IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE W/S 47 th Street, 215.44' S of c/line of	*	BEFORE THE
Eastern Avenue	*	ZONING COMMISSIONER
(524 47 th Street) 12 th Election District	*	OF
7 th Council District	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
Efroseni D. Kokotis & Roman Hammonds Petitioners	*	Case No. 2009-0086-A

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, Efroseni D. Kokotis and Roman Hammonds. The Petitioners seek relief from Sections 301.1, 1B02.3A.5 and 1B02.3B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an open projection (deck) with a 16-foot rear setback in lieu of the required 37.5 feet. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Efroseni D. Kokotis and Roman Hammonds, property owners. It is to be noted that a letter of support was received from adjacent neighbors, Donna A. Wheatley (522 47th Street) and Politimy Roros (526 47th Street) - *See* Petitioners' Exhibit 3. There were no other interested persons present. The matter came before me as the result of Building Inspector Hunter Rowe with the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM) issuing a Correction Notice relative to the construction of the rear deck without the required permit. Thus, the Petitioners were cited with a Code violation and advised to file the instant Petition to resolve the matter.

Testimony and evidence offered disclosed that the subject property is a narrow rectangular shaped parcel (15' wide x 100' deep)¹ located on the northwest side of 47th Street, just east of Eastern Avenue in the Harbor View area of the County. The property contains a gross area of 1,600 square feet, more or less, zoned D.R.10.5, and is improved with a middle-ofgroup, two-story, townhouse dwelling. The Petitioners have owned and resided on the property since May 2008. Apparently, Mr. Hammonds and his friend, who works in construction, built the deck (approximately 14' x 12' – *See* Petitioners' Exhibit 1) and understand that it is the same size as other decks in the area, however, didn't realize a permit was required. In addition, Petitioners testified that their neighbors have no problem and are supportive of their addition – *See* Petitioners' Exhibit 3.

In support of the request, the Petitioners testified that all work was of high quality. Photographs of their property show that there are other similar rear decks in the community. Finally, the Petitioners submitted into evidence as Exhibit 3 a written statement from their neighbors, Ms. Donna Wheatley and Politimy Roros, whose homes are adjacent to the subject property stating that they have no objections to the deck.

After due consideration of the evidence and testimony presented, I am persuaded that the Petitioners have met the spirit and intent of Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. for relief to be granted. There were no adverse comments submitted by any County reviewing agency and the owners on the affected side support the Petitioners proposal. The Office of Planning, in its Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment, does not oppose the Petitioners request and points out that there are similar structures of this kind throughout the development. Moreover, it is clear from the photographs submitted that other additions exist throughout the neighborhood and thus, the proposal is not out of character with the surrounding locale. Finally, it is clear that

¹ Although current D.R.10.5 area regulations in Section 1B02.3C.1 (Chart) have been revised several times and now require a minimum lot area of 3,000 square feet, a lot width of 20 feet and side/front yard setbacks of 10 feet and a minimum rear yard depth of 50 feet, the 1954 regulations are applicable. B.C.Z.R. Section 103 provides the regulations in this case are those in effect at the time the subdivision was originally submitted to the Baltimore County Planning Commission in 1954.

strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in a practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioners and require the demolition of their open projection rear deck. For all of these reasons, I am persuaded to grant the variance.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this ______ day of December 2008 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Sections 301.1, 1B02.3A.5 and 1B02.3B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an open projection (deck) with a 16-foot rear setback in lieu of the required 37.5 feet, in accordance with Petitioners' Exhibit 1, be and are hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, the Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

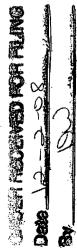
Any appeal of this decision shall be entered within thirty (30) days of the date

hereof.

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, II

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

WJW:dlw





JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

Zoning Commissioner

December 2, 2008

Efroseni D. Kokotis Roman Hammonds 524 47th Street Baltimore, MD 21224

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

W/S 47th Street, 215.44' S of c/line of Eastern Avenue (524 47th Street)

12th Election District - 7th Council District
Efroseni D. Kokotis & Roman Hammonds – Petitioners
Case No. 2009-0086-A

Dear Ms. Kokotis and Mr. Hammonds:

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

WILLIAMS: WISHMAN, III Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

WJW:dlw Enclosure

c: Donna A. Wheatley, 522 47th Street, Baltimore, MD 21224 Politimy Roros, 526 47th Street, Baltimore, MD 21224 People's Counsel; Office of Planning; File



REV 9/15/98

Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 524 47th 3t which is presently zoned DR 10.5

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) 301.1, 1002.38,5., 1003.36. (BCZR)

TO PERMIT AN OPEN PROJECTION (DECK) WITH A 16-FOOT REAR SETBACK IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 37.5-FEET.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

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.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

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Zoning description for 524 47th street. Beginning at point on the westernmost side of 47 th street which is 50 feet wide at the distance of 215.44 feet south of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street eastern avenue which is 50 feet wide. Being lot# 743 in the subdivision of Harbor View as recorded in Baltimore county plat book #5, folio #80, containing 1,600 square feet. Also known as 524 47th street, and located in the 12th election district, 7th Councilmanic district.

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

Case: #2009-0086-A 524 47th Street W/side of 47th Street, 215.44 feet south of centerline of Eas-12th Election District 7th Councilmanic District Legal Owner(s): Efroseni Kokotis & Roman Hammonds Variance: to permit an open projection (deck) witha 16-foot rear setback in lieu of the reguired 37.5 feet. Hearing: Monday, December 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. In Room 104, Jefferson Bullding, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III
Zoning Commissioner for
Baltimore County
NOTES: (1) Hearings are
Handicapped Accessible; for
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Please Contact the Zoning
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(410) 887-4386. (2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391. 11/135 Nov. 13

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524 47th Street

Posting Date: 11/15/08

Richard E. Hoffman



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

October 27, 2008
TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director
Department of Permits and
Development Management

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524 47th Street

W/side of 47th Street, 215.44 feet south of centerline of Easter Avenue

12th Election District – 7th Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Efroseni Kokotis & Roman Hammonds

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Timothy Kotroco 14-0 CO Director

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C: Roman Hammonds, 524 47th Street, Baltimore 21224

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY WED., NOVEMBER 1:, 2008.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.

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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.

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BALTO MP 21224.	
Telephone Number: 410-283-4404	



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director Department of Permits and Development Management November 26, 2008

Roman Hammonds 524 47th St. Baltimore, MD 21224

Dear: Roman Hammonds

RE: Case Number 2009-0086-A, 524 47th St.

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on September 23, 2008. 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,

U. Cal Richal &

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

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

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DATE: October 24, 2008

BY:----

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 09-086- Variance

The Office of Planning has reviewed the above referenced case(s) and does not oppose the petitioner's request. There are similar structures of this kind throughout the development.

For further questions or additional information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact John Alexander in the Office of Planning at 410-887-3480.

Prepared By:

Division Chief:

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco

FROM:

Dave Lykens, DEPRM - Development Coordination

DATE:

November 6, 2008

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item # 09-086-A

Address

524 47th Street

(Kokotis/ Hammonds Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 6, 2008

X The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has no comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:

Development of the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains (Sections 33-3-101 through 33-3-120 of the Baltimore County Code).

Development of this property must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations (Sections 33-6-101 through 33-6-122 of the Baltimore County Code).

Development of this property must comply with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Regulations (Sections 33-2-101 through 33-2-1004, and other Sections, of the Baltimore County Code).

Additional Comments:

Reviewer:

JWL

Date: 11/6/08

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Legal Owner(s): Efroseni Kokotis &

Roman Hammonds

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

09-086-A

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 and all documentation filed in the case.

Peter Max Zumerman

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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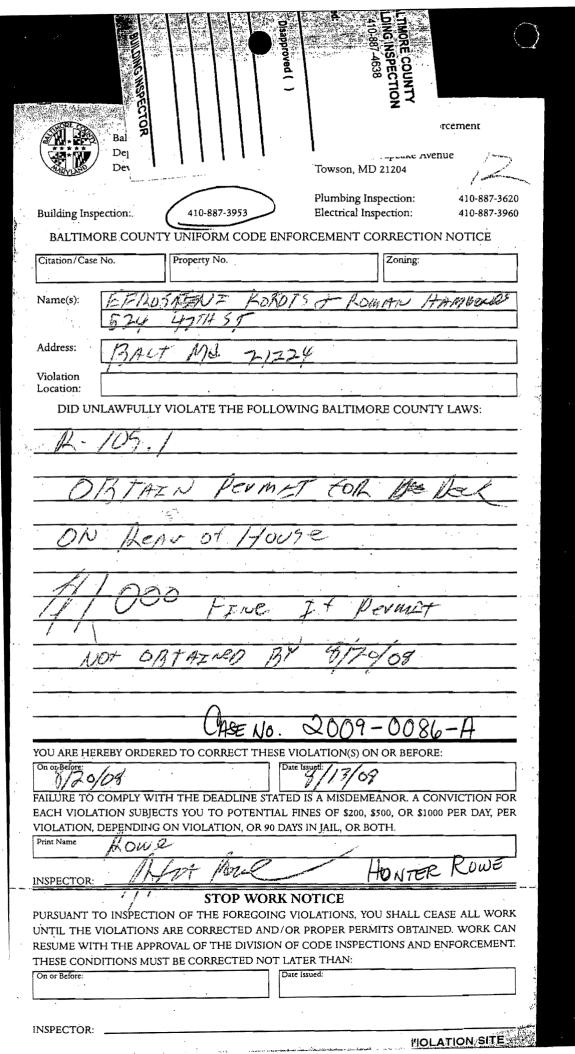
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 22nd day of October, 2008, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Efroseni Kokotis & Roman Hammonds, 524 47th Street, Baltimore, MD 21224, Petitioner(s).

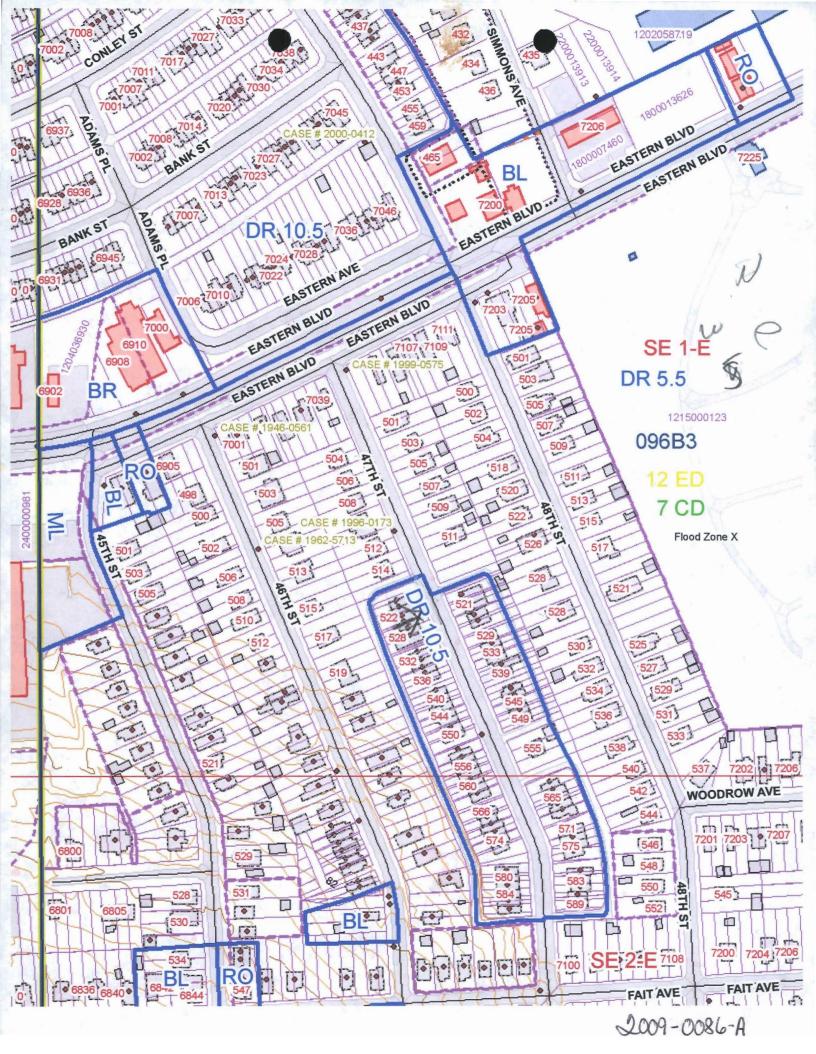
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Case No.: 2009-0086-A 524 47th Street

Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

Protestant

No. 1	Site PLAN	
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To whom it may concern,

This letter is to allow the address Known as 524 47th street, granted permission to their deck. We accept all building Structures at the Known address of 524 47th street. We been the deck is a structure which does not interfere with our properties. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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