towson, Maryland 21204
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Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Arnold Fr. Pat Keller, II, Proctor

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January 12, 2004 200W/G COMM/SSIONER

Mr. Todd Chilcote 2224 Firethorn Road Baltimore, MD 21220

Re: Zoning Variance – Case Number 04-083

Dear Mr. Chilcote:

You as the petitioner, requested a variance to permit a carport to have a rear yard setback of 8" and a side yard setback of 3" in lieu of the required 25' and 10' respectively. The Office of Planning comments stated that you had constructed the improvements without a permit and that the construction was out of character with the neighborhood. The recommendation was that the structure be razed. The zoning commissioner denied your variance request and recommended that you contact Office of Planning in order to work out an acceptable solution. You and I met in the Office of Planning at which time you provided photographs and letters of support from neighbors. Subsequently, I made another visit to your home and the surrounding neighborhood and now offer these revised recommendations.

The Office of Planning recommends that the petitioner:

- 1) Remove the railing, posts, and pickets from the roof of the carport.
- 2) Remove the stairway access to the roof of the carport and cease using the roof of the carport as a deck.
- 3) Remove the portion of the carport from the 1st post closest to the house to the 2nd post closest to the house (see attached).

If you agree with these recommendations please sign and date this letter below, in the space provided and return to me.

Todd Chilcote	Date



Mr. Todd Chilcote January 12, 2004 Page 2

If you disagree with this recommendation, please contact the zoning commissioner's office at 410-887-4386 to schedule another hearing.

Sincerely,

David A. Pinning

6th District Community Planner

DAP:lsn

Attachment

c: John Murphy, Deputy Zoning Commissioner Lewis Mayer, Building Inspector, Dept. of Permits & Development Management Mark Cunningham, Development Review Section, Office of Planning John V. Murphy
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
Suite 405, County Courts Building
401 Bosley Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

Todd J. Chilcote 2224 Firethorn Road Baltimore, MD 21220 410-456-9856 Cell

October 17, 2003

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Re: Petition for Variance
Case No: 04-083-A
Property: 2224 Firethorn Road

OCT 1 2003

Dear Mr. Murphy:

79NING COMMISSIONER

I am responding to your letter from October 6, 2003 in reference to the Planning Office that the request be denied. The statement stated "the structure is out of scale, and not in keeping with the character of the established neighborhood.", this is not correct. There are a lot of carports of this size in the back of houses along with decks this size. There are even garages in the back of homes around here that take up as much room. The planning commission does not understand that the neighborhood has changed. There are many more cars in families along with people needing to protect there property.

The second part of there statement stated "the proposed structure has already been built without proper approval and permits" this is my fault because I was not supposed to build anything without a permit and I now know that but at the time I was a brand new homeowner and was not sure of the regulations. To be honest I thought that anything that was done by a contractor had to have a permit but anything done by the owner was ok, but that is why we are here today. You also told me you were bias to the permit situation, but I still wanted to answer the statement for you.

The third part of the statement stated "It would set an undesirable precedent should it be allowed to remain" this is not correct. There are a lot of these similar cases throughout the community and the pictures I took are just a few. If you were to go up and down every alley you would see what I am talking about. I believe my situation does not hurt the community in any way. If anything I believe it brings up the value. My neighbors and surrounding neighbors are for the carport and see the benefits it brings such as safety, protection and opens parking spaces from off the street.

The fourth and final part of the statement stated "It is therefore the recommendation of this office that the petitioner be required to raze the illegally constructed carport/deck". I do not feel there is a problem with the Office of Planning. I would like to show them how the community has these decks, carports and garages filling up their back yards and are not setting an undesirable precedent throughout. We all have to live within our means.

This carport which I have constructed is for the well being of my vehicles and most important the child that lives with me. She is protected, has a safe place to play on the top and my vehicles are parked out of harms way.

Once again this carport does not affect anyone in any way. If anything it will bring up the property value around. There are a lot of similar pictures I handed to you at the hearing, plus the one picture with the flag has the very same thing I have with the carport and deck.

Mr. Murphy thank you for all of your time and effort you have put forth in this case, it is very appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Todd J. Chilcote

DATE:	September 3, 2003		
TO:	W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Review Supervi	sor	
FROM:	Rick Wisnom, Chief Division of Code Inspec	ctions & Enforce	ment
SUBJECT:	Item No.: Legal Owner/Petitioner Contract Purchaser: Property Address: Location Description:		04-083-a Todd Chilcote, Roy Jr. & Deborah Ellinger N/A 2224 Firethorn Rd s/side Firethorn Rd., 260' e/Kingston Rd
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to the violation case, for review by the Zoning Commissioner's Office:

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X	3.	State Tax Assessment printout
	4.	State Tax Parcel Map (if applicable)
	5.	MVA Registration printout (if applicable)
	6.	Deed (if applicable)
	7.	Lease-Residential or Commercial (if applicable)
	8.	Photographs including dates taken
X	9.	Correction Notice/Code Violation Notice
	10.	Citation and Proof of Service (if applicable)
	11.	Certified Mail Receipt (if applicable)
	12.	Final Order of the Code Official/Hearing Officer (if applicable)
	13.	Office of Budget & Finance Billing Notice/Property Lien Sheet (if applicable)
	14.	Complete Chronology of Events, beginning with the first complaint through the
		Billing Notice/Property Lien Sheet (if applicable).

Complaint letter/memo/email/fax (if applicable)

After the public hearing is held, please send a copy of the Zoning Commissioner's order to Helene Kehring in Room 113 in order that the appropriate action may be taken relative to the violation case.

RSW/lm

C: Code Enforcement Officer



Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management Code Inspections and Enforcement County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

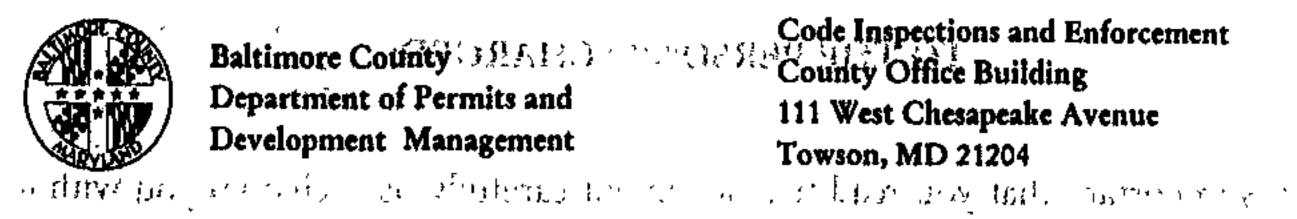
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ZONING HEARING

CASE NUMBER: 04-083-A

2224 Firethorn Road

S/side of Firethorn Road, 260 feet east of Kingston Road 15th Election District- 6th Councilmanic District

Legal Owner: Todd Chilcote, Deborah and Roy Ellinger

<u>Variance</u> to permit a single family attached dwelling with addition to have a rear yard setback of 8 inches and a side yard of 3 inches in lieu of the required 25 feet and 10 feet respectively.

Hearings: Thursday, October 2, 2003, at 10:00 am in Room 407, County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue.

As a direct Neighbor of Todd Chilcote. 2224 Firethorn Rd. I do not in any way have a problem with his Zoning Situation noted in this letter.

JOSE S. BUENO 2226 Firethorn Rd.

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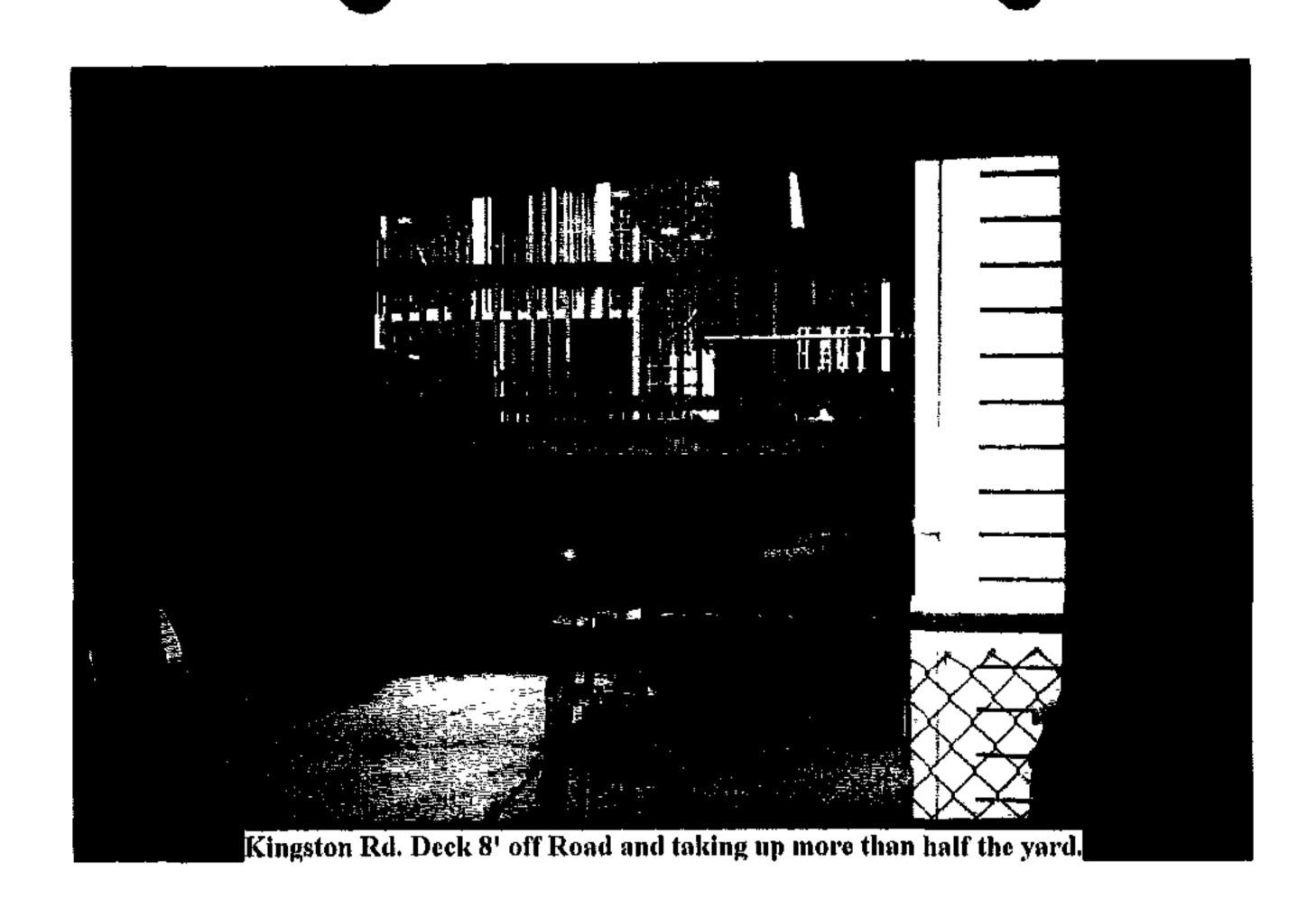
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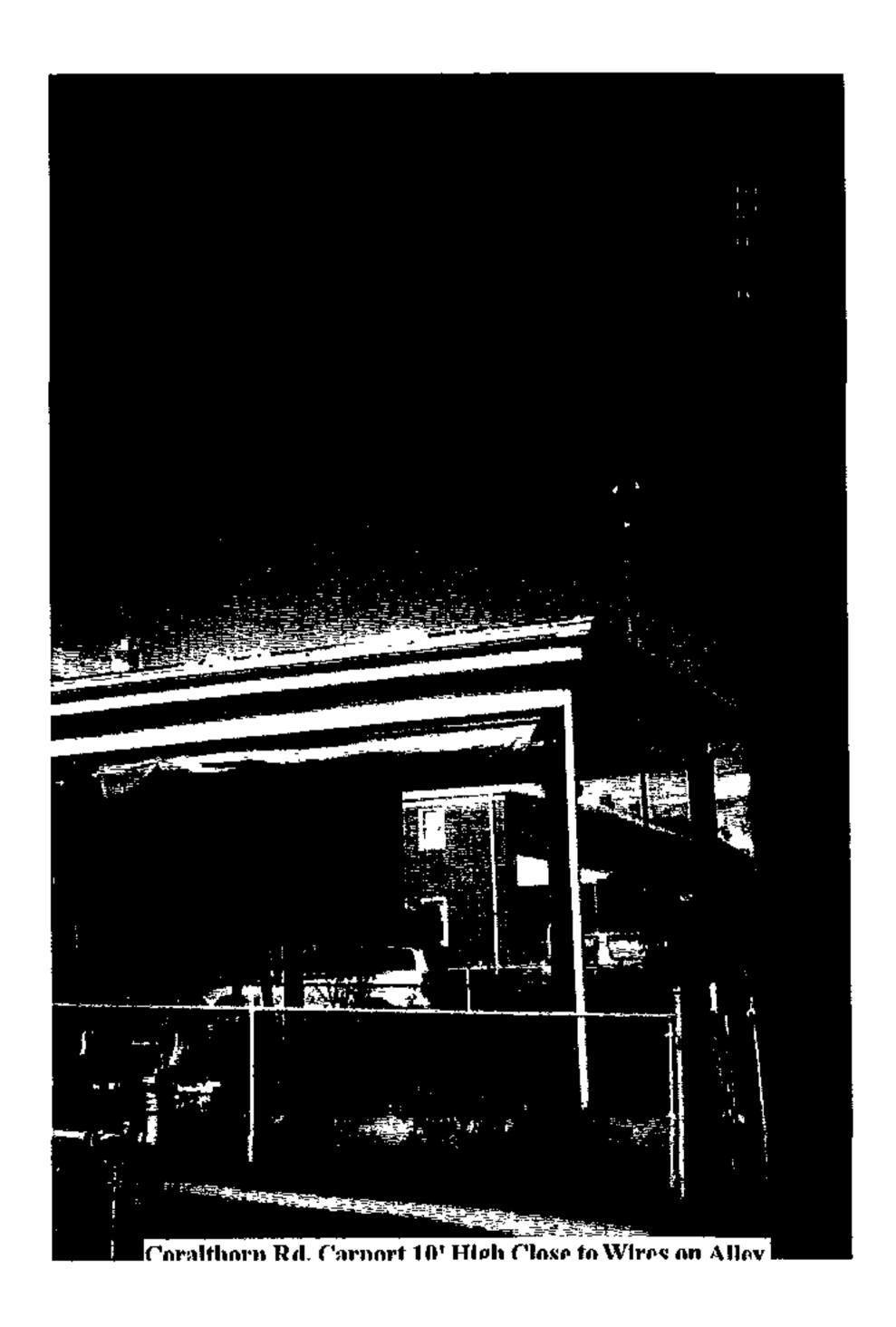
As a surrounding Neighbor of Todd Chilcote 2224 Firethorn Rd. I do not in any way have a problem with his Zoning Situation noted in this letter.

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