IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE

S side Ridgeway Avenue, 500 feet W of Greenwood Avenue 14th Election District 6th Councilmanic District (4711 Ridgeway Avenue)

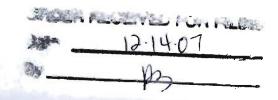
James R. and Amy L. Smolenski *Petitioners*

- * BEFORE THE
- * DEPUTY ZONING
- * COMMISSIONER
- * FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 08-232-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 owners of the subject property, James R. and Amy L. Smolenski for property located at 4711 Ridgeway Avenue. The variance request is from Section 400 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a proposed accessory structure (detached garage) to be located in side yard in lieu of the rear yard with a height of 19 feet in lieu of the maximum permitted 15 feet. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1. The Petitioners wish to construct a garage measuring 24 feet x 30 feet in size. The garage will be accessed via the existing driveway. The Petitioners would like to place the garage adjacent to the home so that they can enclose an already existing parking area. Building the garage in this area will allow them to remove concrete pavers and an existing shed in the back yard, and allow them to enlarge the lawn and usable backyard space. There is limited dry storage area in the basement of the home, so the additional garage height is necessary for storage of personal belongings.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments are made part of the record of this case and contain the following highlights: Comments were received from the Office of Planning dated December 3, 2007, which recommends that the accessory structure not be converted into a



dwelling unit or apartment, not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, kitchen or bathroom facilities, and not be used for commercial purposes.

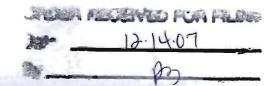
The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on November 25, 2007 and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavits as required by Section 32-3-303 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, the requested variance should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, this ______ day of December, 2007 that a variance from Section 400 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a proposed accessory structure (detached garage) to be located in side yard in lieu of the rear yard with a height of 19 feet in lieu of the maximum permitted 15 feet is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following:

1. The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.



- 2. The Petitioner or subsequent owners shall not convert the subject accessory structure into a dwelling unit or apartment. The structure shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, kitchen or bathroom facilities.
- 3. The accessory structure shall not be used for commercial purposes.

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

MOMAS H. BOSTWICK

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

THB:pz



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

THOMAS H. BOSTWICK Deputy Zoning Commissioner

December 14, 2007

JAMES R. AND AMY L. SMOLENSKI 4711 RIDGEWAY AVENUE BALTIMORE MD 21206

> Re: Petition for Administrative Variance Case No. 08-232-A

Property: 4711 Ridgeway Avenue

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smolenski:

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,

THOMAS H. BOSTWICK

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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Enclosure

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CASE NO

REV 10/25/01

TAX. ACCOUNT # 1411067375

Petition for Administrative Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of

Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 4711 Ridgeway Ave which is presently zoned DR 5.5

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)

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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.

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Estimated Posting Date

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.

That the Affiant(s) does/do presently reside at

RFV 10/25/01

Address
Baltimore May and 21206
City State Zip Code

That based upon personal knowledge, the following are the facts upon which I/we base the request for an Administrative Variance at the above address (indicate hardship or practical difficulty):

We wish to place the garage adjacent to our house so we may enclose an already existing parking area. Building the garage in this area will allow us to remove concrete pavers and an existing shed in our backyard, allowing us to enlarge our lawn and usable backyard space. Having to place the front wall of the garage behind the end of the house foundation would take up a large amount of backyard/lawn space and require us to, remove more grass and vegetation. He is he require the form the day storage in basenent dampness/mold and no affic storage. 36 House basenent dampness/mold and no affic storage. 36 House height will keep the garage in proportion.

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Petition for Administrative Variance

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Zoning Description for 4711 Ridgeway Avenue

Beginning at a point on the north side of Ridgeway Avenue which is 17 feet wide at a distance of 200 feet west of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Greenwood Avenue which is 19 feet wide. Being Lot #37, 38, 39, 40 Section F in the subdivision of Kenwood as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #4, Folio #36 containing 1,3500feet or .31 acres also known as 4711 Ridgeway Avenue and located in the 14th Election District, 6th Councilmanic District.

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

RE: Case No.: 08-7-32-A

Petitioner/Developer: J/M

SmoleNSki

Date of Hearing/Closing: 12-10-07

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

ATTN: Kristen Matthews {(410) 887-3394}

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Sincerely,



Robert Black, 11-26-0
(Signature of Sign Poster) (Date)
SSG Robert Black
(Print Name)
1508 Lestie Road
(Address)
Dundalk, Maryland 21222
(City, State, Zip Code)
(410) 282-7940
(Telephone Number)

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES

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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.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Item Number or Case Number: 08 232 A
Petitioner: SMOL EWSK!
Address or Location: 9711 Ridseway and
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
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Telephone Number: 410 882 4957



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director Department of Permits and Development Management

December 10, 2007

James R. Smolenski Amy L. Smolenski 4711 Ridgeway Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21206

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smolenski:

RE: Case Number: 08-232-A, 4711 Ridgeway Avenue

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on November 16, 2007. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

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

WCR:amf

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

Martin O'Malley. Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor

Maryland Department of Transportation

John D. Porcari, Secretary: Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Date: Nov. 26, 2007

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

RE:

Baltimore County

Item No. 5-232-A 4711 RIDGEWAY AVENUE SMOVENSKI PROPERTY

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the above captioned. We have determined that the subject property does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects. Therefore, based upon available information this office has no objection to Baltimore County Zoning Advisory Committee approval of Item No. 8-232-4.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Michael Bailey at 410-545-2803 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5593. Also, you may E-mail him at (mbailey@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

Steven D. Foster, Chief Engineering Access Permits

SDF/MB



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

County Office Building, Room 111, 2007
Mail Stop #1105
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

December 3, 2007

ATTENTION: Zoning Review Planners

Distribution Meeting Of: November 26, 2007

Item Number: 217,218,219,220,222,224,225,226,227,228,229

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Pursuant to your request, the referenced plan(s) have been reviewed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

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

Lieutenant Roland P Bosley Jr. Fire Marshal's Office 410-887-4880 (C)443-829-2946 MS-1102F

cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

DATE: November 28, 2007

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For December 3, 2007

Item Nos. \$5-219, 220, 225, 226, 227, 228,

229, 230 (232,)33, and 234

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

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cc: File

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: December 3, 2007

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

8-232 - Administrative Variance

The Office of Planning does not oppose the petitioner's request to permit an accessory structure (garage) with a height of 19 feet in lieu of the maximum permitted 15 feet and to be located in the side yard in lieu of the required rear yard provided the following conditions are met:

- 1. The petitioner or subsequent owners shall not convert the subject accessory structure into a dwelling unit or apartment. The structure shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, kitchen or bathroom facilities.
- 2. The accessory structure shall not be used for commercial purposes.

For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Lauire Hay at 410-887-3480.

Prepared by:

AFK/LL: CM

PLAT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE SPECIAL HEARING PROPERTY ADDRESS 4711 Ridge Ave SEE PAGES 5 & 6 OF THE CHECKLIST FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INFORMATION						
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