IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE

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E side of Montemar Avenue, 660' of c/line of Bloomsbury Avenue

1st Election District

BEFORE THE

1st Councilmanic District
(407 Montemar Avenue)

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Omer Sheikh
Legal Owner

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2012-0128-SPHA

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed by the legal property owner, Omer Sheikh. The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit a boarding or rooming house. In addition, the Petitioner is requesting variance relief from Sections 408.B.1.D and 409.6.A.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit two (2) parking spaces to be located in the front and side yard in lieu of the required four (4) spaces and side and rear yard. The subject property and requested relief are more fully described on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the Special Hearing and Variance requests was Omer Sheikh. Numerous neighboring owners appeared and opposed the requests, and their names and addresses are listed on the sign-in-sheet included in the case file. It appears the Petitions were properly advertised and the site was properly posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

It should be noted that this matter came before the OAH as a result of an active violation case with the Code Enforcement Division of the Department of Permits, Approvals and

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Inspections¹. A Code Enforcement Correction Notice was issued to the Petitioner on September 15, 2011, indicating (among other things) that Petitioner's home was occupied by more than two unrelated individuals, which required him to obtain approval of a rooming/boarding house. Hence, Petitioner filed requests for zoning relief.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property consists of a one-story brick and frame dwelling (6,820 square feet), zoned D.R.2 and is located in the Catonsville area of the County. The house is situated in a community of similar single-family dwellings, and is located near UMBC and the Community College of Baltimore County. Petitioner testified he is the owner, and that he has recently experienced financial troubles that required him to rent the home. He stated he was unable to find a family to lease the entire home, and he therefore rented the home to four tenants, one of whom is Petitioner's brother.

Several neighbors testified at the hearing, including Berchie Manley, Cynthia Wills, Douglas Trettiem, Kellie Griffin, Joann Cricchi and Walter Dustmann. Though each identified specific concerns they had with the requests, common themes certainly emerged. Area residents complained about excessive noise, the large number of cars parked on the street, and (primarily) that allowing a boarding house would be inappropriate and out of character for this neighborhood of single-family dwellings, and would set a dangerous precedent for the similar conversion of other homes, especially given the proximity to two local colleges.

By letter dated January 4, 2012, three of the neighbors who testified at the hearing in this case submitted to the undersigned certain additional "information" for inclusion in the record. Under long-standing procedure, documents or additional evidence submitted after a case is heard and concluded are not considered, and I therefore was obliged to disregard this submission.

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The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. Comments were received from the Department of Planning on December 7, 2011, as follows:

"The Department of Planning has reviewed the petitioner's request and accompanying site plan. The Department of Planning recommends <u>denial</u> of the petitioner's special hearing request. A rooming and boarding land use on the subject property is not consistent with existing surrounding single-family uses. Furthermore, the Department of Planning recommends <u>denial</u> of any variances. Rooming and boarding houses should comply with all applicable requirements of the BCZR.

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- 1. The arrangement and location of the parking spaces would not be patterned in a similar manner to those in the neighborhood.
- 2. The rear yard open space would be inconsistent with the open space patterns of the neighborhood, ad it would not complement the rear yard open space of the adjacent properties."

Under the B.C.Z.R., a boarding house (at least in these circumstances, where Petitioner does not reside on the premises) is a building occupied (for compensation) by three or more individuals who are not related to each other by blood, marriage or adoption. B.C.Z.R. § 101.1. The dwelling at 407 Montemar is therefore a "boarding house", given that four tenants reside therein. The procedure to obtain approval for a boarding house in a residential zone is found in § 408B of the B.C.Z.R.

That regulation requires that the applicant demonstrate the use will be consistent with the surrounding community, and that the operation of the boarding house will satisfy the special exception standards set forth at B.C.Z.R. § 502.1. In this case, the Petitioner failed to present any evidence or testimony concerning how the operation of the boarding house would satisfy the

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numerous requirements and standards set forth in B.C.Z.R. § 502.1. The Petitioner appeared <u>prose</u>, and was articulate and forthcoming. But the zoning regulations impose onerous requirements in cases of this nature, and the Petitioner would have been greatly assisted in this process by an attorney. While I am certainly sympathetic to his plight and the financial woes he is experiencing, I am nonetheless constrained by the law in this scenario, and am unable to approve the request unless the requisite showing has been made.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered by the parties, I find that Petitioner's requests for Special Hearing and Variance should be denied.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this _____ day of January, 2012 by the Administrative Law Judge, that Special Hearing relief filed pursuant to Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit a boarding or rooming house, be and is hereby DENIED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Variance relief requested pursuant to Sections 408.B.1.D and 409.6.A.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit two (2) parking spaces to be located in the front and side yard in lieu of the required four (4) spaces and side and rear yard, be and is hereby DENIED AS MOOT given the denial of the Special Hearing relief.

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

Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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LAWRENCE M. STAHL
Managing Administrative Law Judge
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
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Administrative Law Judges

January 12, 2012

Omer Sheikh 518 West Sand Drive Severn, MD 21144

RE:

Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance

Case No.: 2012-0128-SPHA Property: 407 Montemar Avenue

Dear Mr. Sheikh:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 887-3868.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB:dlw Enclosure

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The Zoning Hearing Property Description

PART A

Zoning Property Description for 407 Montemar Ave. Catonsville, MD. 21228 .

Beginning at a point on the East side of Montemar Avenue which is 57.72 feet wide at the distance of 659.96 feet South of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Bloomsbury Avenue which is 63.13 feet wide.

PART B

Being Lot Number Seven (7) in Block C, Section C Plat No. 2 of Oak Springs, which plat is recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book W.J.R. Number 27, folio 86, containing 6,820.00 Square Feet Location in 1st Election District and 1 Council District.

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THIS LETTER IS TO CERITFY UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE NECESSARY SIGN(S) REQUIRED BY LAW WERE POSTED CONSPICUOUSLY ON THE PROPERTY AT 407 MONTEMAR AVENUE

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407 Montemar Avenue

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Hearing: Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

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Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections for Baltimore County

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS 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. <u>For those petitions which require a public hearing</u>, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

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Omar Sheikh 518 Wet Sand Drive Severn, MD 21144

RE: Case Number 2012-0128-SPHA, 407 Montemar Avenue

Dear Mr. Sheikh,

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on November 11, 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,

U. Carl Rich

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: December 6, 2011

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdal

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT:

407 Montemar Avenue

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

12-128

Petitioner:

Omer Sheikh

Zoning:

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Requested Action:

Special Hearing and Variance

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petitioner's request and accompanying site plan. The Department of Planning recommends <u>denial</u> of the petitioner's special hearing request. A rooming and boarding land use on the subject property is not consistent with existing surrounding single-family uses. Furthermore, the Department of Planning recommends <u>denial</u> of any variances. Rooming and boarding houses should comply with all applicable requirements of the BCZR.

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

Prepared by

Division Chief:

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: November 28, 2011

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For December 5, 2011

Item Nos. 2012-126,127,128,129,130,132,133

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

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

Item No. 2012-0128-5PHA
Special Hearing Variance
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407 Montemor Avenue

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. Zo12-O128-SPHA.

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.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

Access Management Division

SDF/rz

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE

407 Montemar Avenue; E/S Montemar Avenue;*

660' S of c/line of Bloomsbury Avenue

1st Election & 1st Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): Omer Sheikh

Petitioner(s) *

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

2012-128-SPHA

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Pursuant to Baltimore County Charter § 524.1, please enter the appearance of People's Counsel for Baltimore County as an interested party 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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CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Peter Max Zimmerman PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29th day of November, 2011, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Omer Sheikh, 518 Wet Sand Drive, Severn, MD 21144, Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zunmerman PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

DIVISION OF CODE INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVE VIOLATION CASE DOCUMENTS

CO0100707 407 Montemar Avenue

> 2012-0128 SPHA

BALTIMORE COUNTY MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE:

December 12, 2011

TO:

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

FROM:

Lionel van Dommelen, Chief

Division of Code Inspections & Enforcement

SUBJECT:

Item No:

2012-0128-SPHA

Legal Owner/Petitioner:

Omer Sheikh

Property Address:

407 Montemar

Location Description:

E/S of Montemar Ave, 660 feet South of centerline

of Bloomsbury Avenue.

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: Ray Harmon

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:

Case No: CO0100707 Correction Notices

Citation Photographs

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

LvD/kh

C: Ray Harmon, Code Enforcement Officer

Permits, Approvals, and Inspections Code Inspections & Enforcer County Office Building, Rm 111 West Chesapeake Ave Towson, Maryland 21204



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Plumbing Inspection Building Inspection

CODE ENFORCEMENT

CORRECTION NOTICE

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407 MONTEMAR AVE/CO0100707

Garbage not in container w/tight fitting lids JT&D Rooming house

11/15/11 Talk with owner, He has applied for special hearing case e # 2012-0218 SPHA, Zoning Donna Thompson. stated hearing should be in late Dec. Will monitor, Updated complainant. P/u 1/16/12 Rh?**********

Debra Wiley - Fwd: 407 Montemar Avenue

From:

John Beverungen

To:

Debra Wiley

Date:

1/9/2012 9:23 AM

Subject:

Fwd: 407 Montemar Avenue

for the file

>>> <jdnberchie@verizon.net> 01/07/12 6:31 PM >>>

January 4, 2012

Honorable Judge John Beverungen

Jefferson Building

105 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

Dear Judge Beverungen,

Please add the following information into the record of Case Number 2012-0128-SPHA, heard on January 3, 2012:

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- 3. Granting the petition for a Boarding/Rooming House use is precedent setting and will encourage more Boarding/Rooming house use, with the close proximity to UMBC and Baltimore County Community College-Catonsville.

4. If Mr. Shrikh sells 407 as a Boarding/Rooming House use, more houses will possibly be petitioned for change, since the precedent will have been set. Once a property is sold as a multiple resident rental property (Boarding/Rooming), it will be much more difficult to return it to a single family residence.

Judge Beverungen, we appreciate your objective deliberation and request that you consider these concerns and deny the petition. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Wills

412 Montemar Avenue 410-747-3819

Joann Cricchi 418 Montemar Avenue 410-744-0908

Berchie Manley 402 Montemar Avenue

410-747-7419

Debra Wiley - 407 Montemar Avenue - Omer Sheikh - Boarding or Rooming House

From:

Debra Wiley

To:

Harmon, Raymond

Date:

12/30/2011 12:30 PM

Subject:

407 Montemar Avenue - Omer Sheikh - Boarding or Rooming House

Hi Ray,

Just to advise you that the above-referenced is scheduled before our office on Tuesday, January 3rd at 10 AM in Room 205 of the Jefferson Building. You probably refer to it as Code Violation #CO-100707.

Thanks and have a Happy New Year!

Debbie Wiley Legal Administrative Secretary Office of Administrative Hearings 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Md. 21204 410-887-3868 410-887-3468 (fax) dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov Honorable Judge John Beverungen

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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Case No.: 2012 - 128 - SPHA

Exhibit Sheet

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Petitioner/Developer

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Zoning Hearing Plan for Variance X For Special Hearing

Address 407 Montemar Ave. Catonsville, Md. 21228 Owner(s) Name Omer Sheikh Subdivision Name Oak Springs Lot #7 Block C Section# C2

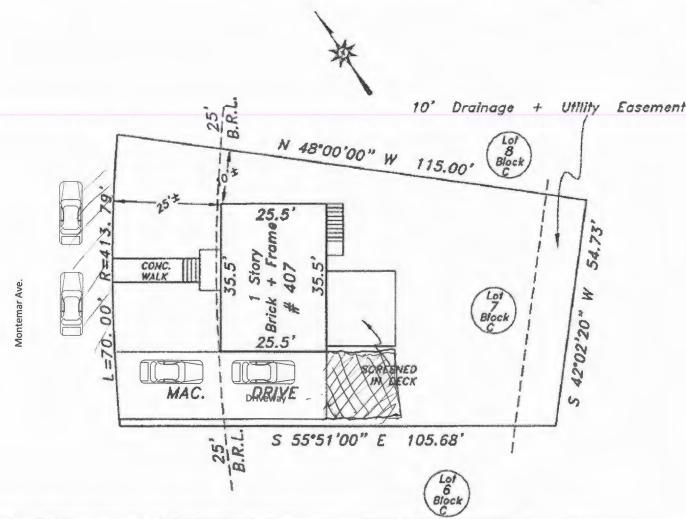
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PETITIONER'S

EXHIBIT NO.

Zoning Map#: 101A2
Site Zoned: SW4-F
Election District:1st
Council District:
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Or Square Feet:
Historic? No
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Utilities? Mark With:
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Prior Hearing? No
If so give case number and order result below:
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This is to certify that I have surveyed the property shown hereon, being known as LOT 7,BLOCK C as shown on the Plat of:
"SECTION C PLAT No 2 OF OAK SPRINGS"

recorded among the land records of BaltimoreCounty, Maryland In Plat Book 27 , folio86 for the purpose of locating the improvements thereon.

* This plat is of benefit to the consumer only insofar as it is required by a lander or a title insurance company or its agent in connection with contemplated transfer, financing, or refinancing purposes.

* This plat is not to be relied upon for the establishment at location

of fences, garages, buildings, or other existing or future structures.

This plat does not provide for the accurate identification of property boundary lines, but such identification may not be required for the transfer of like or for securing financing or refinancing.



LOCATION DRAWING

407 MONTEMAR AVENUE Baltimore County, Maryland Election District — 1ST

NTT Associates, Inc. 16205 Old Frederick Road Mt. Alry, Maryland 21771 Ph. (410)442-2031 Fax No. (410)442-1315 Scale: 1"= 25

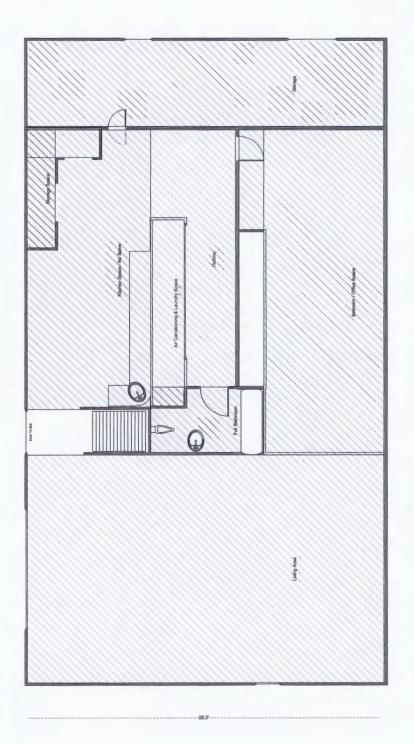
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Floor Plan – 407 Montemar Avenue Basement



Floor Plan – 407 Montemar Avenue Main Floor







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403 Montemar Avenue Catonsville, MD 21228

January 2, 2012

Zoning Commissioner 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Dear Zoning Commissioner:

Re: Case # 2012-0128-SPHA

Seven years ago, my husband and I searched for a home where we could raise our children in a safe community that supported our family values. After an extensive search of homes on the market, we chose the Oak Springs neighborhood on Montemar Avenue. The houses on Montemar Avenue were built in 1964–1965 by our neighbor, Mr. John Angel. Mr. Angel and many of the original homeowners still reside on this street today, some forty years later. Montemar Avenue has a reputation for its family-friendly community and convenient location; a short walk from Catonsville High School, the Lurman–Woodlands Amphitheatre, and the Bloomsbury Recreation Center; which offer neighbors the opportunity to engage in family–oriented activities.

Recently, the property owner of 407 Montemar Avenue has rented to a group of people who threaten the quality of our community. The house has been used to host several loud, late night parties where party-goers openly smoked an unknown substance on a hookah in the backyard. This is not the atmosphere I sought for my children. The same tenants failed to properly secure an outdoor make-shift porch, which became a hazard to neighbors during Hurricane Irene. Additionally, I have learned that the owner wishes to add parking spaces to the front and side yards of the house, which would be an eye sore to the rest of the neighborhood, possibly affecting neighbors' property values.

I fear that our Montemar family-friendly community will be lost if current property owners are allowed exceptions to the zoning laws designed to protect our community. Please deny the request to allow 407 Montemar Avenue to become a boarding house. Please protect our property values and deny the parking variation. Please help us to preserve our community, where we have chosen to raise our children in a family-centered environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Lisa Citteo

Lisa Citko

Property Owner, 403 Montemar Avenue

406 Montemar Avenue Catonsville, Maryland 21228 December 22, 2011

To Whom It May Concern

This letter is to confirm that I, Dorothy Dustmann, live at 406 Montemar Avenue in Catonsville, Maryland 21228, and cannot be at this hearing to protest the creation of a boarding house at 407 Montemar Avenue, Catonsville, Maryland 21228.

407 Montemar Avenue is directly across from the street from our home at 406 Montemar and my husband and I have seen, over the course of the past years, many individuals come and go from 407 Montemar.

Lately there have been as many as 7 cars parked in the driveway of 407 Montemar and on the street in front of and across from 407 in front of 408 Montemar. The individuals who live at 407 come and go from the home at all hours of the day and night. They conduct loud parties on the weekends where the music has been so loud, at a couple of parties toward the end of last summer, that we had to close our windows and turn on the air conditioning to keep out the noise. When asked by myself to please turn down the music, I was cussed at and told to leave them alone; something to the effect that they could do anything they wanted to do, and it was none of my business.

They tend to open their front door and stand out on the front porch of the property and smoke cigarettes. I realize that there is nothing wrong with this, but while the front door is open the whole time they are outside, loud music is coming from the home or they are talking very loud on their cell phones while outside; loud enough to be heard in our back yard.

Montemar Avenue is a neighborhood of families living in single homes. The neighborhood is a mixture of old people, middle aged people, and lately, young people with children. It is definitely not a neighborhood for renters or boarding homes. It is also not a neighborhood to be treated as if it were a college dorm area. They tend to leave trash on their front yard and do not mow their lawn for weeks at a time creating an ugly front yard when compared to the rest of the neighborhood lawns.

All I request is that there not be a boarding house in our neighborhood. The owner should never have purchased this home for that purpose, at least not in a neighborhood that is, to my understanding, not zoned for what he is trying to accomplish. It should be a single family home, like the rest of the neighborhood.

SELENA L WALLACE SU NOTARY PUBLIC BALTIMORE COUNTY MARYLAND

My Commission Expires 3-24-2014

Sincerely,

Dorothy J. Dustmann

412 Montemar Ave. Catonsville, MD 21228 January 1, 2012

Zoning Commission Baltimore County, MD Case No. 2012-0128 SPHA

Dear Sirs:

The 4-bedroom home located at 407 Montemar ave. is a single family home as are all other homes both on the street and the surrounding area of Catonsville. A variance has been requested to change the zoning of 407 Moritemar to allow a " boarding House or a rooming house ". It is being used for that purpose NOW with all bedrooms rented and perhaps other spaces by the absentee Owner. Usually, in the evening after work, there are 4 cars in the driveway and 4 on the street in front of 407 along the curb. The variance has requested 4 more parking spaces -- 2 in the front yard and 2 on the opposite side of the house from the existing driveway for a total of 8 off street and at least 4 on the street. Why does the owner need all of these parking spaces ?? (More renters or for loud parties parties of which there have been several already). Additionally, the curb would have to be broken to install another turn-in apron which would detract from the original plan of the neighborhood.

All of these changes would detract from the appearance of Catonsville, overall, and lower property values, thus, property taxes. The increased traffic load would constitute a health hazard as several young families have moved onto the street recently and have young children that inadvertently venture into the street.

Please reject this variance request completely.

Cynthia and Milton Wills

Millions H. Wills

Zoning Commissioner Room 205 Jefferson Building 105 W Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Dear Zoning Commissioner:

25 December 2011

Re: Case # 2012-0128-SPHA

To Whom It May Concern-

I am unable to attend in person due to my current deployment to Afghanistan. My wife, Donik Lamb, has a general power of attorney, and is authorized to sign any legal documents on my behalf.

I respectfully request any exemptions from the current Montemar Ave zoning regulations be denied. The quality of life for me, my wife, and my child, will negatively be impacted if the owner of the property is allowed to operate a boarding house or any other "rental" style occupant arrangement that exceeds the current zoning regulations.

My family purchased and moved in our home on Montemar Ave in June 2008. Since that time, there have been multiple occasions where the owner of the property has essentially let the occupants "run rampant." Significant occurrences have included multiple late night parties where the occupants of the house have had between 5 to 15 vehicles parked in the street in addition to having excessive noise and music playing until the early morning hours. Additionally, the occupants "constructed" a patio/gazebo like portable structure, which included possible electrical code violations and actual flooring. (The occupants literally ran an electrical extension cord from the house and installed permanent lights within the structure). This gazebo was up for an extended period of time (weeks). When Hurricane Irene was approaching, the occupants were specifically asked by another Montemar house to take the structure down in order to mitigate potential debris damage to other houses on the street. The occupants disregarded the request and when hurricane struck the area, the gazebo structure was destroyed and the debris struck the neighboring houses.

The aforementioned examples of the owner's lack of involvement with his occupants have clearly demonstrated to my family, and my fellow residents on Montemar, that allowing the owner to operate a boarding house (or any other multiple, non related, occupant residency), will have a detrimental effect on the quality of life for everyone but the owner and residents of the property in question.

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Sincerely.

Patrick Lamb and Donik Lamb







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