

March 30, 2008

**Baltimore County Zoning Board
Reference: 7381 Edsworth Road
Baltimore, Md. 21222**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing regarding the plan to build an addition on the back of my parents row house 7381 Edsworth Road in Dundalk 21222. My parents bought it when it was still under construction back in 1956. I was born there in 1958 and my sister in 1962 and it is the only home my parents have ever known.

My mother Joan has emphysema and arthritis and my father Al has a prosthetic hip. Neither of them can use the steps any longer to get to their bedrooms and only bathroom which is on the second floor. They need a bedroom and bathroom on the first floor so they can continue to live in their home. They can't afford to sell this house to buy anything that could accommodate their needs so building on is their only option. Donald Thomas, the contractor who will build it, is a friend and will make a comfortable addition as economically as possible while conforming to all proper building codes.

My husband and I drove the alley behind my parent's house and the alley behind the houses on the other side of Edsworth Road. On their block alone, 17 houses already have additions, many much larger than the one we planned. Most of the houses without additions have patios with big awnings and / or big garages. In fact, my parent's house is one of the only ones left that doesn't have anything build behind it yet! With so many other improvements on their street already, their essential and legitimate request could never be considered setting a prescient of any kind.

Please grant my parents the approval to go forward with their addition as soon as possible so they can have a real bathroom to use and be able to continue to live in their house with dignity. Every day will be one day closer to their being able to be happy in their home.

Thank you for your help and consideration.

Sincerely,

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