IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE
W/S of Larchmont Drive, 380 ft. S
centerline of Park Drive
2nd Election District
1st Councilmanic District

(2613 Larchmont Drive)

John T. Martin, Jr. Petitioner BEFORE THE

* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* CASE NO. 05-554-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, John T. Martin, Jr. The administrative variance is requested for property located at 2613 Larchmont Drive in the western area of Baltimore County. The administrative variance request is from Section 301.1A of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a side yard setback of ½ ft. in lieu of the required 7.5 ft. to construct a deck with a hot tub. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioner's 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 May 8, 2005, 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: A ZAC comment was received from the Office of Planning dated May 16, 2005, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Thereafter, this Deputy Zoning Commissioner wrote a letter to the Petitioner dated June 3, 2003 requesting that he comply with the comments submitted by the Office of Planning. The Petitioner provided all requested information to the Office of Planning and this office. See

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correspondence dated June 21, 2005 with accompanying notice of posting and letter of support from neighbor.

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."

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 Deputy 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 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, I find that the requested variance should be GRANTED.

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;

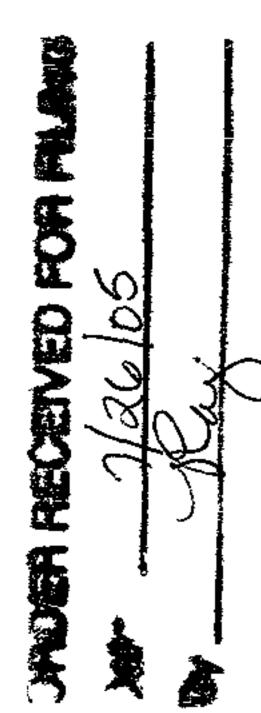
Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

JOHN V. MURPHY

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

JVM:raj



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 William J Wiseman III, Zoning Commissioner

July 26, 2005

Mr. John T. Martin, Jr. 2613 Larchmont Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21207

> Re: Petition for Administrative Variance Case No. 05-554-A Property: 2613 Larchmont Drive

Dear Mr. Martin:

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,

John V. Murphy

Deputy 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

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Petition for Administrative Variance

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Exhibit "A" Legal Description

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Being the same property conveyed to Record Owner(s) by deed recorded February 24, 1998 in Liber 12680 at folio 235 among the aforesaid Land Records.

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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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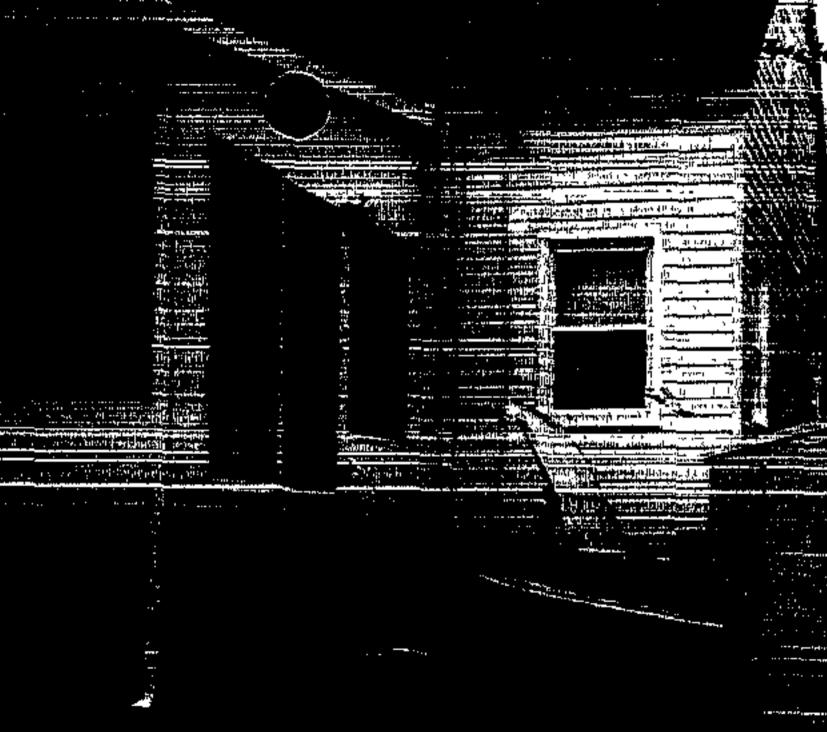
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Baltimore County

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

May 23, 2005

John T. Martin, Jr. 2613 Larchmont Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21207

Dear Mr. Martin:

RE: Case Number: 05-554-A, 2613 Larchmont Drive

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on April 27, 2005.

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 Richard S

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR: clb

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel



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

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director DATE: May 16, 2005 TO:

Department of Permits & Development

Management

Dennis A. Kennedy, Acting Supervisor FROM:

Bureau of Development Plans Review

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting SUBJECT:

For May 16, 2005

Item No. 542, 543, 545, 550, 552,

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

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TO:

Tim Kotroco

FROM:

John D. Oltman, Jr

DATE:

May 24, 2005

SUBJECT:

Zoning Items # See List Below

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of May 9, 2005

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

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Reviewers:

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management DATE: May 16, 2005

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FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

ZONNIC COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 5-554 – Administrative Variance

It is incumbent upon the petitioner to demonstrate to the Zoning Commissioner that there are special circumstances or conditions existing on the subject site that are peculiar to the subject land or structure where strict compliance of the BCZR would result in practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship. In addition, the petitioner should be required to provide a letter of support from the adjoining property owner adjacent to the proposed addition, as the addition may create an encroachment and yard maintenance issue.

Prepared By:

Division Chief:

MAC/LL



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: 5.6.05

Baltimore County

Item No. 554

RE:

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

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,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

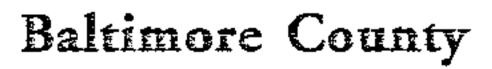
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James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive William J Wiseman III, Zoning Commissioner

June 3, 2003

Mr. John T. Martin, Jr. 2613 Larchmont Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21207

> Re: Petition for Administrative Variance Case No. 05-554-A Property: 2613 Larchmont Drive

Dear Mr. Martin:

I was given your requested administrative variance for review and approval. Upon my review of your file, it came to my attention that the Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment prepared by the Office of Planning does not support your request unless you comply with the recommendations set forth in the summary. I am enclosing a copy of this ZAC comment for your review.

It would be appreciated if you would respond to their recommendation in writing to the undersigned. Once I receive your reasons supporting your request, I can then make my decision and prepare an Order.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact my office at 410-887-3868.

Very truly yours,

John V. Murphy

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

JVM:raj Enclosure

c: Mark Cunningham, Office of Planning



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Mr. Dave Green
Baltimore County Government
Planning Office

June 21, 2005

Rc: Case # 05-554-A
Property 2613 Larchmont Drive
Property Owner John T Martin Jr.

Dear Mr. Green,

Thank you so much for taking the time in speaking with me today regarding our Administrative request for a variance. The following are attached in this fax as requested as well as a more detail circumstance of our peculiar or unreasonable hardship. Attached:

- Letter (notorized) from adjourned neighbor
- Certificate of Posting as required

Please note that the lot known as 2.613 Larchmont has a stand alone 2 story cape cod situated approximately 1/2 between adjourning neighbors. The house sets back about 1/3 to the front of the curb. In 2004 a 12x16 sunroom built by Universal Systems with all permits per code was constructed at a cost of \$35,000. on the south/west (close to the 2615 neighbor) a 46" window and a 6' patio door was installed for future deck to have a hot tub placed. We were in the process to contract and obtain permit for the deck and any specific requirements when we determined the 7 and ½' within property line. We attempted to see if the deck could be configured in any other manner. The opposing neighbor would have the same situation and if we were to place the hot tub place within a deck less then 7 1/2" it would impede means of egress of less then 2" of the patio door. This would certainly be of concern as well as to place in the middle of the yard with elevated walkways or too large of a deck wrapping around the house/sunroom and impede other means of egress from basement levels. This corner (of proposed deck)of the fenced in yard is a "dead spot" for not only us but for our neighbors as well at 2615. Our home runs with cave edge with curb and theirs sits with rake edge to curb. It is unique to me and would provide a better means of privacy. They stated they are comfortable with our plan of a privacy fence with lattice for not only us but our consideration as well. The material will be of white vynal and will certainly improve both views. We are both mature adults and consider our neighbors, community and wish to comply with all county requirements and hope you understand our situation with further detail if needed. The proposed deck would not impede on their lawn or garden maintenance, privacy by any means.

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We greatly appreciate your attention to the matter and await your decision so we may proceed with or great plans of remaining in Baltimore County that we reside in.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 202.438.5254. This is my work number and I can always be reached at.

Sincerely,

This letter is to acknowledge of the intent of my current neighbor John Theodore Martin Jr. to construct a deck to the back of his home known as 2613 Larchmont Drive, Baltimore Maryland 21207. This deck is intended to extend to the fence adjacent to my property known as 2615 Larchmont Drive Baltimore Maryland 21207.

Thave reviewed the drawings to be submitted to Baltimore County Government for a variance for the intended work.

I Nathan Lamont Rivers do not have any objections to the location for the deck to the property/fence line between our two properties.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or write to my attention.

Signed: Jathun J. Kivers

Date: 04.24.05

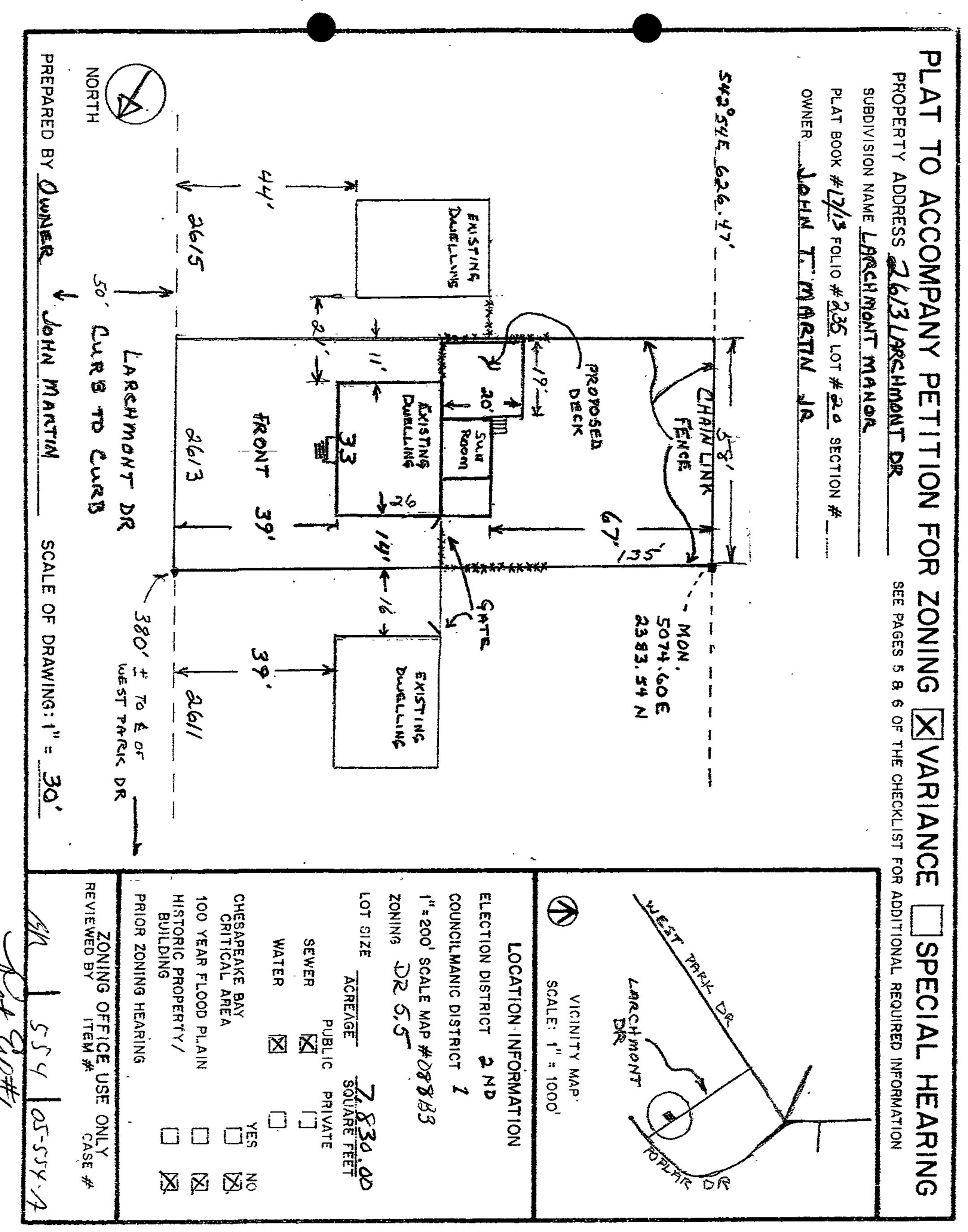
I Stephanie Ann Wheeler Notary Public have witnessed the signature.

My commission expires:

STEPHANIE ANN WHEELER NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND My Commission Expires February 3, 2009

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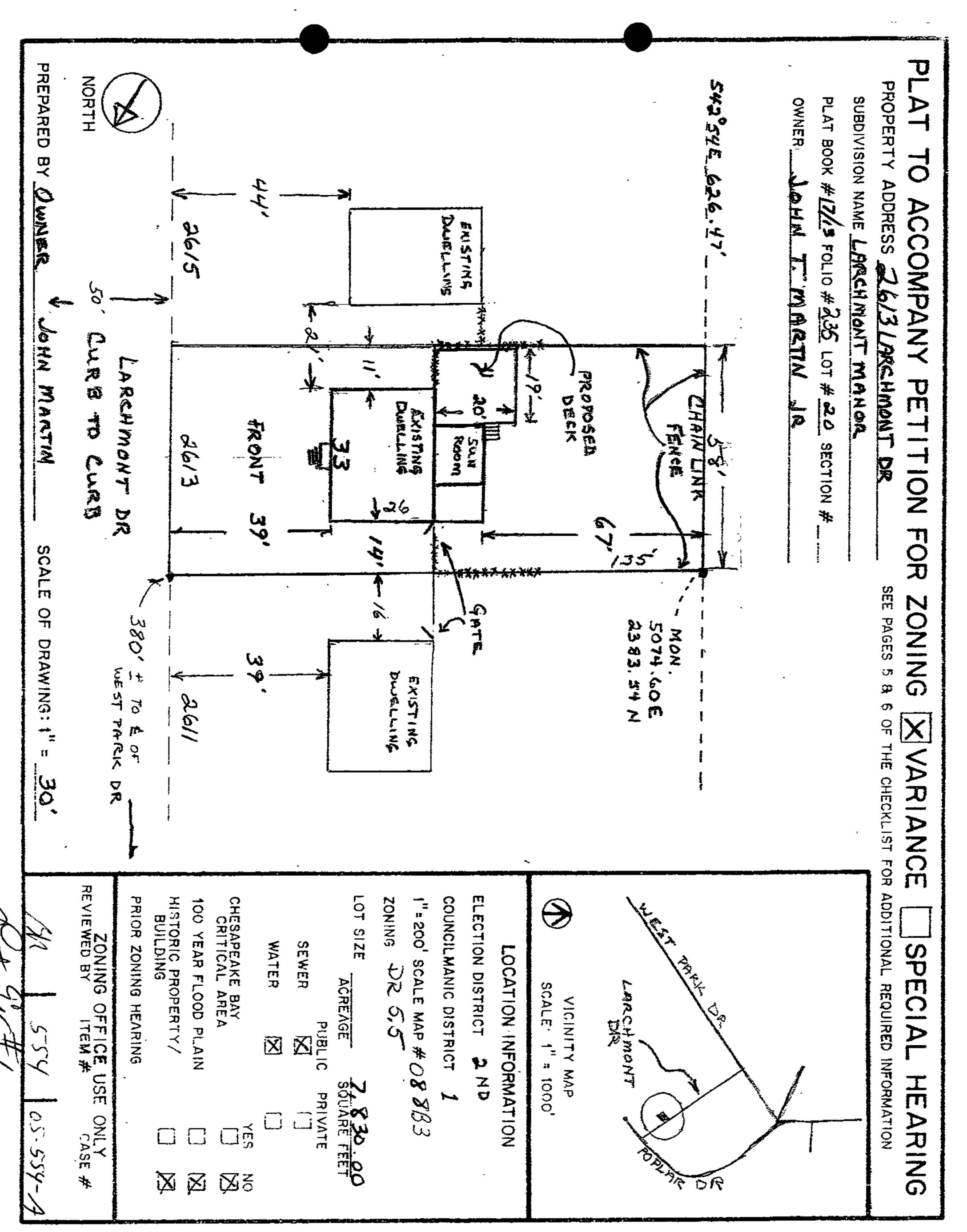
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