

W side of Arry Place, 126 feet +/- N of Tommy True Court
9<sup>th</sup> Election District
6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Joseph and Marietta Kirk *Petitioners* 

(8516 Arry Place)

- \* BEFORE THE
- \* DEPUTY ZONING
- \* COMMISSIONER
- \* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
- \* Case No. 2009-0130-A

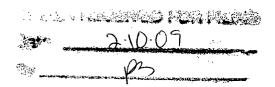
#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Joseph and Marietta Kirk. Petitioners are requesting variance relief from Section 415.A.1.D of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit the storage of recreational vehicle on the street in front of 8516 Arry Place. The subject property and requested relief are more fully described on the site plan which was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the variance request was Petitioner Joseph Kirk and a neighbor, Bill Hesson, of 8505 Arry Place, who is supportive of the variance request. There were no Protestants or other interested persons in attendance at the hearing.

This matter is currently the subject of an active violation case (Case No. 52165) in the Division of Code Inspections and Enforcement. A citation for code violation has been issued in this matter due to the fact Petitioners are storing a recreational vehicle year-round on a residential street.

It should be noted, for the record, that the fact that a zoning violation is issued is simply ignored in this zoning case. For example, this means that the Petitioner cannot use the fact that a structure has been built to set a precedent in order to allow it to continue. Nor does the fact that a structure may be costly to remove or modify come into consideration of the zoning case. The

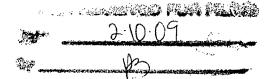


reason for this is that this condition is clearly self-imposed and as such cannot be a basis for the hardship or practical difficulty required by Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. Conversely, the fact that something may have been done which could violate the law is not held against the Petitioner as some sort of an additional punishment. Zoning enforcement is conducted by the Department of Permits and Development Management, which has the authority to impose fines and other penalties for violation of law. This is not the province of this office.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is rectangular in shape and is part of a 56-unit townhome development called The Village of Old Harford. Petitioner has lived in the current townhouse residence since September, 1987. The property is located on the west side of Arry Place, west of Old Harford Road, in the Parkville area of Baltimore County. Just to the east of Arry Place, facing Old Harford Road, are single-family dwellings with mixed uses zoned R.O. Petitioners' property is part of a cluster of townhomes (approximately eight townhomes) on Arry Place. Also located behind and west of Petitioners' townhome is an end-of-group unit. This is also where Arry Place terminates and where Petitioner currently stores his recreational vehicle (trailer).

Petitioner first purchased a recreational vehicle (RV) from a neighbor in the same townhouse complex at 8504 Arry Way in 1990. At that time, the RV was parked in the same location where Petitioner currently stores his RV. In 1992, Petitioners purchased a new RV and parked it at the subject location on Arry Place. In 1999, Petitioners purchased another new RV and again parked and stored it at the subject location. In 2005, Petitioners purchased a third new RV (their current RV) and have parked and stored it at the subject location. In all, an RV has been parked at the subject location continuously for almost 20 years.

Petitioner was recently informed by Baltimore County's Division of Code Inspection that the RV cannot be stored and parked on the public street in excess of 24 hours and only for the

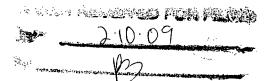


purpose of loading and unloading. Hence, Petitioners filed the instant Petition seeking variance relief from Section 415.A.1.D. In support of the Petition, Petitioner described the RV as a well kept vehicle, approximately 29 feet long and weighing 6,200 pounds. The RV is for his family's personal use only. Petitioner also notes that Arry Place is a one-block long dead-end road providing access only to eight townhomes along the road. The end of the street also abuts property that is zoned B.R. and used commercially (Sunbelt Rentals) and R.O. zoned property lines Old Harford Road.

Petitioners also stressed that the unusual characteristics of Arry Place make it unique and warrant granting the instant Petition. They also point out that this small townhouse community at Arry Place does not have the typical parking problems of larger townhouse neighborhoods – here, there is an abundance of street parking on and around Arry Place.

Also testifying in support of the relief was a neighbor, Bill Hesson, of 8508 Arry Place. Mr. Hesson lives in the same townhouse community as the Petitioners and has resided there since 1995 and has known Petitioners over that time period. The Petitioners' RV has been known to be stored at the subject location for a long time and is never in the way of other vehicles or areas used to turn around. Arry Place will never become a bigger townhouse community or be connected to any larger neighborhood. It will never become a through street, and there are no problems with parking while the RV is stored on Arry Place. Hence, Mr. Hesson is supportive of Petitioners' request.

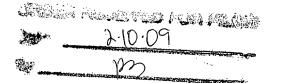
The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. Comments were received from the Office of Planning dated January 14, 2009 and it is the opinion of that Office that the proper storage of recreational vehicles is the responsibility of the owner. The storage of these vehicles in communities, especially those that are fairly dense with narrow streets can cause circulation problems as well as act as an eyesore if



not maintained properly. This issue has been continually identified as a problem in older suburban communities who have recently participated planning efforts. For these reasons the Office of Planning recommends denial of the request. In addition to the comment submitted by the Planning Office, the Office of People's Counsel also sent a letter dated December 30, 2008 to the zoning file, opposing the variance relief. The letter attached an e-mail from Stephen Weber with the Department of Public Works Traffic Engineering, both of which express concerns over storing a recreational vehicle on a public street, as well as questioning whether variance relief is even permitted from Section 431.A of the B.C.Z.R.

After careful review of all the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to deny the variance request. In considering a variance request, I am required under Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to determine, under a two prong test, first whether there are special circumstances or conditions that exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request; that is, whether there are unique features or characteristics of the property that drive the need for the variance. If that threshold requirement is met, I am then to determine whether strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship to Petitioners. Based on the test and evidence presented, I am not inclined to grant the requested relief. Although it is certainly understandable that the Petitioners would desire to store their RV close by, for reasons of both anti-theft and convenience, such cannot be the basis for permitting storage of a large recreational vehicle on a public street. In short, the property is not unique and is nearly identical to the eight adjacent townhome properties on Arry Place.

In this instance, I agree with the Office of Planning that proper storage of recreational vehicles is the responsibility of the owner. Allowing such a precedent to be set could cause future traffic circulation problems and could negatively impact a neighborhood's aesthetic appeal. I am



also persuaded by the evidence that granting the variance would not be in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the Zoning Regulations, and that it would negatively affect the appearance and residential character of the neighborhood.

I also find that Petitioners have not proven the uniqueness standard, as required by *Cromwell v. Ward* 102 Md.App. 691, 651 A.2d 424 (1995). Hence, the variance request shall be denied.

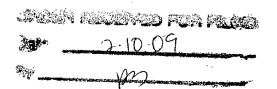
Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this petition held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered, I find that Petitioners' variance request should be denied.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2009 by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that Petitioners' variance request from Section 415.A.1.D of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit the storage of recreational vehicle on the street in front of 8516 Arry Place be and is hereby DENIED.

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

Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

THB:pz





JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

THOMAS H. BOSTWICK Deputy Zoning Commissioner

February 10, 2009

JOSEPH AND MARIETTA KIRK 8516 ARRY PLACE BALTIMORE MD 21234

> Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 2009-0130-A Property: 8516 Arry Place

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kirk:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case.

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.

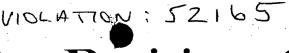
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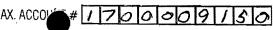
THOMAS H. BOSTWICK
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
for Baltimore County

THB:pz

Enclosure

c: Bill Hesson, 8505 Arry Place, Baltimore MD 21234 Lisa Henson, Baltimore County Division of Code Inspections and Enforcement Peter Max Zimmerman, People's Counsel for Baltimore County Stephen Weber, Division of Traffic Engineering for Baltimore County Laurie Hay, Office of Planning for Baltimore County







REV 9/15/98

# Petition for Variance

### to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 8516 ARRY PLACE which is presently zoned RO

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)

415 A.1 publication "D", BCZR, TO PERMIT THE STORAGE OF A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF 8516 ARRY PLACE.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) HARDShip - The cost of Storage in a paid storage facility would amount to over \$1,000 per year. Concern of Decurity and possibility of various lism. Current location makes it safe from theft and vandelism because it is in front of over property.

Practical Difficulty-There is no curb cut-out, driveway, or parking pad toget the vehicle ontour property would need to remove fence and the size of the side yand is not big enough.

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. Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Legal Owner(s): Name - Type or Print Signature Signature MARIE Address Telephone No. City State Zip Code Signature Attorney For Petitioner: Name - Type or Print Representative to be Contacted: Signature Name Company Address Telephone No. Address Telephone No. City State Zip Code City State Zip Code OFFICE USE ONLY ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING **UNAVAILABLE FOR HEARING** 

Reviewed By

\_\_\_ Date <u>/ o</u>

# ZONING DESCRIPTION 8516 ARRY PLACE

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SIDE OF ARRY PLACE, WHICH IS 40 ft.

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# 46, IN THE SUBDIVISION OF, THE VILLAGE

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#### NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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

#### Case: # 2009-0130-A

8516 Arry Place
W/side of Arry Place, 126 feet
+/- north of Tommy True Court
9th Election District
6th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s). Joseph &

Marietta Kirk

Variance: to permit the storage of recreational vehicle on the street in front of 8516 Arry Place.

Hearing: Thursday, January 15 2009 at 9:00 a.m. In Room 106, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III
Zoning Commissioner for
Baltimore County

NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-4386.

(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

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☐ NE Booster/Reporter
☐ North County News

LEGAL ADVERTISING

#### CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Date: 12-28-08 RE: Case Number: 2009 - 0130 - A Petitioner/Developer: Joseph Kirk Date of Hearing/Closing: 1/15/09 This is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at 2516 Anny Place The signs(s) were posted on <u>J. LAWRENCE PILSON</u> (Printed Name of Sign Poster) ATTACH PHOTGRAPH 1015 Old Barn Road (Street Address of Sign Poster) Parkton, MD 21120 (City, State, Zip Code of Sign Poster) 410-343-1443 (Telephone Number of Sign Poster)

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CASE # 2009-0130-A

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

December 11, 2008
TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

#### NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

Department of Permits and Development Management

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W/side of Arry Place, 126 feet +/- north of Tommy True Court

9<sup>th</sup> Election District – 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Kotroco

Legal Owners: Joseph & Marietta Kirk

<u>Variance</u> to permit the storage of recreational vehicle on the street in front of 8516 Arry Place.

Hearing: Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building,

111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

Timothy Kotroco

Director

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C: Mr. & Mrs. Kirk, 8516 Arry Place, Baltimore 21234

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY WED., DECEMBER 31, 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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Tuesday, December 30, 2008 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:
Joseph Kirk
8516 Arry Place
Baltimore, MD 21234

410-661-5261

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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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Revised 7/11/05 - SCJ



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director Department of Permits and Development Management January 08, 2009

Joseph & Marietta Kirk 8516 Arry Place Baltimore, MD 21234

Dear: Joseph & Marietta Kirk

RE: Case Number 2009-0130-A, 8516 Arry Place

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on October 30, 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,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:lnw

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**DATE:** January 14, 2009

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**ZONING COMMISSIONER** 

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

**SUBJECT:** 

8616 Arry Place

**INFORMATION:** 

Item Number:

9-130

Petitioner:

Joseph Kirk

Zoning:

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**Requested Action:** 

Variance

#### **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Office of Planning has reviewed the petitioner's request and accompanying site plan and has the following comments:

It is the opinion of this Office that the proper storage of recreational vehicles is the responsibility of the owner. The storage of these vehicles in communities, especially those that are fairly dense with narrow streets, can cause circulation problems, as well as act as an eyesore if not maintained properly. This issue has been continually identified as a problem in older suburban communities who have recently participated in community planning efforts. For the reasons stated above, the Office of Planning recommends that this request be **denied**.

For further information concerning the matters stated here in, please contact Laurie Hay at 410-887-3480.

Prepared by:

**Division Chief:** 

AFK/LL: CM



JAMES T. SMITH, JR: County Executive

JOHN J. HOHMAN, Chief
Fire Department

County Office Building, Room 111 Mail Stop #1105 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 November 20, 2008

ATTENTION: Zoning Review Planners

Distribution Meeting Of: November 17, 2008

ItemNumbers 0111,0126,0127,0128,0129,0130,0131,0132,0133,0135,0137,0138,0140

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 410-887-4881 (C)443-829-2946 MS-1102F

cc: File

#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: November 24, 2008.

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For November 24, 2008

Item No.: 2009-111, 121, 126, 127, 128 130, 131, 132, 133, 137, 138 & 140

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

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cc: File

ZAC-11242008-NO COMMENTS

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
8516 Arry Place; W/S Arry Place, 126' N
Tommy True Court
9<sup>th</sup> Election & 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Joseph & Marietta Kirk
Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

\* FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

09-130-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.

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Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Joseph & Marietta Kirk, 8516 Arry Place, Baltimore, MD 21234, Petitioner(s).

Peter Mar Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County



### Baltimore County, Maryland

OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL

Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 204 Towson, Maryland 21204

> 410-887-2188 Fax: 410-823-4236

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel

December 30, 2008

HAND DELIVERED William J. Wiseman, III, Zoning Commissioner The Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re:

PETITION FOR VARIANCE

Joseph & Marietta Kirk – Legal Owners

8516 Arry Place Case No: 09-130-A

Dear Mr. Wiseman,

We asked Stephen E. Weber, Chief of Traffic Engineering, to review the petition and site plan in this case because they present traffic/parking issues. As a result, he sent the enclosed email dated December 16, 2008. As is our custom, we forward it to you for consideration. The hearing is currently scheduled for January 14, 2009.

Mr. Weber notes that, this involves a relatively new regulation, which limits parking of recreational vehicles on any street in a residential zone to a 24-hour period for loading and unloading. The County Council added BCZR § 415.A.1.D in Bill 84-2006. Mr. Weber provides some helpful history and a description of problems which led to enactment of the bill. He writes,

"It came about after discussions about problems presented in residential communities when residents would park their recreational vehicles and motor homes in front of their homes, particularly in townhouse and rowhome neighborhoods."

He also discusses the real concerns associated with the proposed location in the townhouse development at the terminus of Arry Place. In addition to the problem of the RV taking up a space usually needed for normal parking demands, he writes,

"From a traffic engineering safety point of view, our issue would be more with the size of the vehicle. The length of the parking bay is only 18 feet and many recreational vehicles are going to be longer than the parking space, thus leaving the back end of the vehicle sticking out into the roadway. Given that #8516 is located at the end



BY:\_\_\_\_

William J. Wiseman, III, Zohing Commissioner December 30, 2008 Page 2

of the street where there is no designed turnaround area for the street, any vehicle which significantly extends into the actual travelway of Arry Place by being longer than 18 feet would create an unnecessary hazard. Without knowing the length of the vehicle, we obviously do not know to what degree this may be a problem, however it is an issue that the Zoning Commissioner needs to consider. If it is too long, its length could effectively eliminate any potential benefit for even having Arry Place exist north of the end of the parking bay."

So far as we can recall, this appears to be the first variance case filed with respect to the new law. It also appears that the law was designed to control and restrict situations of this nature. If a variance is granted here, it will be an invitation for others. The net result will be to undermine the law and discourage enforcement.

Whether or not protestants appear at the hearing, there is a public interest in preventing access and parking circulation problems on such residential streets. Often, in cases such as this, neighboring citizens may be reluctant to appear at hearings in opposition, may be unfamiliar with the process, or may not have time. That should not cause the Zoning Commissioner to waive legal requirements. As Judge Glen Harrell repeated in <u>Trinity Assembly of God v. People's Counsel for Baltimore County</u> Md. (2008), variances should rarely be granted.

We are also concerned that the regulation may not permit any type of variance. In 2005, the CBA ruled that § 431A of the zoning regulations, which prohibits parking commercial vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds on a residential lot "do not allow any exception." The CBA denied the special hearing and did not consider the relief type of a parking variance. (See attached Case No. 04-470-SPH).

The purpose and intent of the new recreational vehicle law is comparable to BCZR § 431A for large commercial vehicles. A deviation from either stature is tantamount to a "use" variance, which is prohibited in Baltimore County.

As always, we ask for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Max Zimmerman

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Carole S. Demilio

Deputy People's Counsel

PMZ/rmw

cc: Joseph & Marietta Kirk

Stephen E. Weber, Division of Traffic Engineering



#### Patricia Zook - CASE NUMBER: 2009-0130--A - Hearing is Thursday, January 15 - OP comments needed

From:

Patricia Zook

To:

Murray, Curtis

Date:

1/12/2009 10:00 AM

Subject: CASE NUMBER: 2009-0130--A - Hearing is Thursday, January 15 - OP comments needed

CC:

Bostwick, Thomas

Good morning Curtis -

We need Planning comments for this case which is scheduled for a hearing on Thursday, January 15.

CASE NUMBER: 2009-0130--A

8516 Arry Place

Location: W side of Arry Place, 126 feet +/- N of Tommy True Court.

9th Election District, 6th Councilmanic District

Legal Owner: Joseph and Marietta Kirk

VARIANCE To permit the storage of recreational vehicle on the street in front of 8516 Arry Place.

Hearing: Thursday, 1/15/2009 at 9:00:00 AM County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 106, Towson

Patti Zook **Baltimore County** Office of the Zoning Commissioner Jefferson Building, Suite 103 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson MD 21204

410-887-3868

pzook@baltimorecountymd.gov

From:

Stephen Weber

To:

People's Counsel Dennis Kennedy

CC:

Date: Subject: 12/16/2008 9:18 PM

Case No. 09-130-A, 8516 Arry Place **Attachments:** ArryPl2.bmp; ArryPl1.bmp; ArryPl3.bmp

Mr. Zimmerman -

I've never seen a petition for variance from this section of the BCZR before. This zoning regulation was only implemented by the County Council in June 2006 so it is relatively new. It came about after numerous discussions about problems presented in residential communities when residents would park their recreational vehicles and motor homes in front of their homes, particularly in townhouse and rowhome neighborhoods. Such vehicles are usually larger than most other vehicles parked in such neighborhoods, which narrow travelways more so than standard vehicles thus causing access issues, and such vehicles also generally sit unmoved on public streets for extended periods of time, therefore taking up valuable parking spaces for all other residents who have daily or routine need to access their vehicles for travel to and from their homes.

Attached are 3 different files, one containing an aerial photo with the property lines, one containing and aerial photo with the zoning lines, and one containing a portion of the road construction drawing for the subject portion of Arry Place. It can be noted that the subject property is located in a townhouse development, being located at the end of group at the very northern terminus of Arry Place. Arry Place itself is 24 feet wide with an 18-foot deep perpendicular parking bay on the west side of the street only. It should be noted from the aerial photo that three vehicles were parallel parking on the east side of the street. The road is not designed to accommodate parallel parking on the east side because such parking does make it more difficult to get into and out of the perpendicular parking spaces. However, we do not usually prohibit such parking because the shortage of parking in certain neighborhoods is so severe the residents are willing to endure certain access hardships to gain some additional parking near their homes. (You can also note the same situation on the north side of Tommy True Court just west of Arry Place.) In this case, there are 9 homes on the west side of Arry Place and there are 18 perpendicular parking spaces, or 2 spaces per house. Two parking spaces per house is oftentimes inadequate to provide for the parking demands placed on the County road system due to the average number of vehicles registered to each home. Obviously in such situations, if something like a recreational vehicle is parked in such a space, it tends to generally remove that parking space from use by everyone in the neighborhood and thus forces one additional residents' car to be have to be parked somewhere else.

With respect to the specifics in this case, obviously the residents of Arry Place have far more ability of knowing what hardships would be created by allowing a recreational vehicle to generally take up one of their parking spaces on a long-term basis. That is more a convenience and aesthetic issue to the residents. From a traffic engineering safety point of view, our issue would be more with the size of the vehicle. The length of the parking bay is only 18 feet and many recreational vehicles are going to be longer than the parking space, thus leaving the back end of the vehicle sticking out into the roadway. Given that #8516 is located at the end of the street where there is no designed turnaround area for the street, any vehicle which significantly extends into the actual travelway of Arry Place by being longer than 18 feet would create an unnecessary hazard. Without knowing the length of the vehicle, we obviously do not know to what degree this may be a problem, however it is an issue that the Zoning Commissioner needs to consider. If it is too long, its length could effectively eliminate any potential benefit for even having Arry Place exist north of the end of the parking bay.

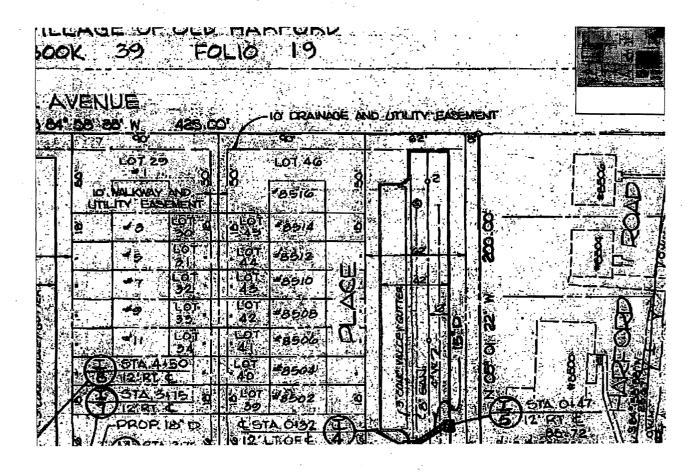
The only other issue I would raise is that the filed variance notes the property being zoned RO. From the zoning map is clearly appears that the entire parking bay and the house are located on property zoned DR 16. The travelway of Arry Place itself may be zoned RO. I would also agree with the petitioner that the County would not allow them to construct a driveway on their property, even though it is an end of group. We do not allow this to be done in townhouse developments.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to give me a call at ext. 3554.

Stephen E. Weber, Chief Div. of Traffic Engineering Baltimore County, Maryland 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Rm. 326 Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-3554







#### § 415A.1 Recreational vehicles on residential lots.

Contrary provisions of these regulations notwithstanding, one recreational vehicle may be stored on a residential lot as set forth below. Such vehicle, except a truck camper, shall have a current license, may not be lived in, or otherwise occupied, when stored on a lot and shall be mechanically ready to be moved at any time. A recreational boat, whether mounted on a trailer or stored on land with or without the use of supports, is subject to these provisions. A boat less than 16 feet in length is not subject to these provisions, except when such boat is mounted on a trailer. The space occupied by such a recreational vehicle or boat may be counted as a required parking space.

A.

On a lot occupied by a single-family detached or semi-detached dwelling, one such vehicle may be stored 2 1/2 feet from any rear or side lot line; however, when in a side yard it must be situated at least eight feet to the rear of a lateral projection of the front foundation line of the dwelling. Such vehicle may be stored in any garage.

B.

On the lot of any individually owned row or group house, one such vehicle may be stored, provided that it is situated entirely in the rear yard, 2 1/2 feet from the side or rear lot lines.

<u>C</u>.

Such vehicles may be stored on a specially designed parking area of any multifamily rental or condominium unit. Such areas must be screened from adjacent off-site residential uses, as required by the Director of Permits and Development Management.

<u>D.</u>

Except during a twenty-four-hour period for the purpose of loading or unloading, a person may not park or store a recreational vehicle on any street in a residential zone.

[Bill No. 84-2006].

# DIVISION OF CODE INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT VIOLATION CASE DOCUMENTS

**VIOLATION CASE: 52165** 

8516 Arry Place

ZONING CASE: 09-0130-A 8516 ARRY PLACE

### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: November 25, 2008

TO: W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Review Supervisor

FROM: Rick Wisnom, Hearing Officer

Division of Code Inspections & Enforcement

SUBJECT: Item No.: 130

Legal Owner/Petitioner: Joseph and Marietta Kirk

Contract Purchaser:

Property Address: 8516 Arry Place

Location Description: West side of Arry Place, 126 +/- North of Tommy True Court

VIOLATION INFORMATION: Case No.: 52165

Defendants: 8516 Arry Place

Please be advised that the aforementioned petition is the subject of an active violation case. When the petition is scheduled for a public hearing, please notify the following person(s) regarding the hearing date:

#### hackerzc@gmail.com

In addition, please find attached a duplicate copy of the following pertinent documents relative to the violation case, for review by the Zoning Commissioner's Office:

Complaint Intake Form
State Tax Assessment printout
Correction Notice/Code Violation Notice
Photographs

Other: MVA Report

After the public hearing is held, please send a copy of the Zoning Commissioner's order to Lisa Henson in Room 213 in order that the appropriate action may be taken relative to the violation case.

RSW/

c: Latoshia Rumsey-Scott



**Comment Details** 

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- No Data

# Permits & Development Management Daily Worksheet Report

Report Criteria:

Employee(s): EE0000093 to EE0000093 Scheduled Date(s): 10/8/2008 to 10/14/2008

PE Range: en01 to en04

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#### M Enforce - Web-Code Enforcement Complaint

<hackerzc@gmail.com> From:

<pdmenforce@baltimorecountymd.gov> To:

Date: 10/09/08 7:39 PM

Subject: Web-Code Enforcement Complaint

Complaint

8516 Arry Place

Location:

Parkville MD 21234

Complaint

**Location Zip** 

21234

Code:

Description of Baltimore County Zoning Regulation, Article 4, Section 415A.1

Problem:

A recreational vehicle trailer is being kept on the street year round.

Email:

hackerzc@gmail.com

Name:

Address:

Zip Code:

**Home Phone** 

Number:

**Work Phone** 

Number:

**Additional** Information:



Code Enforcement	410-887-3351	
Building Inspection	410-887-3953	
Elec'	Inspection	410-887-3960
Plu	Inspection	410-887-3620
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#### CODE INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT CORRECTION NOTICE

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	BALTIMORE MARYLAND ZIP CODE 344.
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	INVESTMENT PROPERTY (B.C.C)
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1	POTENTIAL FINE: \$200   \$500   \$1000 per day, per violation and to be placed as a lien upon your tax bill.
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AGENCY

DATE: 11/25/2008 STANDARD ASSESSMENT INQUIRY (1)

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LIEN HOLDER: BALTIMORE CO SAVING BANK

ADDR: POB 397 DATE: 2005-04-26

CITY: PERRY HALL STATE: MD ZIP: 21128

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IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION OF
GABRIEL & MELISSA CROY - PETITIONERS
FOR SPECIAL HEARING ON PROPERTY LOCATED
ON THE E/S SPARROWS POINT ROAD, 30' S OF C/L
McCOMAS AVE (2931 SPARROWS POINT ROAD)

\* BEFORE THE

\* COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

\* OF

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15<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION DISTRICT 7<sup>TH</sup> COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 04-470-SPH

#### **OPINION**

This case comes to the County Board of Appeals as an appeal filed by the Office of People's Counsel from a decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner issued on June 18 2004, granting the special hearing request in Case No. 04-470-SPHA to permit the parking of a vehicle in excess of 10,000 pounds of gross weight (tractor /trailer) on a residential lot.

The Petitioners, Gabriel and Melissa Croy, appeared *pro se*, and Peter M. Zimmerman, People's Counsel for Baltimore County, appeared on behalf of that office. The Board conducted a public hearing on February 8, 2005, and a public deliberation on February 8, 2005.

#### **Testimony**

The Petitioner, Gabriel Croy, was the only witness for the Petitioners. Mr. Croy introduced Petitioner's Exhibit #1, Site Plan, and Petitioner's Exhibit #2, 18 photos of the area. Mr. Croy testified that he worked for Atlas Van Lines. He stated that he owned a tractor and trailer and needed to park his equipment at his home because the Atlas parking lot was constantly being vandalized. He also stated that none of his neighbors had protested the use of the area for parking. Mr. Croy also indicated that much of the area is mixed use and many other individuals in the area park commercial vehicles in their yards. Mr. Croy testified that the combined weight of his vehicle and trailer is in excess of 80,000 lbs. Mr. Croy further indicated the time he was

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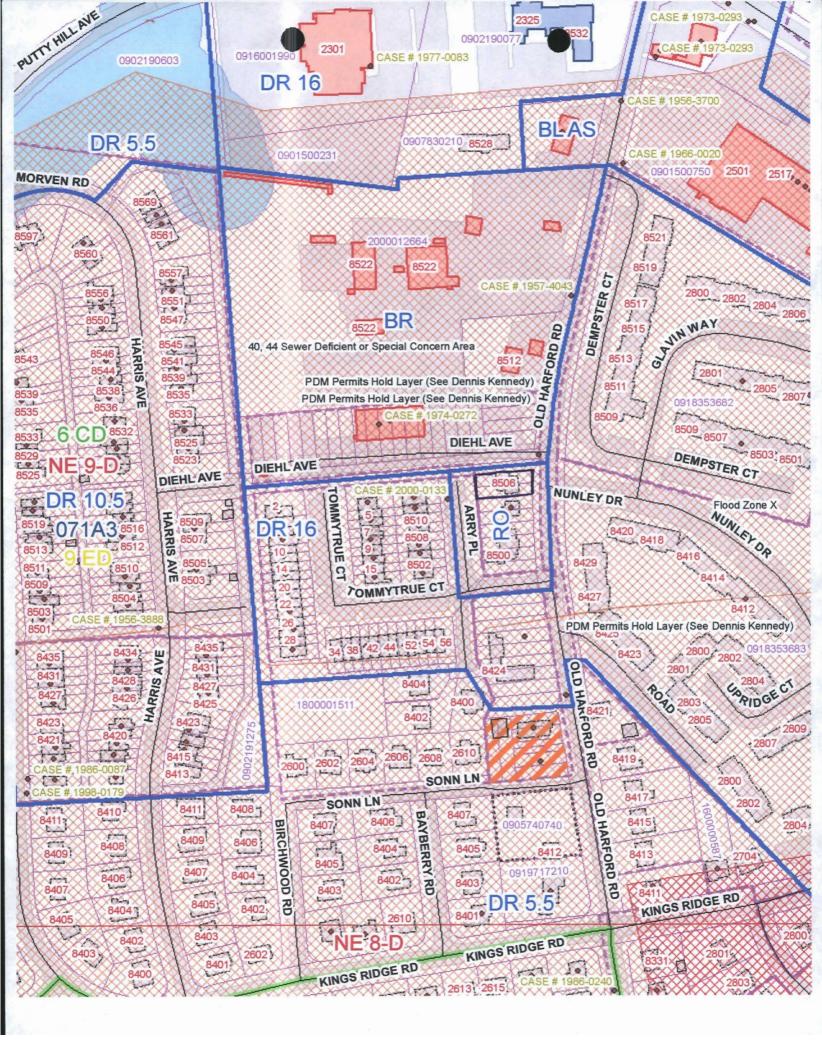
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### Exhibit Sheet

## Petitioner/Developer

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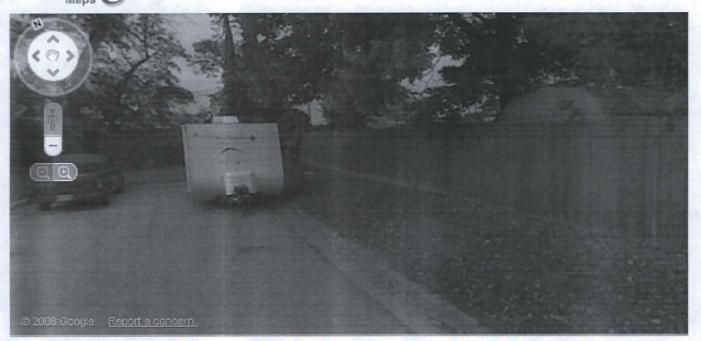


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