IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE E/S of Dorchester Road, 170 ft. S centerline of Kensington Road 1st Election District 1st Councilmanic District (809 Dorchester Road)

Kevin R. Sowers

Petitioner

BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 04-582-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Kevin R. Sowers. The administrative variance is requested for property located at 809 Dorchester Road in the "Kensington" subdivision of Baltimore County. The administrative variance request is from Sections 1B02.3.C.1 and 301.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit an open projection (proposed deck) with a side yard setback of 2 ft. in lieu of the required 7 ½ ft. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petition for Variance.

The Petitioner having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on June 27, 2004, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments are made part of the record of this case and contain the following highlights: None.

Applicable Law

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

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"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, offstreet 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."

The Petitioner has filed the supporting affidavits as required by Section 26-127 (b)(1) of the Baltimore County Code. 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 Zoning Commissioner, the information, photographs, and affidavits submitted provide sufficient facts that comply with the requirements of Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Furthermore, strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioner.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this petition held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered by the Petitioner, I find that the Petitioner's variance request should be GRANTED.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 21 day of July, 2004, by this Zoning Commissioner, that the Petitioner's request for variance from Sections 1B02.3.C.1 and 301.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit an open projection (proposed deck) with a side yard setback of 2 ft. in lieu of the required 7 ½ ft., be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction which is a condition precedent to the relief granted herein:

1. The Petitioner may apply for his building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his 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 Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition;

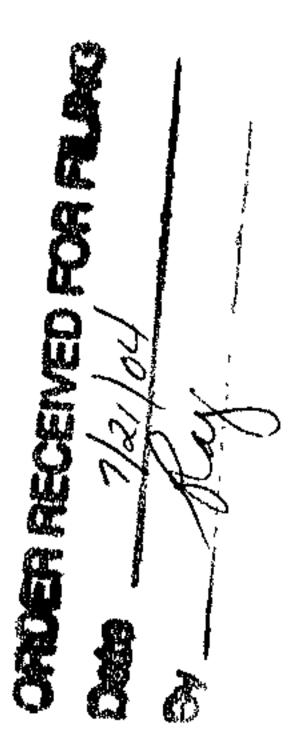
Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

LAWRENCE 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

July 21, 2004

Mr. Kevin R. Sowers 809 Dorchester Road Baltimore, Maryland 21229

> Re: Petition for Administrative Variance Case No. 04-582-A Property: 809 Dorchester Road

Dear Mr. Sowers:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case. The petition for administrative variance has been granted 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,

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

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Petition for Administrative Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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Affidavit in Support of Administrative Variance

The undersigned hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, as follows: That the information herein given is within the personal knowledge of the Affiant(s) and that Affiant(s) is/are competent to testify thereto in the event that a public hearing is scheduled in the future with regard thereto.

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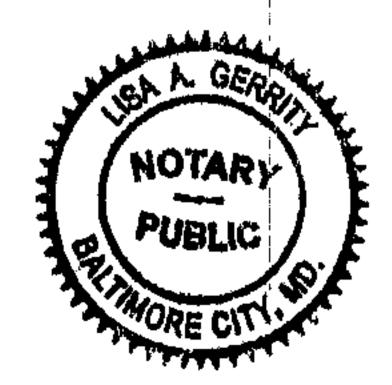
Variance at the above address (indicate hardship or practical difficulty):

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That the Affiant(s) acknowledge(s) that if a formal demand is filed, Affiant(s) will be required to pay a reposting and advertising fee and may be required to provide additional information.

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Petition for Administrative Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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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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<u>ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES</u>

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Department of Permits and Development Management

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



Baltimore County

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

July 12, 2004

Kevin R. Sowers 809 Dorchester Road Baltimore, Maryland 21229

Dear Mr. Sowers:

RE: Case Number:04-582-A, 809 Dorchester Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on June 15, 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, Call Richall D

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

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

June 29, 2004

ATTENTION: Kristen Mathews

Distribution Meeting of: June 28, 2004

Item No.:

580-591

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



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: 6.29.04

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

RE:

Baltimore County

Item No.

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Dear. Ms.Matthews:

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

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case 4-582 – Administrative Variance

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:

Division Chief:

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

DATE: July 7, 2004

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: July 23, 2004

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits & Development Management

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For July 6, 2004 Item Nos. 580, 581 582, 583, 584, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, and 591

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

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June 5, 2004

To the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County:

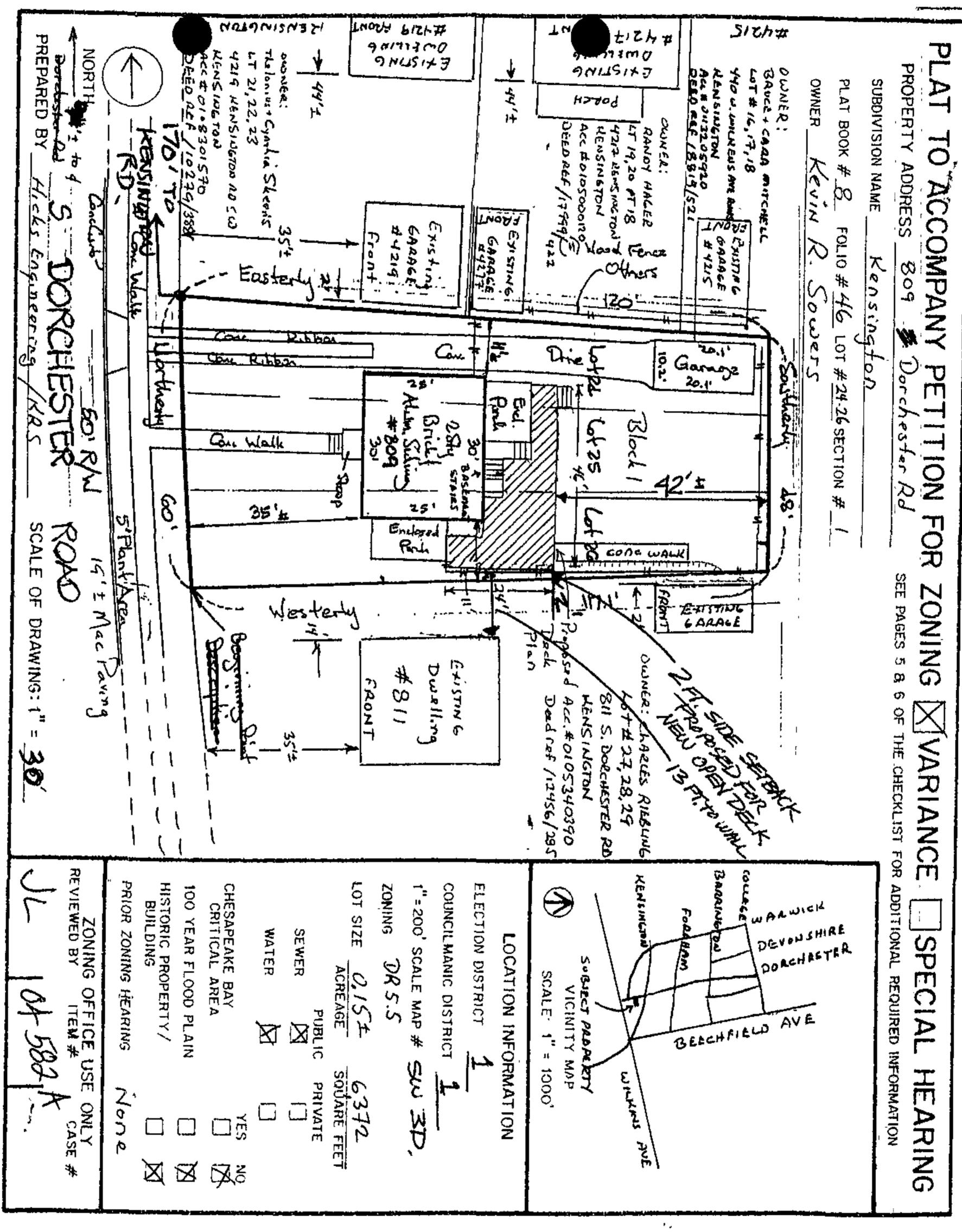
I have seen the plans for a proposed backyard deck at 809 Dorchester Road, which is adjacent to my property, and I support the petition for a variance to allow the southern edge of the deck to exceed the 7.5-foot easement requirement.

Property owner Address Signature Date

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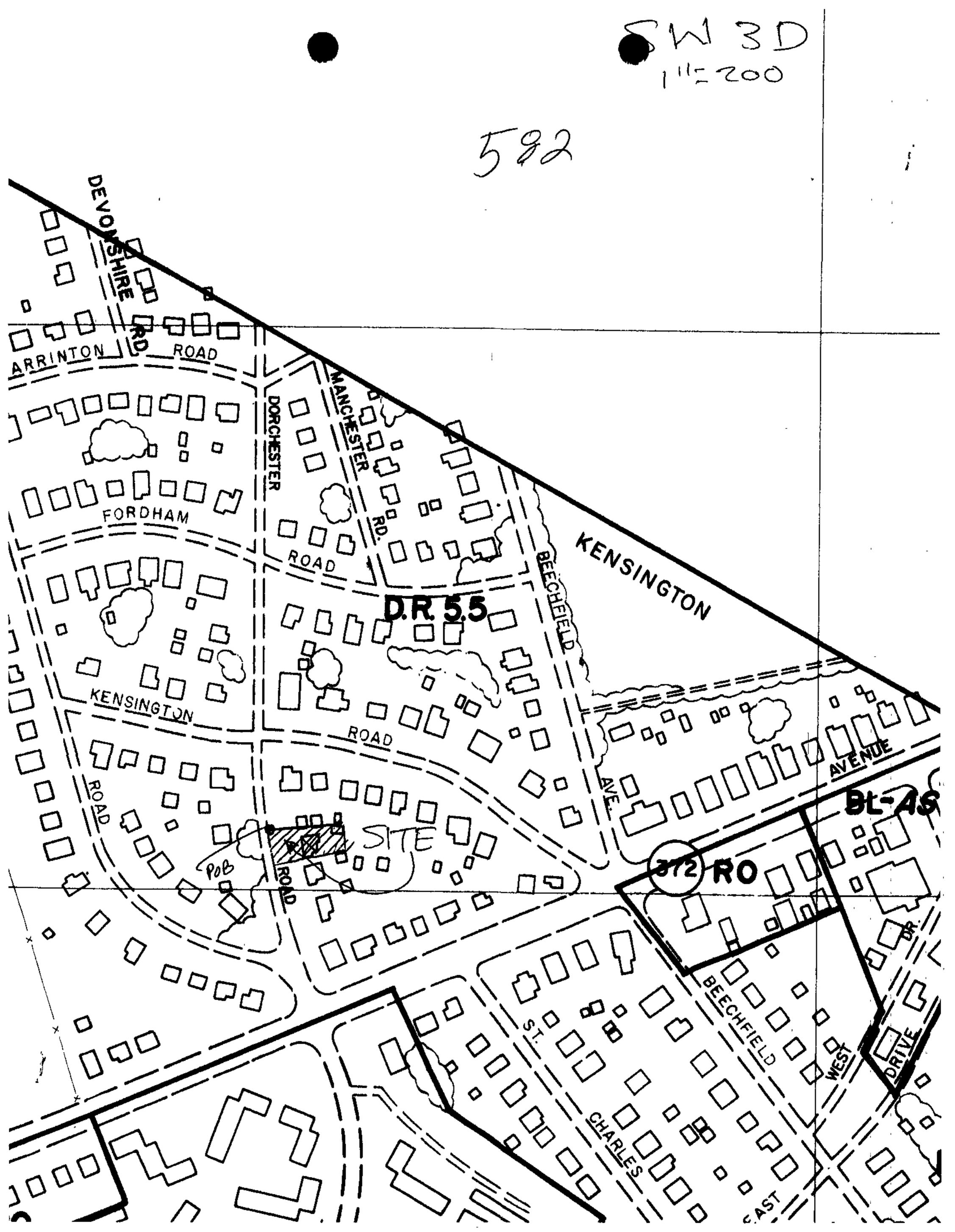
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809 S. Dorchester Road





Front of house and adjacent properties on south and north sides





Rear of house and adjacent properties on south and north sides





Rear of house - site of proposed deck