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By IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

E/S Bellhurst Way, 160' S of the c/l

Oakpark Drive

(14 Bellhurst Way)

11th Election District

5th Council District

David D. Stanley, et ux Petitioners

- * BEFORE THE
- * ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 04-366-A

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, David D. Stanley, and his wife, Melissa A. Stanley. The Petitioners request variance relief from Section 301 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and Section V.B.6.b of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (C.M.D.P.) to permit an existing deck with a rear yard setback of 7 feet in lieu of the required 11.25 feet, and to amend the First Amended Final Development Plan for Oakhurst, Section One, Lot 171 only, accordingly. The subject property and request relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were David and Melissa Stanley, property owners. No one appeared in opposition to the request; however, an anonymous letter of opposition was received.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is a rectangular shaped lot, approximately 20' wide and 90' deep, located on the northeast side of Bellhurst Way, west of Oakpark Drive in the Oakhurst community of Perry Hall. The property contains a gross area of 1800 sq.ft. zoned D.R.5.5 and is improved with an inside group townhouse dwelling unit, which shares a common wall with adjacent townhouses on both sides. The Petitioners have owned and resided on the property for approximately one year. The subject of the instant Petition relates

to a deck that was constructed to the rear of the dwelling off the second floor. The Petitioners indicated that some friends had given them the deck as a wedding gift and that construction began in the spring of 2003. Mr. Stanley, two relatives, and an individual who builds decks for a living, assisted in the construction. Testimony indicated that the Petitioner did apply for and obtain Permit #B517021 on April 24, 2003 although construction commenced shortly before that date. Further testimony indicated that the rear wall of the house is not on a single plane. That is, the rear of the house features an 11' x 10' extension and as a result, the deck is an L-shaped structure. As shown on the plan, the deck is 20' wide, which is the entire width of the dwelling, and its depth is 12' at its narrowest and 22' at its widest point. Although the permit indicates that the deck is 12' x 20' in dimension, the permit was apparently issued erroneously in that the deck is only 7' from the rear property line. In any event, shortly after construction commenced, an anonymous complaint was registered with the Code Enforcement Division of Baltimore County and a Stop Work Order was issued. Ultimately, the Petitioners were allowed to complete construction of the deck, subject to the Petitioners filling the instant Petition for variance relief.

As noted above, an anonymous letter was received in which the writer questions whether the deck was constructed safely and according to Code. In this regard, the Petitioners advised that the footings of the deck were inspected and that when construction was completed in November 2003, the County did a final inspection and in both instances, the deck passed inspection. The Petitioners also indicated that variance relief is justified to allow a deck of usable proportion and depth, and that the deck is consistent with others in the neighborhood.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the requested relief. To deny the request would impose an unreasonable hardship on the Petitioners, given the fact that the deck has been completed and that Baltimore County erred in issuing the building permit. I find that the Petitioners have met the requirements of Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. and that the deck as constructed will not adversely impact any adjacent property owner, or result in any detriment to the health safety and general welfare of the surrounding locale.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth herein, the relief requested shall be granted.

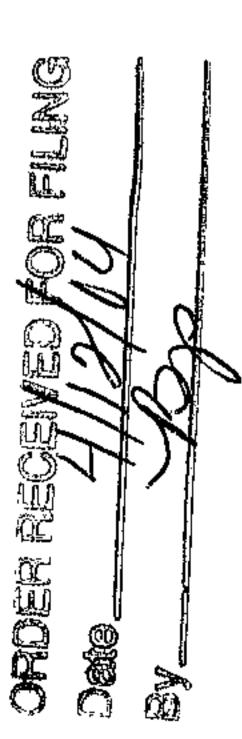
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of April 2004 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 301 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and Section V.B.6.b of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (C.M.D.P.) to permit an existing deck with a rear yard setback of 7 feet in lieu of the required 11.25 feet, and to amend the First Amended Final Development Plan for Oakhurst, Section One, Lot 171, only, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any appeal of this decision must be entered within thirty (30) days of the date hereof.

ZAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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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

April 13, 2004

Mr. & Mrs. David D. Stanley 14 Bellhurst Way Baltimore, Maryland 21236

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E/S Bellhurst Way, 160' S of the c/l Oakpark Drive

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11th Election District – 5th Council District

David D. Stanley, et ux - Petitioners

Case No. 04-366-A

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Stanley:

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

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, 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 Department of Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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cc:

Code Enforcement Division, DPDM People's Counsel; Case File





Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 4 Rellhurst Way
which is presently zoned DR 5.5

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ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 14 Bellhurst Way, Nottingham, MD 21236.

Beginning at a point on the East side of Bellhurst Way which is 24 feet wide at a distance of 160 feet south of the center line of the nearest improved intersecting street Oakpark Drive which is 50 feet wide. Being Lot #171, Block I, Section #1 in the subdivision of Oakhurst as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #52, folio #90, containing 1800 square feet. Also known as 14 Bellhurst Way and located in the 11th Election District, 5th Councilmanic District.

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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Hearing: Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. In Room 407, County Courts Building, 401 Hosley Avenue.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-4386.

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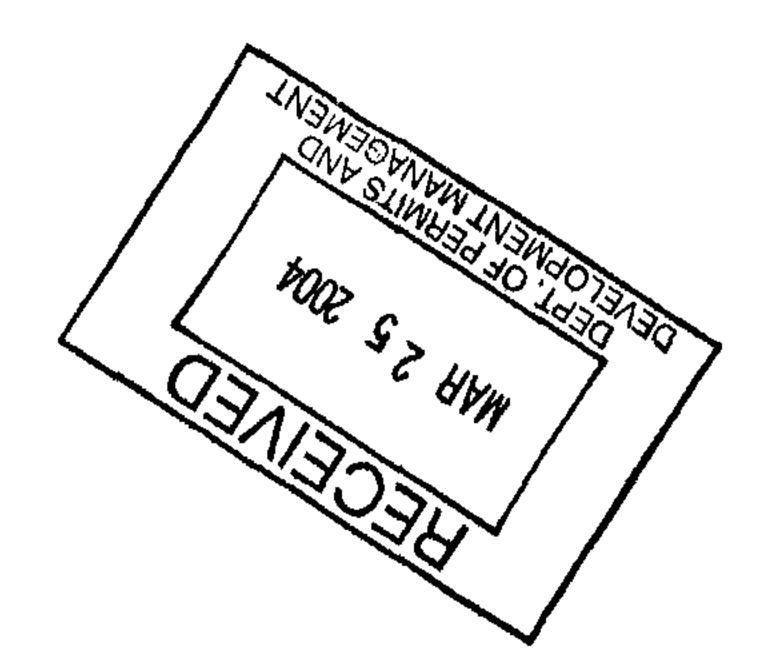
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Baltimore County

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

February 24, 2004

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Hearing: Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts Building,

401 Bosley Avenue

Timothy Kotroco

Director

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C: David and Melissa Stanley, 14 Bellhurst Way, Nottingham 21236

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

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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Nottingham, MD 21236
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Department of Pernant and Development Management

Development Processing
County Office Building
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Towson, Maryland 21204



Baltimore County

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

March 31, 2004

Melissa Ann Starley David Douglas Stanley 14 Bellhurst Way Nottingham, Maryland 21236

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stanley:

RE: Case Number: 04-366-A, 14 Bellhurst Way

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on February 6, 2004.

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,
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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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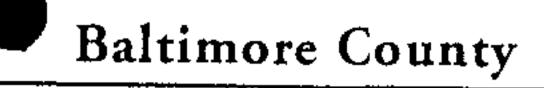


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James T Smith, Jr., County Executive John J. Hohman, Chief

County Office Building, Room 111 Mail Stop #1105 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 February 24, 2004

ATTENTION: Rebecca Hart

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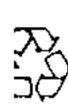
Dear Ms. Hart:

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.

6. 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



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

TO:

Tim Kotroco

FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley M/2

DATE:

March 22, 2004

SUBJECT:

Zoning Items # See List Below

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of February 17, 2004

__X__ The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has no comments on the following zoning items:

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

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FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

ZONING COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case 4-366

The Office of Planning has reviewed the above referenced case(s) and has no comments to offer. For further questions or additional information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Mark A. Cunningham in the Office of Planning at 410-887-3480.

Prepared By

Section Chief:

AFK/LL

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: March 12, 2004

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For February 23, 2004

Item Nos. 355, 356, 357, 359, 362,

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The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject-zoning items, and we have no comments.

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* FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

* 04-366-A

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Petitioner(s)

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 24th day of February, 2004, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to, Melissa & David Stanley, 14 Bellhurst Way, Nottingham, MD 21236, Petitioner(s).

RECEIVED

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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

Dear Department of Permits and Development Management: Subject: Case Number 04366A - Noncompliant Rear Deck

This complaint is in reference to a non-compliant rear deck associated with 14 Bellhurst Way. Approximately nine months ago, the residents of 14 Bellhurst Way began a project to build a wooden deck off the second floor of their property. Unfortunately, this project was done without the necessary approval from the proper bureau within Department of Permits and Development Management. The supporting footers were dug and set without any verification that they were buried to a safe depth. How can we be sure that because of this unknown footer depth, the deck won't collapse in the future? The common area that is immediately adjacent to the deck is a high-traffic area and is used by children playing and adults walking dogs and taking out trash.

It was only after a watchful neighbor noticed this lapse in safety that the County was notified. Work on the deck continued for several days then abruptly stopped leaving approximately one half unfinished. The half-dozen planks lay unsecured during this time and could have easily fallen on a passerby from a height of 10 - 12 feet. This unsafe state existed with its unsecured planks for such a length of time that the planks actually began to bow from the weather and became unusable. The deck remained in this unsightly and unsafe state for roughly six months. Eventually, the deck was completed, but again, they did not call Code Inspection to verify the work was completed satisfactorily. The preceding course of events is factual and non-debatable.

It has become 14 Bellhurst Way's theme that they feel they do not need to contact Baltimore County when doing work that impacts others' safety. This behavior is extremely frustrating to the other residents who take the time to contact the appropriate bureaus. It illustrates their lack of respect for both their fellow neighbors and the Department of Permits and Development Management. While ignorance of the law is not an excuse, it does happen, but when this ignorant defense occurs repeatedly, it becomes a clear pattern of manipulation.

Rest assured that others feel as I do, but like them, cannot attend the mid-week hearing because of the demands of a busy work schedule. I have heard others would like to voice grievances, but fear retribution. I hope they thought to ask if written statements were acceptable as I did.

A personal frustration is how 14 Bellhurst Way will be rewarded for breaking the laws and I will be penalized for following them if they are allowed to keep this oversized rear deck. When I was building my own deck, I called the County and was told how far I was required to stay out of the common easement. I then built accordingly as did every other family who built a deck on both Hurst and Bellhurst Way. Why can't they be held to the same standard? I see no reason to reward their prohibited actions. I ask that the Zone Review Board simply uphold its own regulations and not allow this violation. To overlook these infractions penalizes people who do follow the guidelines and benefits those who do not. Our goal is merely fairness and equality. Sincerely,

Concerned Neighbor

PLAT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR ZONING X VARIANO	
PROPERTY ADDRESS 14 BELLHURST WAY SEE PAGES 5 & 6 OF THE CHECKLIST F	OR ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INFORMATION
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BELLHURST WAY NORTH 24'PAYING (60' R/W)	ZONING OFFICE USE ONLY REVIEWED BY ITEM # CASE #
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