IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE

N Side of Hopkins Road @ Corner of

E Side of Dorking Road

9th Election District

5th Councilmanic District

(300 Hopkins Road)

Christiane M. Rothbaum Legal Owner BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

* CASE NO: 2011-0302-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by Christiane M. Rothbaum, the legal owner of the subject property. Petitioner is requesting Variance relief under Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit an existing dwelling and proposed addition with a side street setback of 6 feet in lieu of minimum required 10 feet, and a rear yard setback of 35 feet in lieu of minimum required 50 feet. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

This matter was originally filed as an Administrative Variance, with a closing date of May 2, 2011. On April 27, 2011, a Formal Demand for Hearing was filed by Jennifer Helfrich, President, on behalf of Rodgers Forge Community, Inc. The hearing was subsequently scheduled for Friday, June 17, 2011 at 10:00 AM in Room 104 of the Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland. In addition, a sign was posted at the property on May 29, 2011 and an advertisement was timely published in *The Jeffersonian* newspaper, giving neighbors and interested citizens notice of the hearing.

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Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the variance request was Christiane M. Rothbaum, Petitioner, and Joseph D. McDowell, who prepared the site plan and is assisting the Petitioner with the permitting process. The Petitioner was represented by Francis Borgerding, Esquire. Letters and e-mails of support were received prior to the hearing from a number of neighbors: Art Buist, Esquire of 234 Overbrook Road, William and Chenghui Wu Watkins of 8400 Greenspring Avenue (landlords of 302 Hopkins Road), and Lee and John Ohnmacht of 301 Dunkirk. A number of residents also appeared at the hearing on behalf of the Petitioner. In addition, several citizens appeared as Protestants in opposition to the variance request. Letters, e-mails and petitions in opposition to the request were also received, and, likewise, are contained within the file. David Lampton, a resident and member of the Bar, coordinated the Protestants' presentation.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. There were no adverse ZAC comments received from any of the County reviewing agencies.

Joseph McDowell, a construction and design consultant, was called to testify and, after questioning, was accepted as an expert witness in construction design, the preparation and submittal of site plans, particularly for zoning and variance requests.

The witness related that he was familiar with the subject property and had been called into the matter by Petitioner's contractor. He described the property as being constructed in 1937, zoned DR 10.5 on a lot consisting of approximately 0.866 acres (3,774 square feet +/-). He also noted that the lot upon which the Petitioner's residence is constructed, tapers as it moves towards the rear of the lot. The witness then described in some detail the renovation project, which, in his opinion, necessitates the requested variance. In essence, Petitioner wishes to create a powder

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room in what, up to now, has been part of the kitchen. To do so, Petitioner would lose the space presently taken up by her refrigerator. To recapture that space, Petitioner wishes to extend out of the back of the kitchen in a space measuring 8 foot 6 inches by 8 foot 6 inches, in order to relocate the refrigerator and add cabinets. He related that Petitioner suffers from physical difficulties, resulting in incontinence. Given her age and condition, the powder room on the first floor is, in her determination, a much needed facility. He presented the floor plan of the proposed improvements (Petitioner's Exhibit 1). The floor plan became the subject of much discussion in both cross and redirect examination regarding various alternatives for the relocation of the proposed powder room. It is Mr. McDowell's conclusion and expert opinion that the only and best location for the powder room was as he had proposed in Petitioner's request, more so since the plumbing network needed was already located on the kitchen side of the house.

The witness then addressed the prerequisites for the granting of a variance. He opined that the subject structure should be considered "unique" as it was built prior to the imposition of zoning regulations and was nonconforming at the instant the DR 5.5 zoning requirements were applied to it. Moreover, he noted that the property is a corner lot, tapers along its length, and is set at an angle. He observed that many such additions already exist in the Rogers Forge community and that without the variance relief this unique situation has a disproportionate effect on the Petitioner, as nothing can be added to the property. Specifically, absent the requested variance, the construction of the powder room would destroy the functionality of the kitchen, making the requested extension a necessity. Given her physical situation, the inability to add the powder room as proposed could leave the Petitioner with little choice of options, and could result in her relocation.

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Mr. McDowell described at some length his examination of the Rogers Forge neighborhood, which revealed a number of extensions such as that being requested (Petitioner's Exhibits 9A and B).

Finally, the witness noted the history of Petitioner's care for her property and the use by her in previous projects of high quality materials; and opined that the proposed variance would have no harmful effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding neighborhood.

The Petitioner then testified on her own behalf. She purchased this home in 1987. She described her physical difficulties, including surgery in 2008, and related that her doctor advised that she construct a powder room on the first floor of her residence (Petitioner's Exhibit 8). She testified that, acting upon that advice, she located a contractor who had brought Mr. McDowell in for consultation. She stated her belief that there was no location in her home for the powder room other than that suggested by Mr. McDowell that would provide a practical alternative, and that, in her unique situation, the failure to grant the variance requested would have a disproportionately negative effect on her. She described her obvious love for the neighborhood and her pride in how she maintained her home. She strongly asserted that her request would not adversely affect the welfare of the community.

A number of neighbors testified on behalf of the Petitioner's request. The individual names of these witnesses are contained on the Petitioner's sign in sheet which is a part of this file. All agreed that the Petitioner took magnificent care of her home, and that it was a credit to the community. All believed that, given her medical situation, she should be granted the variance. All noted that numerous properties in Rogers Forge which now have the extension Petitioner would like to construct. The additional letters, e-mails and petitions in support of Petitioner's request are also included in the file.

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I then heard from Jean Duval, a 41 year resident of Rogers Forge and a member of the community association's architectural committee. She testified that although some extensions such as desired by Petitioner exist in the community, they are primarily part of the original construction of those dwellings. She asserted that she does not recall the organization ever approving a variance request to allow construction of an extension of a home in the community. She stated that a community association guidelines do not in fact allow for new enclosed projects. She discussed her concerns that new extensions would adversely affect light and air and therefore are harmful to the quality of life enjoyed the residents of Rogers Forge. She noted that the Association has consistently opposed these types of variances. She asserted that Petitioner's property itself was not unique in relation to the surrounding area and that a powder room could be constructed in Petitioner's home without the need for an extension of the building.

Carol Zielke, a 36 year resident of Rogers Forge and Roxanne Rinehart, another resident, also spoke in opposition to the request. Finally, David Lampton, echoing previous Protestants' comments and adding his concern that the approval of the requested variance could begin a "slippery slope" that would adversely effect the quality of life in the Rogers Forge community over the long term.

On its face, this matter appears to be simple; balancing the arguably logical request of a homeowner to appropriately alter her home in response to a pressing personal medical need. It is clear from all the testimony that the Petitioner is an admirable homeowner and that her care for her residence stands as an example and credit to the Rogers Forge community. It is also true that, for whatever reason, many of the homes in Rogers Forge have extensions such as that desired by the Petitioner.

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Unfortunately for the Petitioner, the reality of this case is otherwise; in order to construct her desired addition, Petitioner must obtain a variance. Either she qualifies under present statutory and case law, or she does not.

The obtaining of the variance governed by Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. as well as well-settled case law. These requirements are purposely strict in nature, difficult to satisfy and reflect the public policy of severely restricting the granting of variance relief. The seminal case on the subject, Cromwell v. Ward 102 Md. App. 691 (1995), states the prevailing rule that "variances are to be granted sparingly, only in rare instances and under peculiar and exceptional circumstances....a variance should be strictly construed. Cromwell Id at 700. Section 307.1 of the zoning regulations permits variances to be granted "....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. Cromwell requires that "uniqueness" first be established before the factor of "practical difficulty" is even addressed. Cromwell Id at 698. In requiring a prerequisite finding of "uniqueness" the Court defined the term and stated:

In the zoning context the "unique" aspect of a variance requirement does not refer to the extent of improvements upon the property, or upon neighboring property. "Uniqueness" of a property for zoning purposes requires that the subject property has an inherent characteristic not shared by other properties in the area, i.e, its shape, topography, subsurface condition, environmental factors, historical significance, access or non-access to navigable waters, practical restrictions imposed by abutting properties (such as obstructions) or

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other similar restrictions. In respect to structures, it would relate to such characteristics as unusual architectural aspects in bearing or parting walls...Id. At 710.

Only thereafter, do we address the issue of practical difficulty. To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must produce evidence to allow the following questions to be answered affirmatively:

- Whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- Whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and
- Whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

In considering the testimony and evidence presented, I am not persuaded that the Petitioner has established the "uniqueness" as regards the subject property located at 300 Hopkins Road, as called for in Section 307.1 and defined and discussed in *Cromwell v. Ward*, supra. The bar as to "uniqueness" is purposely raised high and the Petitioner has not succeeded in reaching it. The properties in Rogers Forge are relatively uniform; that uniformity provides much of the character and attraction of the community. Petitioner's property simply does not differ from that uniformity in any significant way. Therefore, discussion of the "practical difficulty" is unnecessary in this opinion.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this ______ day of June, 2011 by this Administrative Law Judge that Petitioner's Variance request from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit an existing dwelling and proposed addition with a side street setback of 6 feet in lieu of minimum of required 10 feet, and a rear yard setback of 35 feet in lieu of minimum required 50 feet, be and is hereby DENIED.

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

AWRENCE M. STAHL

Managing Administrative Law Judge

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

June 30, 2011

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Managing Administrative Law Judge
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Administrative Law Judges

FRANCIS X. BORGERDING, JR., ESQUIRE 409 WASHINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 600 TOWSON, MD 21204

Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 2011-0302-A Property: 300 Hopkins Road

Dear Mr. Borgerding:

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 with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections an appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our appeals clerk at 410-887-3391.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCEM STAHL

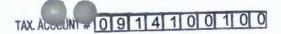
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Enclosure

c: J. Carroll Holzer, Esquire, Holzer & Lee, 508 Fairmount Avenue, Towson, MD 21286





Petition for Administrative Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 300 Hopkins Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212 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) existing dwelling and proposed addition with a side street setback of 6 feet in lieu of the minimum required 10 feet, and a year yard setback of 35 feet in lieu of the minimum required 50 feet. of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the reasons indicated on the back of this petition form. 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): Christiane M. Rothbaum Name - Type or Print Signature Name - Type or Print Address Telephone No. City Signature State Zip Code 300 Hopkins Rd 410-377-9077 Attorney For Petitioner: elephone No. 21212 Maryland Rodgers Forge Zip Code Name - Type or Print Representative to be Contacted: Signature Joseph McDowell Company 410-983-0505 3746 Peach Orchard Rd Telephone No. Address Address Telephone No. 21154 Street Maryland State Zip Code City City State Zip Code A Public Hearing having been formally demanded and/or found to be required, it is ordered by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this _____ day of ______, ____ that the subject matter of this petition be set for a public hearing, advertised, as required by the zoning regulations of Baltimore County and that the property be reposted. Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County CASE NO. 2011-0302-INP

Reviewed By

Estimated Posting Date

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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	That the Affiant	t(s) does/do p	presently re	eside a
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300 Hopkins Rd.

Address
Baltimore Maryland 21212
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):

I am requesting a variance from the zoning regulations so that I can construct an enclosure around my existing rear porch. I am requesting relief from the regulations regarding the rear setback requirement of 50 feet to an enclosed structure. I am requesting a change of the rear setback requirement to 35 feet. This proposed addition would enable me to extend my kitchen towards the rear of the house so that I could construct a powder room at the front end of the kitchen.

As stated in the attached letter from my urologist, I have been suffering from urinary incontinence and since I am advancing in years I would benefit greatly from having a powder room on the first floor. Given the layout of my first floor, the only practical place to install the powder room would be at the front side of the kitchen. Attached is a floor plan of my first floor that demonstrates this.

As shown in the attached photos, there are numerous enclosed rear porches within a block of my house with the same setback as I am proposing and there are many others throughout the rest of the neighborhood as well. I have also included letters of approval from the neighbors of mine that would be the most affected by this proposal.

In addition, I request a variance for the existing building and proposed addition side setback requirement of 10' to 6'. For both

That the Affiant(s) acknowledge(s) that if a formal demand is filed, Affiant(s) will be required to pay a reposting and advertising fee and may be required to provide additional information.

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Signature	Signature
Christiane M. Rothbaum	
Name - Type or Print	Name - Type or Print
Christiane Rothbaum	
STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF BALTIMORE, to wit	:
of Maryland, in and for the County aforesaid, personally appears that is no Roth baum	eared . 2011, before me, a Notary Public of the State
the Affiant(s) herein, personally known or satisfactorily identi	fied to me as such Affiant(s).
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Zoning Description for 300 Hopkins Road, Baltimore, MD 21212

Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the north side of Hopkins Road which is fifty feet wide and the east side of Dorking Road which is thirty seven feet wide as recorded in the Baltimore County Deed Liber E.H.K. JR No. 6868, folio 523

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at the corner formed by the intersection of the northernmost side of Hopkins Road and the southeasternmost side of Dorking Road and running thence southeasterly by a line curving towards the south and binding on the north side of Hopkins Road thirty-four feet to a point in a line with the centre of the partition wall there situate thence north four degrees fifty — four minutes east to and through the centre of the said partition wall and continuing the same course in all one hundred and ten feet to the south side of an alley fifteen feet wide there situate thence northwesterly by a line curving towards the south parallel with Hopkins Road and binding on the south side of said alley with the use thereof in common with the others twenty and nineteen one-hundredths feet to the northeast side of Dorking Road and thence south twelve degrees two minutes west binding thereon one hundred and eleven and thirteen one hundredths feet to the place of the beginning. The improvements thereon being known as 300 Hopkins Rd.

Located in the Fifth Councilmantic District, Ninth Election District and Zoned DR 10.5

The lot is 3774 Square Feet (.0866 Acres)

Re: Case # 2011-0302-A Christiane Rothbaum 300 Hopkins Rd Baltimore, Md. 21212 Hearing Date June 17, 10AM Rm. 104 in Jefferson Bldg

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I support the position of the Rodgers Forge Board of Governors to request the county to deny the variance needed for an addition to the rear of property as referenced in the above case. I own my home, and have lived in the same area as Ms. Rothbaum for many years.

When Keelty built these homes over 65 -70 years ago some had front and rear porches as well as some rear additions but due to age, decay and termites damage many have been replaced with new materials using same footprints. Therefore, they may appear to be new but are not. The community has tried to maintain the original development plan as built. According to records of John McGrain, former Historian for the County, Rodgers Forge was the first planned community in Baltimore County.

At that time the entire area had only low or no fences, lots of open space surrounding the entire area of Rodgers Forge. But due to some changes in zoning regulations and expansion of TU, St Joseph, GBMC, Sheppard Pratt and new developments the open fields do not exist today. It is critical not to allow more additions in order to maintain the health safety and welfare of our community and not impede the flow of air and light. The community has consistently fought to maintain the structural integrity of the original Keelty development plan.

Even though Ms. Rothbaum is pleading hardship I do not see that one exists due to any

uniqueness in her floor plan. Therefore, I feel the request for the variance setback should be denied.

See attached plan for alternate

Yours,

Carol Zielhe

Name

325 Murdock Road

address

PROTESTANT'S

EXHIBIT NO.

AREA OF PROPOSED POWDER ROOM plan for Kitchen an PROPOSED ADDITION OVER EXISTING POICH LIVING ROOM 16-8"x 16-5" SUN ROOM 14-10" x 6'-6" DECK PERMIT #748623 DINING with out a roof purse FRONT FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SCALE 1/8" = 1'-1

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scrutiny given to this lovely community. Therefore, it is most important not to allow new additions to the structures that will undermine the integrity and beauty of our beautiful community.

It is just as important not to impede the flow of air and light that an addition to one of these homes would certainly do to neighboring structures. By restricting both, Ms Rothbaum would jeopardize the health and the welfare of her neighbors, as well as the treasured open quality of the community. "The Forge" consists mostly of row homes. Open space is an important consideration to its aesthetics, as well as its homeliness. For these valid and justly important reasons, the community has consistently fought to maintain the structural integrity of the original Keelty development plan.

Some of the biggest reasons people are attracted to "The Forge", and subsequently choose to continue residing in it, is for the very distinctions I mentioned in the above paragraphs. Further, the homes have consistently maintained their financial stability, even in these financially trouble times, a further testament to all the efforts over the years that the community has made in the persons of its elected Board of Governors who continue to maintain James Keelty's vision..

I understand that Ms Rothbaum is pleading personal hardship based on a perceived inconvenience in her floor plan. I am comfortable in my knowledge, having visited numerous homes in "The Forge" over these forty years, that there are no floor plans among them that would qualify as being unique. They all bare an assured similarity.

Therefore, based on Ms Rothbaum's rather specious contention that her needs are greater than those of her neighbors and the community as a whole, and that her case trumps the overall design and community wellbeing built into every structure with strict attention to the overall

plan, I most earnestly disagree with her petition. Her self-serving request for a variance setback should be denied, forthwith!

Respectfully,

Charles T. Duvall

227 Murdock Road

Rodgers Forge

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Roxanne M. Rinehart

10 Regester Ave

Baltimore Md. 21212

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Yours,

Name

227 MURDOCK Rd

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Martin F. Sherman

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97 Murdock Road

Baltimore, MD 21212

JAMES M. DUNN III, ESQ.

168 STANMORE ROAD, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21212

Zoning Commissioner Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 July 12, 2011

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To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I support the position of the Rodgers Forge Community, Inc. Board of Governors that requests Baltimore County to deny the variance needed for an addition to the rear of property at 300 Hopkins Road as referenced in the above case. I own my home at 168 Stanmore Road and have lived Rodgers Forge for twenty-five years.

When Keelty built these homes more than sixty years ago some had front and rear porches as well as some rear additions but due to age, decay and termite damage many have been replaced with new materials using the same footprints. Although they may appear to be new, they are not. The community has tried to maintain the original development plan as built. According to records of John McGrain, former Historian for the County, Rodgers Forge was the first planned community in Baltimore County.

At that time, Rodgers Forge homes had only low fences or no fences and were surrounded by large expanses of open space. Over the years, new developments, changes in zoning regulations, and the expansion of Towson University, St. Joseph Hospital, GBMC, and Sheppard Pratt Hospital have eliminated the open fields we all enjoyed. It is critical not to allow more additions to homes in Rodgers Forge in order to maintain the health safety and welfare of our community and not to impede the flow of air and light. The community has consistently fought to maintain the structural integrity of the original Keelty development plan. We are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, largely for that reason.

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Sincerely

James M. Dunn III

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There are far more less expensive, less disruptive ways to deal with incontinence. If she so desperately needs a powder room of the first floor, there are ways to build one within the existing floor plan. If her issue is solely incontinence, she would only need a toilet, not an entire bathroom with sink, tub, shower, etc.

Allowing this resident to build an addition on the home would impede the flow of light and air to her neighbors. It would also violate the continuity in appearance of the houses of Rodgers Forge - something we have worked very hard to protect over the past several years in obtaining Landmark status.

I hope fervently that you will deny her request for a variance. I would be at the hearing in person but however, I need to work and can not get vacation time from my employer.

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Baltimore, Maryland 21212

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CC:

Zook, Patricia

Hi Kristen,

Please find attached a copy of a letter from J. Carroll Holzer just received requesting a postponement for June 17th. I believe Sterling is hand-delivering an original to Arnold as we speak.

Anyway, this is the case that when previously scheduled for 5/27, Holzer requested a postponement from Larry Stahl. As you recall, the Petitioner was very upset that she was not made aware (she contacted our office the very next day) and believed it was unfair that due to a holiday it was inconvenient for the other side; also complained that it was more money out of her pocket to re-post, re-advertise, etc. I advised her that the request was granted the day before and offered to scan the letter and email it to her. She informed that she would run it through her lawyer, which there was no indication in the file when Patti inquired when postponement was requested.

Please let us know if this request is granted by Arnold. Thanks.

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

RE: Case No.: 2011-0302-A 300 Hopkins Road Rodgers Forge Baltimore Mary

Rodgers Forge, Baltimore, Maryland 21212 Christiane Rothbaum, Property Owner

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Enclosure

cc: Lawrence M. Stahl, Panel Chair

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Debra Wiley - Re: ZAC Comment - 2011-0302-A - 300 Hopkins Rd., 21212

From:

Dennis Kennedy

To:

Wiley, Debra

Date:

6/16/2011 2:55 PM

Subject: Re: ZAC Comment - 2011-0302-A - 300 Hopkins Rd., 21212

Deb:

We have no comment on item 2011-0302-A. **Dennis Kennedy**

>>> Debra Wiley 6/15/2011 1:24 PM >>> Good Afternoon,

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ATTENTION: KRISTEN LEWIS

DATE: 4/19/2011

Case Number: 2011-0302-A

Petitioner / Developer: CHRISTIANE ROTHBAUM~JOE McDOWELL of

CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS OF MARYLAND

Date of Hearing (Closing): MAY 2, 2011

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: 300 HOPKINS ROAD

The sign(s) were posted on: APRIL 15, 2011



Linda O Rufe
(Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe
(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane (Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030 (City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

410 – 666 – 5366 (Telephone Number of Sign Poster)

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ATTENTION: KRISTEN LEWIS

DATE: 5/30/2011

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Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

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(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030 (City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

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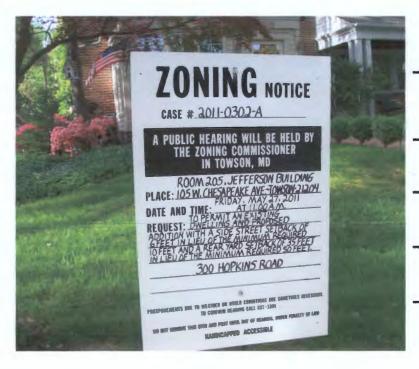
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CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS OF MARYLAND

Date of Hearing (Closing): MAY 12, 2011

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The sign(s) were posted on: MAY 27, 2011



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FORMAL DEMAND FOR HEARING

CASE NUMBER: 2011-030ZA
Address: 300 HOPKING
Petitioner(s):
() Legal Owner OR () Resident of Jennifer Helfnch, Dresident
160 Stanmore MD 21712 City State Zip Code 410-583-87) 4 Telephone Number
which is located approximatelyfeet from the property, which is the subject of the above petition, do hereby formally demand that a public hearing be set in this matter. ATTACHED IS THE REQUIRED PROCESSING FEE FOR THIS DEMAND.
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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS



TO:

Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

David Lykens, Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

(DEPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

May 5, 2011

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

11-302-A

Address

300 Hopkins Road

(Rothbaum Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of April 18, 2011.

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

Reviewer:

Jeff Livingston; Development Coordination

Debra Wiley - Re: ZAC Comment - 2011-0302-A - 300 Hopkins Rd., 21212

From:

Don Muddiman

To:

Wiley, Debra

Date:

6/15/2011 1:38 PM

Subject:

Re: ZAC Comment - 2011-0302-A - 300 Hopkins Rd., 21212

Attachments: Distribution Meeting April 18, 2011 Zoning (1 and 3).doc

Debbie,

I made comments on the above subject matter on April 19, 2011 with the letter being delivered on Wednesday April 20, 2011. refer to the below attachment.

Don Muddiman, Inspector Baltimore County Fire Marshal's Office Special Projects

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June 12, 2011

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Managing Administrative Law Judge Lawrence Stahl

105 West Chesapeake Avenue Room 103 Towson, MD 21204 OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Re:

300 Hopkins Road - 21212

Zoning Case #: 2011-0302-A Hearing Date: June 17, 2011

Hearing Time: 10:00 am

To the Office of Administrative Hearings (Zoning):

I write as a home owner living in the immediate vicinity of the above referenced property. You can tell how close I live from the attached picture taken from my back bedroom, showing 300 Hopkins including the sign with notice of the coming hearing.

I walk by this house a lot, as I walk my dogs twice a day. I have long admired the beautiful job the homeowner had done with the front porch. Only recently did I learn that the front porch was improved fifteen years ago over the objections of the Rodgers Forge Community Association (no zoning variance was needed for that improvement).

I have seen the plans for what the owner of 300 Hopkins Road wants to do. This will be a valuable improvement to the area; and since she already has a track record of having done a wonderful job with front I am certain the back will be great as well. She keeps her yard and house up in a way we all should aspire to.

I cannot understand how the community association, or anyone for that matter could raise objections to what has been proposed. This is particularly true in light of the fact that of the 32 houses that open on to the alley between the 300 blocks of Hopkins and Dunkirk, eight already have enclosures similar to, or larger than, the proposal for 300 Hopkins. A full twenty five percent (25%) of the houses on her alley already have this; why are questions being raised about her improvement?

Baltimore County Zoning Re: 300 Hopkins Road June 12, 2011 Page 2

Feel free to call me if you have any questions at 410-366-5200. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Art Buist, Esq.

cc: Arnold Jablon, Director

Baltimore County Office of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

111 W. Chesapeake Ave.

Room 111

Towson, MD 21204

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

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June 10, 2011

J. Carroll Holzer Holzer & Lee 508 Fairmount Avenue Towson, MD 21286

RE: 2011-0302-A, 300 Hopkins Road, Public Hearing Postponement Request

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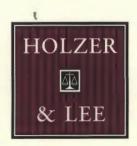
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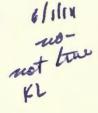
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TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY Thursday, June 2, 2011 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:
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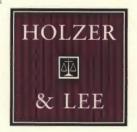
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SENT VIA U.S. MAIL AND HAND-DELIVERED

Lawrence M. Stahl, Panel Chair Chief Administrative Law Judge Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

Request for Administrative Variance

300 Hopkins Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21212

Case No.:

20-11-0302-A

Hearing Scheduled: Friday, May 27, 2011

Dear Mr. Stahl:

I represent Rodgers Forge Community, Inc. ("RFC"), relating to the above-referenced request for an administrative variance and the associated hearing scheduled for Friday, May 27, 2011. I was just retained by Rodgers Forge on Monday, May 16, 2011. I will be out-of-town on Friday, May 27, 2011, for Memorial Day weekend.

Also, Representatives of the RFC, which is the local community association, as well as a number of concerned homeowners who live nearby would like to attend the scheduled hearing to participate in the process regarding the homeowner's proposed addition to the rear of herresidence.



Lawrence M. Stahl, Panel Chair May 16, 2011 Page two

I hereby request a postponement of the hearing date. In addition, this proposed date is inconvenient for at least two (2) of the persons who wish to be heard to oppose the variance.

Please notify me as soon as possible if the hearing date can be rescheduled, so I may notify my client regarding same.

Very truly yours,

. Carroll Holzer

JCH:mlg

cc: Ms. Jean Duval, RFC Architectural Committee

Mr. Stephen Bevans, RFC Architectural Committee

Ms. Carol Zielke, RFC Architectural Committee

Mr. David Lampton, RFC Architectural Committee

Mr. William Grothmann, RFC Architectural Committee

Ms. Christiane M. Rothbaum, 300 Hopkins Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21212

Mr. Joseph McDowell, 3746 Peach Orchard Rd. Street, MD 21154

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ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES

Case Number 2011- 0302 -A Address 300 Hopkins Road
Contact Person: Jeffrey Perlow Phone Number: 410-887-3391 Planner, Please Print Your Name
Filing Date: 4/6/2011 Posting Date: 4/17/2011 Closing Date: 5/2/26
Any contact made with this office regarding the status of the administrative variance should be through the contact person (planner) using the case number.
1. POSTING/COST : The petitioner must use one of the sign posters on the approved list (on the reverse side of this form) and the petitioner is responsible for all printing/posting costs. Any reposting must be done only by one of the sign posters on the approved list and the petitioner is again responsible for all associated costs. The zoning notice sign must be visible on the property on or before the posting date noted above. It should remain there through the closing date.
 DEADLINE: The closing date is the deadline for an occupant or owner within 1,000 feet to file a formal request for a public hearing. Please understand that even if there is no formal request for a public hearing, the process is not complete on the closing date.
ORDER: After the closing date, the file will be reviewed by the zoning or deputy zoning commissioner. He may: (a) grant the requested relief; (b) deny the requested relief; or (c) order that the matter be set in for a public hearing. You will receive written notification, usually within 10 days of the closing date if all County agencies' comments are received, as to whether the petition has been granted, denied, or will go to public hearing. The order will be mailed to you by First Class mail.
4. POSSIBLE PUBLIC HEARING AND REPOSTING: In cases that must go to a public hearing (whether due to a neighbor's formal request or by order of the zoning or deputy zoning commissioner), notification will be forwarded to you. The sign on the property must be changed giving notice of the hearing date, time and location. As when the sign was originally posted, certification of this change and a photograph of the altered sign must be forwarded to this office.
(Detach Along Dotted Line)
Petitioner: This Part of the Form is for the Sign Poster Only
USE THE ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE SIGN FORMAT
Case Number 2011- 0302 -A Address 300 Hopkins Road
Petitioner's Name Christiane Roth baum Telephone 410-377-9077
Posting Date: 4/17/201 Closing Date: 5/2/2011
Wording for Sign: To Permit an existing dwelling and proposed addition with a sid
street setback of 6 feet in lieu of the minimum required 10 feet, and a rea
yard setback of 35 feet in lieu of the minimum required 50 feet

Mach 23, 2011

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I am an adjacent property owner to Ms. Christiane Rothbaum and I live at

I have reviewed the rendering of the proposed enclosed porch located at the rear of her address (300 Hopkins Road) and I have no objection regarding the construction of this enclosed porch.

We currently rent out our house
at 302 Hopkins Rd. We have
he objection to the construction as
shown in the attached drawing

W. G. Natkins Church Wat

William & Chengai Watkins

8400 Greenspring Ave

Stevenson MD 21153

tel: 443-629-3760

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My husband & I just moved to 301

Dinkirk. We support the request to improve the property of our new he ightsor.

Lee & John

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March 24, 2011

Christiane M Rothbaum 300 Hopkins Road. Baltimore, MD 21212

To whom it may concern:

I hereby certify that Christiane M Rothbaum has been under my professional care and was previously seen in the office for stress urinary incontinence. She is three years status post TOT for stress urinary incontinence. This has resolved, but she now has some urgency and urge incontinence. Please allow Christiane M Rothbaum to have a variance to build a powder room on the first floor in light of her urinary symptoms. If you have any further questions, please contact my office at 410-825-6310.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Levin, MD

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KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

May 5, 2011

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300 Hopkins Road N/side of Hopkins Road at corner of E/side of Dorking Road 9th Election District – 5th Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Christiane Rothbaum

Variance to permit an existing dwelling and proposed addition with a side street setback of 6 feet in lieu of minimum of required 10 feet and rear yard setback of 35 feet in lieu of minimum required 50 feet.

Hearing: Friday, May 27, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

Arnold Jablon Director

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C: Christiane Rothbaum, 300 Hopkins Road, Rodgers Forge 21212 Joseph McDowell, 3746 Peach Orchard Road, Street MD 21154 Jennifer Helfrich, 150 Stanmore Road, Baltimore 21212

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE AT 410-887-3868.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.

TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

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Please forward billing to:

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
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May 13, 2011

Mrs. Christiane Rothbaum 300 Hopkins Road Rodgers Forge, MD 21212

RE: Case Number 2011-0302-A, 300 Hopkins Road

Dear Mrs. Schnepfe,

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on April 6, 2011. 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

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: April 18, 2011

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For May 2, 2011

Item Nos. 2011-301, 302, 303, 305,

306, 307 and 308

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

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive JOHN J. HOHMAN, Chief Fire Department

April 19, 2011

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

ATTENTION: Zoning Review

Distribution Meeting of: April 8, 2011

Item No.:

Administrative Variance: 2011-0301A - 0302A, 2011-0305A - 0306A, 2011-0308A.

Variance: 2011-0303-SPHA, 2011-0307A.

Special Hearing: 2011-0303-SPHA.

Comments:

The Baltimore County Fire Marshal's Office has no comments on the above case numbers at this time.

Don W. Muddiman, Inspector Baltimore County Fire Marshal's Office 700 E. Joppa Road, 3RD Floor Towson, Maryland 21286 Office: 410-887-4880 dmuddiman@baltimorecountymd.gov

cc: File



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

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Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: 4-18-11

Ms. Kristen Matthews Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: **Baltimore County**

Item No. 2011-0302-A Administrative Variance 300 Hopkins Road Christiane M. Roth Dann

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. 2011-0302A.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Richard Zeller at 410-545-5598 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5598. Also, you may E-mail him at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us). Thank you for your cooperation.

Steven D. Foster, Chief Access Management Division

SDF/rz



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

April 25, 2011

Ms. Christiane M. Rothbaum 300 Hopkins Road Rodgers Forge, MD 21212

RE: Case Number: 2011-0302-A, 300 Hopkins Road

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Zoning Commissioner Jefferson Building 105 W Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

June 16, 2011

Re: Case # 2011-0302-A Rothbaum 300 Hopkins Road Baltimore, Maryland 21212

To whom it may concern:

I am in agreement with the Rodgers Forge Board of Governors in their request to deny the variance for this property in this case.

I have lived in the Forge for over 10 years, I am not on the board and do not know the owners of the home. I can tell you that I have done some research and am confident that this work should not be allowed. I am not entirely sure why the request was made but from looking at the actual property, the plans from the website and from reading almost all of the comments from the blog I do not understand what they are trying to accomplish other than to be different.

There are many homes in the Forge with 1st floor ½ bathrooms. If this is the case then it can be resolved without a variance. I understand the addition was not for a bathroom anyway. I admire owners who take pride in their homes and want to spend money to improve them. We need more homeowners willing to do the same.

The problem comes when individual owners want to over improve their homes by making changes that would make their house stand out, become more attractive, easier to resell maybe. I know many families over the last decade who wish that they could have this very same wonderful neighborhood but with more room, more space, more parking and so on and so on. The simple truth is Rodgers Forge is a perfect place to live but was built over 50 years ago when families lived differently. The community was designed for a time that is different than what they build for today. Building styles have changed and we all want just a little more space and for the most part the Board is very accommodating, they live here, they understand. I understand wanting to change and am not opposed to that. Go ahead, gut your house from brick wall to brick wall, make it new and desirable for you and future generations, but please do not try to enclose a porch, add an oversized deck, install sliding glass doors to a deck that is bigger than the entire yard or add enclosed square footage. These "improvements" and the variances needed to do so would destroy the homogeneity of the community and we will never be able to get that back. Having a high percentage of homes in a planned community remain as

they were built adds to the stability of that community. Once that has been broken, even for legitimate reasons, the community and all who have interest in it begin to fail.

Rodgers Forge has been a desirable place to live since its inception and has maintained its value through all economic cycles. You may say it is because of the schools but it is because of the people who choose to live here and their kids that make the schools what they are. Buyers choose the Forge understanding what they are getting and what limitations they have. I am sorry if an individuals circumstances or tastes have changed since they purchased. I totally understand why people want to live here and stay forever and make changes to the home. I also understand that if you want more space, more rooms, an enclosed deck or your own parking you may need to relocate. Many have done as opposed to asking for variances and are happy. They miss the Forge and often relocate back here once the kids have moved away. If you have outgrown the Forge it is time to relocate, not time to adapt the Forge to your personal preferences.

I do not believe this homeowner means any harm and feels that they are entirely within their right to do what they consider to be small modest upgrades. I want people to be happy and proud of their homes, but enjoy and be proud of what you bought, a perfect community that has been consistent for decades in their belief that individual actions, even on your own property, have wider implications. If you seek a new sunroom with a walkout porch then find a house that has one. Stoneleigh and West Towson are perfect alternatives. If everyone in the forge were allowed a variance to do what they liked to their property, even small stuff, it would be a much less desirable community.

Thank you for you attention and please do not allow this variance.

David Crockett

Regards,

119 Murdock Road

Baltimore, Maryland 21212

Jennifer Helfrich, RFC, Inc. president

One of the key reasons for the maintained desireability and good property values has been the encouragement and enforcement of the initial look of the neighborhood and the goorgian style of the homes as Leelty envisioned and Built it. The community association Mas maintained and enforced no additions to homes in Rodgers Forge. The precident short could be set with the allowance of a workence of for an addition to a home in Rodgers Forge could inspandize arenyone's property Values and the desirability of the neighborhood,

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Petition of Support 300 Hopkins Road Baltimore MD 21212 EXHIBIT NO. //

Case Number: 2011-0302-A 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Jefferson Building - Room 104

Hearing Date/Time Friday, June 17, 2011 10:00am

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Petition of Support 300 Hopkins Road Baltimore MD 21212

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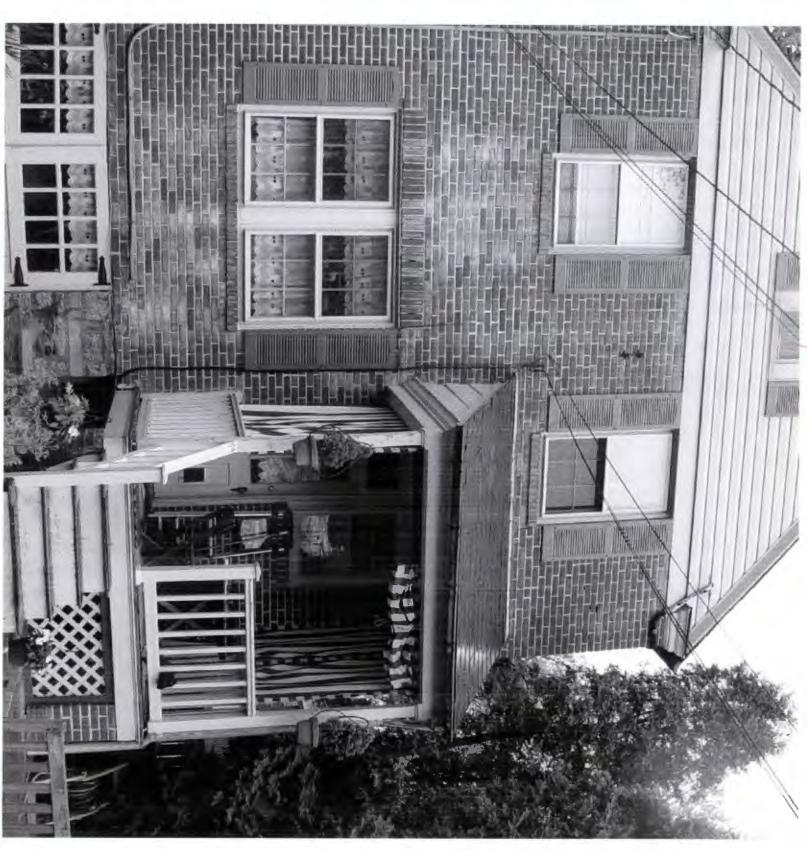








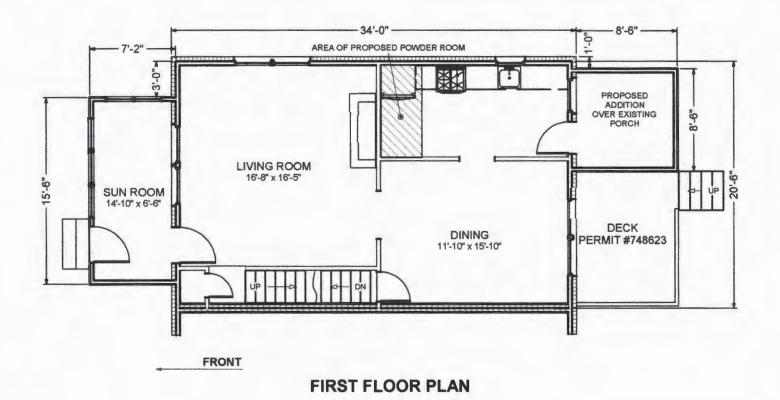
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Construction Solutions of Maryland

Christiane Rothbaum Residence

Date - 4/3/11

3746 Peach Orchard Rd. - Street, MD 21154

Date - 4/3/11

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District - 09 Account Number - 0914100100 **Account Identifier: Owner Information** RESIDENTIAL ROTHBAUM CHRISTIANE M Owner Name: Use: **Principal Residence:** 1) /27375/ 00454 300 HOPKINS RD Deed Reference: Mailing Address: **BALTIMORE MD 21212-1819 Location & Structure Information** Premises Address Legal Description 300 HOPKINS RD 0-0000 300 HOPKINS RD RODGERS FORGE **Assessment Area** Plat No: Map Grid **Parcel Sub District** Subdivision Section **Block** Lot Plat Ref: 0080 0001 0036 0000 NONE Town Special Tax **Ad Valorem Areas** Tax Class **County Use Primary Structure Built Enclosed Area Property Land Area** 1,496 SF 3,774 SF 04 **Stories** Basement **Type Exterior** 2.000000 YES **END UNIT BRICK** Value Information **Base Value Value Phase-in Assessments** As Of As Of 01/01/2011 07/01/2010 07/01/2011 100,000 100,000 Land 189,670 166,300 Improvements: 266,300 289,670 266,300 289,670 Total: **Preferential Land:** Transfer Information ROTHBAUM KENNETH L 10/07/2008 Seller: Date: Price: /27375/ 00454 NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER Deed1 Deed2: Type: 03/02/1988 \$108,000 Price: Seller: GEMES KENNETH E Date: ARMS LENGTH IMPROVED Deed1: /07804/ 00662 Deed2: Type: Date: Price: Seller: Deed2 Deed1: **Exemption Information Partial Exempt Assessments** Class 07/01/2011 07/01/2012 0.00 County **State** 0.00 0.00 Municipal

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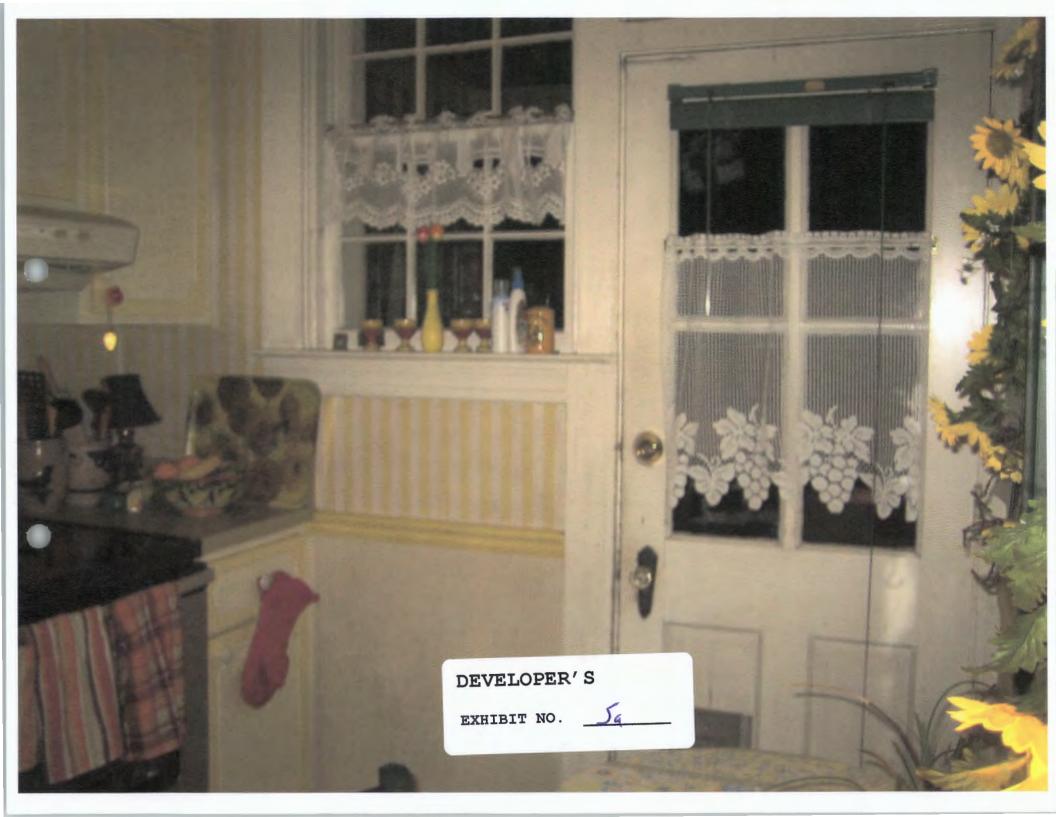
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS, AND INSPECTIONS

Arnold Jablon, Deplty Administrative Officer 2 Director



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Donald E. Brand, Building Engineer

BUILDING PERMIT

DIST: 09 PREC: 01 PERMIT #: B769676 CONTROL #: MR DATE ISSUED: 08/22/2011 TAX ACCOUNT #: 0914100100 CLASS: 04

PLANS: CONST 00 PLOT 2 R PLAT 0 DATA 0 ELEC YES PLUM NO

HOPKINS RD LOCATION: 300 SUBDIVISION: RODGERS FORGE

OWNERS INFORMATION

NAME: ROTHBAUM CHRISTIANE M

ADDR: 300 HOPKINS RD MD 21212-1819

TENANT:

CONTR: MHR SERVICES INC

ENGNR:

EXPIRATION DATE EXTENDED W/ADD'L FEE PAID. SELLR: ALTS 40SF: TO REMOVE AN EXISTING WINDOW & WORK:

INSTALL FRENCH DOORS; REMOVE COVERED DECK & CONSTRUCT COVERED DECK 19X8'6"X12=161.5SF WITH STEPS TO GRADE, ATTACHED TO REAR OF SFTH. THIS

PERMIT CANCELS B748623, EXPIRES 9/3/12; CHANGE

OF CONSTRUCTION.

BLDG. CODE:

OWNERSHIP: PRIVATELY OWNED RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY: TOWNHOUSE

PROPOSED USE: SFTH & ALTERATIONS & ADDITION

EXISTING USE: SFTH

TYPE OF IMPRV: ADDITION

USE: ONE FAMILY

BASEMENT: NONE FOUNDATION: CONCRETE

WATER: PUBLIC EXIST SEWAGE: PUBLIC EXIST

LOT SIZE AND SETBACKS

SIZE: 3774SF FRONT STREET:

SIDE STREET: FRONT SETB:

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Bathrooms: 2/2
Lot Size: 0.08 ac

Type : Townhouse (End)
Style : Colonial
Year Built : 1938
Taxes : \$4,967 (2010)
Ownership : Fee Simple

Ownership: Fee Simple
Subdivision: Rodgers Forge
Stories: 4
MLS#: BC.7596142

WalkScore*: 66 (Somewhat Walkable) ?

Your Rating:

Open House Sunday, June 19, 2011, 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Open Sun 6/19 1:30-3pm 3 story,5 bedrm, EOG , Windows replaced & Kit updated w/granite counters & tile backsplash.New sliders lead to screened porch or huge, elevated rear deck.Fully fenced rear yd.Detached garage w/rafter storage.LL w/finished rec rm complete w/beautiful built-in entertainment center.Separate dining Rm w/built-in corner cabinets.LvRm w/FP & huge mantel CAC & Hwd Fir

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Case number 2011-0302-A; 300 Hopkins Rd. June 17, 2011, 10:00 a.m. Managing Administrative Law Judge, Lawrence Stahl 105 W. Chesapeake Ave. Room 103, Towson, MD 21204

Judge Stahl,

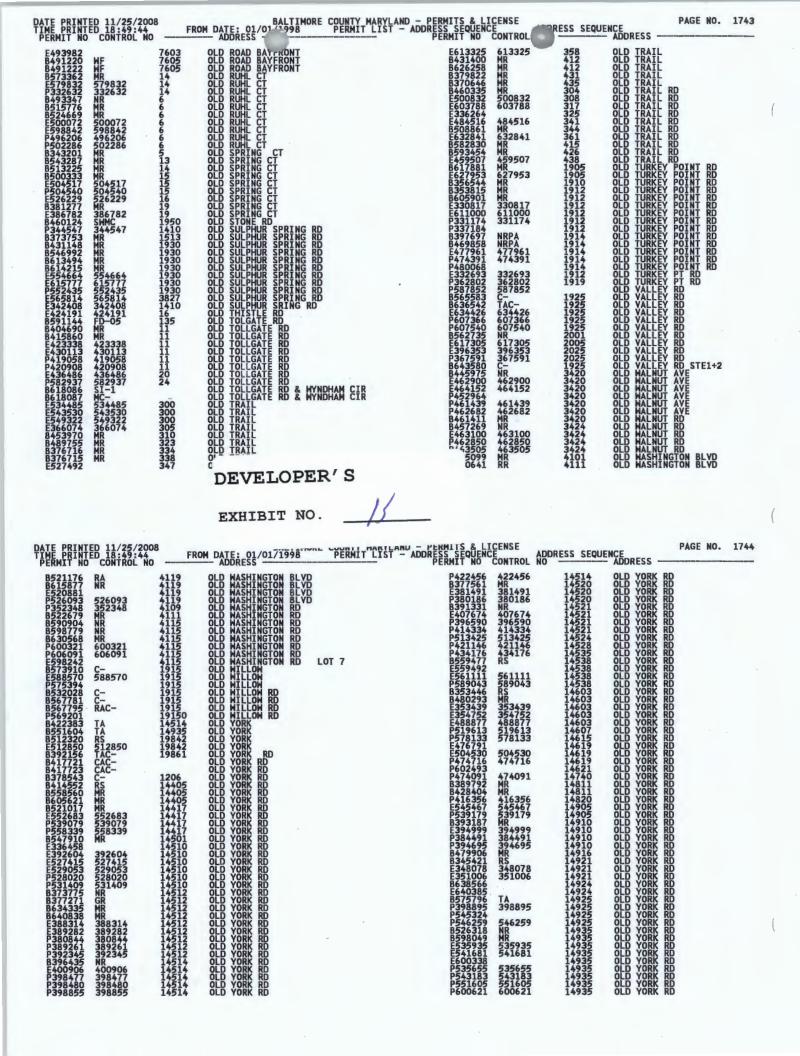
I am concerned about the unique impact that zoning changes have had on 300 Hopkins Road and other Rodgers Forge properties built before the county changed our setbacks. It is as though our county has taken away property rights from owners of these older houses. These changes were not made for us. They were intended for new housing. When these older houses were built the setbacks were not so restrictive. Now these houses are allowed to exceed the new setbacks because they were built before the changes. But owners of older houses are not allowed to improve and fully enjoy their property like those who bought setback conforming new houses after the setbacks had been changed.

If we recognize these unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis these older houses can be improved and brought up to date with our current housing needs. Rarely is a house built today without a rest room on the first floor. But that ability might be taken from the owner of 300 Hopkins Rd. because it was built when these new standards were not in force. If we deny the right of homeowners, who are supported by their immediate neighbors, to tastefully improve their property only because of an arbitrary rule change, we will stifle improvements in older housing throughout our county. These unimproved older houses become the boon of rental lords who swoop them up at bargain prices and rent them to transient students and others. Rental houses drive down housing values and lower our county real-estate tax receipts.

Thirty-five years ago, I learned at my settlement for 201 Hopkins Rd. that half the fenced-in yard was not mine. It was the right-of-way for Pinehurst Rd. My front door steps were barely three feet from that right-of-way. Those tight conditions can be found throughout the older sections of Rodgers Forge and other neighborhoods too. Before setbacks were changed houses were crammed into some of the smallest lots possible. If setbacks are arbitrarily enforced in all of our older housing, there is no way to turn, only to sell and to leave. I lived in Rodgers Forge for 45 years. I left. Others left also. This is not good for our communities and it is not good for our county. Thank You.

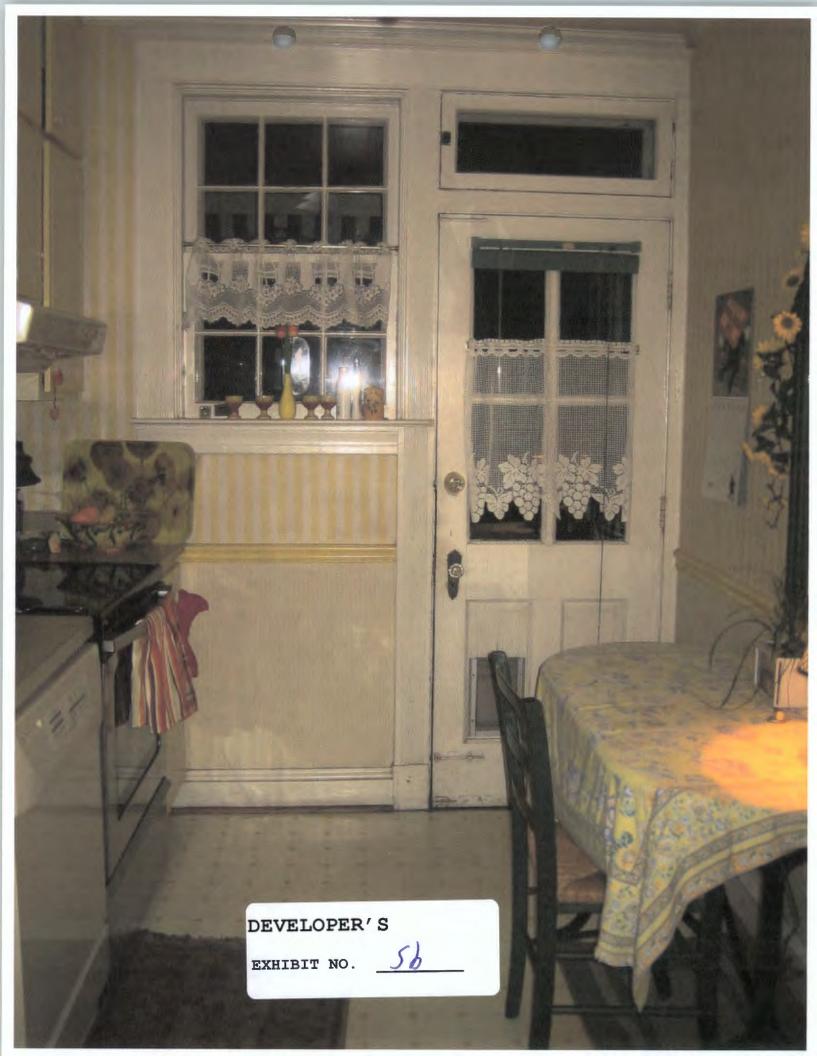
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March 24, 2011

Christiane M Rothbaum 300 Hopkins Road. Baltimore, MD 21212

To whom it may concern:

I hereby certify that Christiane M Rothbaum has been under my professional care and was previously seen in the office for stress urinary incontinence. She is three years status post TOT for stress urinary incontinence. This has resolved, but she now has some urgency and urge incontinence. Please allow Christiane M Rothbaum to have a variance to build a powder room on the first floor in light of her urinary symptoms. If you have any further questions, please contact my office at 410-825-6310.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Levin, MD

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EXHIBIT NO.



PROPOSED ADDITION

Construction Solutions Of Maryland

3746 Peach Orchard Rd. - Street, MD 21154

Christiane Rothbaum Residence

300 Hopkins Rd. - Rodgers Ford, MD 21212

SCALE - N/A

June 13, 2011

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