IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE

(8706 Maravoss Lane) 14th Election District

6th Councilmanic District Stephen & Sandra Smith

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2013-0301-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) as a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owners of the property, Stephen & Sandra Smith for property located at 8706 Maravoss Lane. The variance request is from §100.6 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit chickens to be kept on a parcel of land that is 12,624 sq. ft. in lieu of the required 1 acre.

This matter was originally filed as an Administrative Variance, with a closing date of August 5, 2013. On August 13, 2013, Administrative Law Judge John E. Beverungen requested a formal hearing on this matter. The hearing was subsequently scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 1:30 PM in Room 205 of the Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson. The file reveals that the Petition was properly advertised and the site was properly posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

There were no substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments received.

Appearing at the public hearing in support for this case was Stephen and Sandra Smith, legal owners. There were no Protestants in attendance and the file does not contain any letters of protest or opposition.

Testimony and evidence revealed that the subject property is approximately 12,624 square feet and is zoned DR 5.5. The Petitioners have owned their home since 1989, and indicated they have good relations with all of their neighbors. The photographs in the file show that the grounds and dwelling are attractive and well maintained. The Petitioners indicated that the chicken coop and enclosed "run" area would be at the rear of the lot, farthest removed from the street and other homes.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I will grant the request for variance relief. To obtain variance relief requires a showing that:

(1) The property is unique; and

(2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

Trinity Assembly of God v. People's Counsel, 407 Md. 53, 80 (2008).

The Petitioners met this test. Their lot is of irregular dimensions and is therefore unique. The Petitioners would experience a practical difficulty if the regulations were strictly interpreted, since they would be unable to keep chickens on their property. There is no reason to believe that the grant of relief (with conditions, as noted below) would negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of the community.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 25th day of November, 2013 by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance from § 100.6 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit chickens to be kept on a parcel of land that is 12,624 sq. ft. in lieu of the required 1 acre, be and is hereby GRANTED.

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The relief is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The Petitioners shall not keep on the premises any roosters.
- 2. The Petitioners shall be permitted to keep a maximum of five hens on the property.

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

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for

Baltimore County

JEB:sln

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

November 25, 2013

Stephen & Sandra Smith 8706 Maravoss Lane Baltimore, Maryland 21234

RE:

Petition for Variance

Property: 8706 Maravoss Lane

Case No.: 2013-0301-A

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

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 Baltimore County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

JOHN E BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

JEB:sln Enclosure

ADMINISTRATIVE ZONING PETITION

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE - OR - ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING
To be filed with the Department of Permits. Approvals and Inspections

To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

To the Office of Administrative Law of Baltimore County for the property located at:

Address 8706 Ma(avoss) | which is presently zoned Residential

Deed Reference 108012/00111 10 Digit Tax Account # 1 4 0 1 1 0 5 0

Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Stephen H Smith, Sanda Smith

(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING \underline{X} AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION(S) AND ADDING THE PETITION REQUEST) Administrative Variances require that the Affidavit on the reverse of this Petition Form be completed / notarized.

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

1. ____ ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE from section(s)

BCZR: $100.6 \rightarrow$ To permit chickens to be kept on a parcel of land that is 12,624 square feet in lieu of the required 1 acre.

of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County.

2. ____ ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING to approve a waiver pursuant to Sections 32-4-107(b), 32-4-223.(8), and Section 32-4-416(a)(2): (indicate type of work in this space to raze, alter or construct addition to building)

of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), 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.

Legal Owner(s) Affirmation: I / we do so 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 / these Petition(s).

Contract Purchaser/Lessee:

Legal Owners:

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A PUBLIC HEARING having formally demanded and/or found to be required, it is ordered by the Office of Administrative Law, 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.

Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County

CASE NUMBER 2013 -0301-4

Filing Date 6/11/13

Estimated Posting Date 7/21/13

Reviewer

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Affidavit in Support Administrative Variance (THIS AFFIDAVIT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR AN HISTORIC ADMINISTRATIVE (THE HEARING)

The undersigned hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury to the Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County, the following: That the information herein given is within the personal knowledge of the Affiant(s) and that the 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 property is not under an active zoning violation citation and Affiant(s) is/are the resident home owner(s) of this residential lot, or is/are the contract purchaser(s) of this residential lot, who will, upon purchase, reside at the existing dwelling on said property located at:

Address: 8706 Maravoss In Baltimore MD 21234 Print or Type Address of property City State Zip Code
Based upon personal knowledge, the following are the facts which I/we base the request for an Administrative Variance at the above address. (Clearly state practical difficulty or hardship here)
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July 2013. We only have one neighbor who
(If additional space for the petition request or the above statement is needed, label and attach it to this Form)
Signature of Affiant Signature of Affiant Signature of Affiant
Stephen H Smith Name-Print or Type SANDRA L. SMITH Name-Print or Type
The following information is to be completed by a Notary Public of the State of Maryland
STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF BALTIMORE, to wit:
I HEREBY CERTIFY, this day of June, 2013, before me a Notary of Maryland, in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared
SANDRAL, SMITH STEPHEN H. SMITH the Affiant(s) herein, personally known or satisfactorily identified to me as such Affiant(s) (Print name(s) here)
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Zoning Property Description for: 8706 Maravoss Lane Baltimore, MD 21234

Beginning at West side of Maravoss Lane which is 50 ft wide at the distance of 200 ft +/- Northwest of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Avondale Road which is 60 ft wide.

Subdivision lot. Being Lot #10, Block A, section #B in the subdivision of Maravoss as recorded in Baltimore county plat book #18, folio #100, containing 12,624 sq ft. Located in the 14th election district and 6th council district.

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.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

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Item Number or Case Number:, 2013 - 0301-A
Petitioner: STEPHEN + SANDRA SMITH
Address or Location: 8706 MARAVOSS LANE
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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

October 31, 2013

Re:

Case Number: 2013- 0301-A

Petitioner / Developer: Stephen & Sandra Smith

Date of Hearing: November 21, 2013

Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Attention: Kristen Lewis

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This letter is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at **8706 Maravoss Lane**.

The sign(s) were posted on October 30, 2013.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Doak

MD Property Line Surveyor #531

See the attached sheet(s) for the photos of the posted sign(s)



Land Use Expert and Surveyor







Baltimore, Maryland 21278-0001

October 31, 2013

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in the following newspaper published in Baltimore County, Maryland, ONE TIME, said publication appearing on October 31, 2013

The Jeffersonian

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W/s Maravoss Lane, N/w of Avondale Road
14th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District
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ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Administrative Hearings Office at (410) 887-3868.

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October 7, 2013

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

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C: Mr. & Mrs. Smith, 8706 Maravoss Lane, Baltimore 21234

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2013.

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Stephen Smith 8706 Maravoss Lane Baltimore, MD 21234 410-665-7157

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 27, 2013

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2013-0301-A - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on December 26, 2013. There being no appeal filed, the subject file is ready for return to the Zoning Review Office and is placed in the 'pick up box.'

c: Case File

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE: PETITION FOR ADMINSTRATIVE VARIANCE

8706 Maravoss Lane; W/S Maravoss Lane, 14th Election & 6th Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): Stephen & Sandra Smith Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

* HEARINGS FOR

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

2013-301-A

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.

Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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

Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 28th day of June, 2013, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Stephen & Sandra Smith, 8706 Maravoss Lane, Baltimore, Maryland 21234, Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zimmerman
PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CASE NO. 2013-0301-A

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Legislative Session 2013, Legislative Day No. 13

Resolution No. 73-13

Councilmembers Quirk, Marks & Bevins

By the County Council, August 5, 2013

A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council requesting the Baltimore County Planning Board to review relevant County laws and regulations relating to the use of land for the accessory, non-commercial stabling, pasturing and raising of animals, and to review the laws and policies of other jurisdictions relating to the accessory, non-commercial stabling, pasturing and raising of animals, and to report their findings and recommendations to the County Council.

WHEREAS, the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations permit the accessory stabling and pasturing of certain animals that does not constitute a commercial agricultural operation (Bills 51-93 and 63-09); and

WHEREAS, the Regulations also set forth limitations on the number of livestock permitted for each acre and the minimum acreage required; and

WHEREAS, the County Council believes it is appropriate to periodically review and evaluate the County's standards regarding the raising and pasturing of non-commercial livestock and other animals, and to make changes to County laws and policies where necessary to reflect current trends and standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Planning Board is requested to review County laws and regulations relating to the use of land for the accessory, non-commercial stabling, pasturing and raising of animals, to review the laws and policies of other jurisdictions relating to the accessory, non-commercial stabling, pasturing and raising of animals, to determine what, if any, changes are needed to Baltimore County's laws, regulations, or zoning classifications regarding such uses, and to report their findings and recommendations to the County Council.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2013, LEGISLATIVE DAY NO. 13 AUGUST 5, 2013 6:00 P.M.

CEB = CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET BY REQ. = AT REQUEST OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Α.	MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
В.	APPROVAL OF JOURNAL - Meeting of July 1, 2013
A.	ENROLLMENT OF BILLS - 37-13, 38-13 & 39-13
В.	INTRODUCTION OF BILLS Bill 42-13 - Mr. Quirk(By Req.) - CEB - Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) Expansion Bill 43-13 - Mr. Quirk(By Req.) - CEB - AIDS Case Management Bill 44-13 - Mr. Quirk(By Req.) - CEB - Cigarette Restitution Fund - Tobacco Bill 45-13 - Mr. Quirk(By Req.) - CEB - Access to Recovery
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PASSED	5. Res. 59-13 - Mr. Marks - Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Calvin K. Clemons
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PASSED	12. Res. 66-13 - Mrs. Almond - Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Edward C. Rawlings
PASSED	13. Res. 67-13 - Mr. Oliver - Property Tax Exemption - DAV - Samuel B. McKinney
PASSED	14. Res. 68-13 - Mrs. Bevins - Approval of Application-Financial Assistance -Dept. of Housing and Community DevDundalk Renaissance Corp.
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By Alison Knezevich, The Baltimore Sun 7:49 p.m. EDT, August 12, 2013

Some Baltimore County officials want to consider whether to allow more residents to keep chickens in their yards. making the county the latest local government in Maryland to examine a national coop craze.

A County Council resolution being considered this month calls for a review of regulations that restrict many residents from keeping chickens in their yards. Council members say many constituents want them to examine the

"There seems to be a growing movement of people that are really into fresh eggs and healthy, organic foods," said Council Chairman Tom Quirk, a Catonsville Democrat who sponsored the resolution. "It's a national trend, and more and more I hear from constituents."

Council members are set to discuss the resolution Aug. 27, with a vote scheduled Sept. 3.

In Baltimore County, a resident can only raise chickens and other livestock on property that's an acre or larger. But many governments across the country are loosening similar rules to allow more people to raise their own chickens. Last month, Howard County eased its zoning regulations on backyard poultry.

Catonsville resident Cal Oren is among Baltimore County residents who have been pushing the council for several years to look at the issue

"People should be free to make their own choices about what they want in their backyard, as long as it doesn't pose a hazard or harm their neighbors or their neighborhoods or the public,"

Many enthusiasts like raising chickens for the health benefits of fresh eggs, Oren said. But people also enjoy keeping chickens as pets, he said.

"They're not just egg-laying machines - they have personality. They are friendly," he said. "They are pets, but they have a purpose. So they're somewhere in between an egg-laying machine and the family dog."

Having the planning board examine the issue would allow an indepth study, said J.B. Osborne, senior legislative adviser to Councilwoman Cathy Bevins, who co-sponsored the resolution along with Councilman David Marks.

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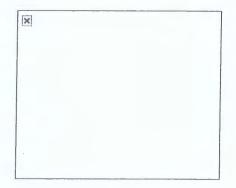
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"The councilpeople aren't experts in agriculture, by any stretch of the imagination," Osborne said.

While many residents have asked to loosen the rules, some people are concerned about the "unintended consequences" of more chickens, he said.

"After they stop laying eggs, what are you doing with them?" Osborne said.

Quirk said a planning board study of the issue would be only "the first stage" in a potential change in regulations.

"I do think there's not a unified position from the council on this issue," Quirk said. "Several members may be against it."

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gatkinso at 7:48 AM August 13, 2013

In places where backyard chickens are legal, roosters usually banned. Hens only. Plus there is usually a limit on how many are allowed. Chickens are great animals to keep. They are quiet, clean, and even make great pets. Fresh eggs are wonderful, and every once in a while one can end up on the table assuming the kids don't fall in love with it.

I used to go to Kauai for work quite often, there were both wild and domestic chickens every where. You couldn't even tell if your neighbors raised chickens... the wild ones didn't seem to be much of a bother either (but they did crow a lot and they would tear up a garden).

Random Person at 8:35 PM August 12, 2013

I'm glad that the issue is going to be debated. The current regulations, which require Baltimore County chicken owners to have at least one acre of property, do seem a little extreme.

Of course, I don't think that anybody in Baltimore County wants their neighbors to have a yard full of

chickens, with roosters waking them up at 4AM.

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There is probably a middle ground that is acceptable for the majority of people in the county.

ZONING REVIEW

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES

case Number 2013- 0301 -A Address 8706 MARAVOLS LANE
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Flanner, Please Print Your Name Planner, Please Print Your Name Posting Date: 6/23/13 Closing Date: 2/8/15
Any contact made with this office regarding the status of the administrative variance should be hrough the contact person (planner) using the case number.
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 mafter 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.
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Inter-Office Memorandum

DATE:

July 9, 2013

TO:

Kristen Lewis, Office of Zoning Review

Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections (PAI)

FROM:

Lawrence M. Stahl, Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Petition for Administrative Variance – 07/08/13 Closing Date

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After a review of the above-captioned case file, I am requesting that this case be set in for a public hearing.

Our office is returning the file to you for further processing such as notifying the Petitioners, posting and advertising of the hearing notices.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

c: Office of People's Counsel

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: June 21, 2013

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For June 24, 2013

Item Nos. 2013- 0300,0301, 0302 and 0304.

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

DAK:CEN Cc: file

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Inter-Office Memorandum

DATE:

August 13, 2013

TO:

Kristen Lewis, Office of Zoning Review

Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections (PAI)

FROM:

John E. Beverungen, Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Petition for Administrative Variance – 08/05/13 Closing Date

Case No. 2013-0301-A - 8706 Maravoss Lane

After a review of the above-captioned case file, I am requesting that this case be set in for a public hearing (case involves chickens / sign posting requirement not fulfilled).

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c: Office of People's Counsel



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

August 6, 2013

Stephen H. & Sandra Smith 8706 Maravoss Lane Baltimore MD 21234

RE: Case Number: 2013-0301 A, Address: 8706 Maravoss Lane

Dear Mr. & Ms. Smith:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on June 11, 2013. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR: jaf

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

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Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor Darrell B. Mobley, Acting Secretary Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: 6/17/13

Ms. Kristen Lewis
Baltimore County Office of
Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimore County

Item No 2013-0301-A Administrative Varionco Steffen H. & Sandra Smith 8706 Marrayoss Land

Dear Ms. Lewis:

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. 2013-0301-A

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).

Sincerely,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

Access Management Division

SDF/raz



Lawrence Stahl - Case 13-301-A, (admin variance), 8706 Maravoss Lane

From:

Peter Zimmerman

To:

Beverungen, John; Stahl, Lawrence

Date:

6/28/2013 1:08 PM

Subject:

Case 13-301-A, (admin variance), 8706 Maravoss Lane

CC:

Richards, Carl

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Therefore, I suggest you consider changing Case 13-301-A to a regular variance, with the usual posting and hearing.

In addition, as we have seen similar inconsistencies in the processing of these types of animal/fauna/bird variance cases from time to time, I suggest that a uniform policy be set and communicated on this point.

Respectfully, Peter Max Zimmerman 410 887-2188

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John Beverungen

To:

Lawrence Stahl; Peter Zimmerman

Date:

6/28/2013 2:10 PM

Subject:

Re: Case 13-301-A, (admin variance), 8706 Maravoss Lane

CC:

Carl Richards

Gentlemen,

I just wanted to provide some input regarding the issues raised in Mr. Zimmerman's email. My comments are generic in nature, and do not concern the case referenced above on Maravoss Lane. I have not seen or reviewed that file, and ALJ Stahl routinely handles the administrative variance petitions for OAH. Also, I have in the recent past discussed some of these very issues with Mr. Zimmerman, and it does seem to be recurring with some frequency. I know I have had several "regular" zoning hearings in the last year or so on this issue.

As noted, the BCZR requires 1 acre to keep chickens. The first issue concerns whether that is an "area" requirement which can be reduced by variance? The other side of the coin is that by granting such a variance, you are permitting a "use" in that zone (keeping chickens) that would otherwise not be permitted, and the BCZR arguably does not permit "use variances."

If we decide that it is the former, and that an "area" variance is at issue in such cases, it seems like it <u>could</u> be processed as an administrative special hearing (variance) under BCC 32-3-303. Of course, that same law says that the zoning commissioner can decide to require a hearing in any event. As such, I tend to agree with Mr. Zimmerman that it would be helpful to have a "policy" on how these cases should be processed, but the question then becomes which agency (OAH or PAI) should adopt such a policy, and what if any formal requirements (i.e., public notice, hearing....?) must be observed before doing so? Having raised those questions, I confess I do not have the answers to same.

Have a good weekend.

John Beverungen

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Date:

6/28/2013 2:38 PM

Subject:

Re: Case 13-301-A, (admin variance), 8706 Maravoss Lane

Attachments: Carl Richards.vcf

Peter,

We consistently communicate to an applicant that if there is a violation we do not recommend admin. Also some applicants have chosen a special hearing because they are aware of animal hearings that have been protested as a use variance. This has happened with the proximity requirement with kennels. We try to keep all options open for the applicants, but they don't always take our advice. Also we do not want to usurp the zoning commissioner's option under(c)(1). As an aside, long before 100.6 we would allow 1 of anything domestic as a pet. This policy worked well for years until there were horses behind row houses in Dundalk. Also there were the love birds that we only allowed one. Consider the one love bird, and in similar cases there could be a lonely chicken looking for a rooster QED

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Permits, Approvals and Inspections Zoning Review, Baltimore County Room 111, County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 410-887-3391; 410-887-3048 (fax) http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/agencies/permits/pdm zoning/index.html

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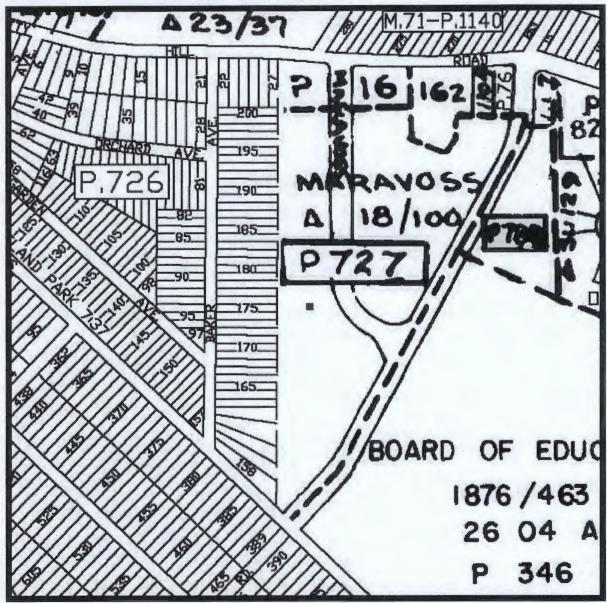
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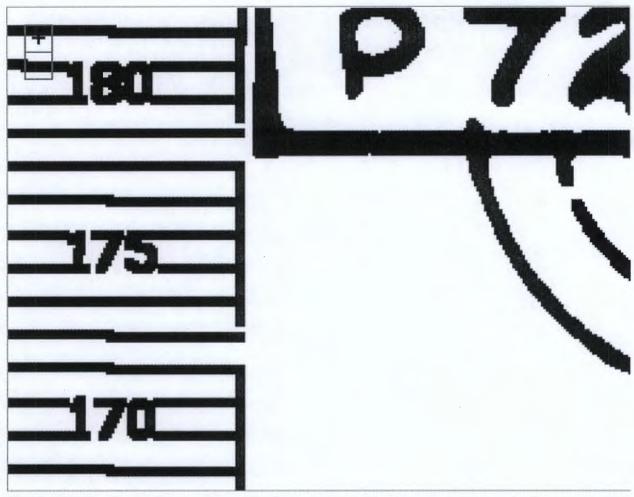
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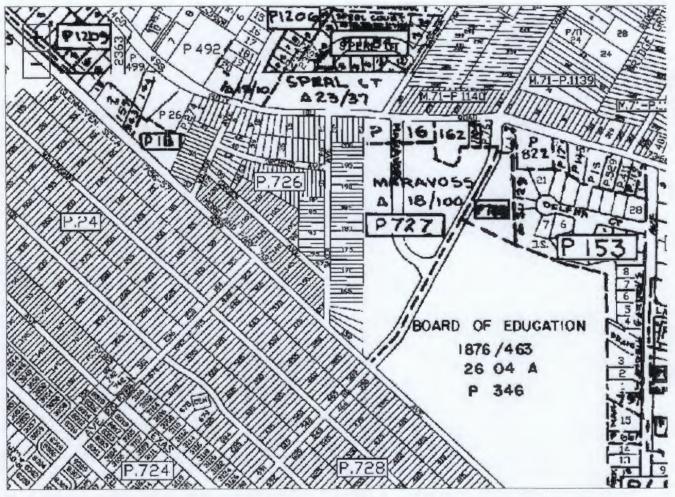
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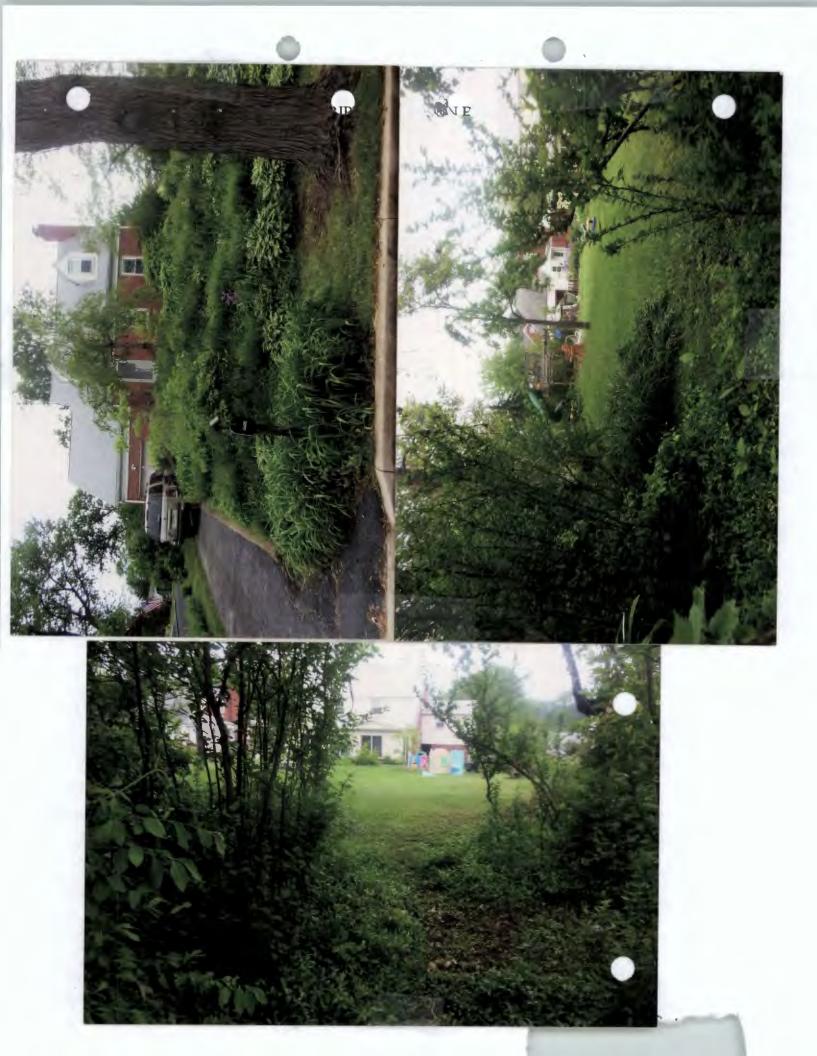


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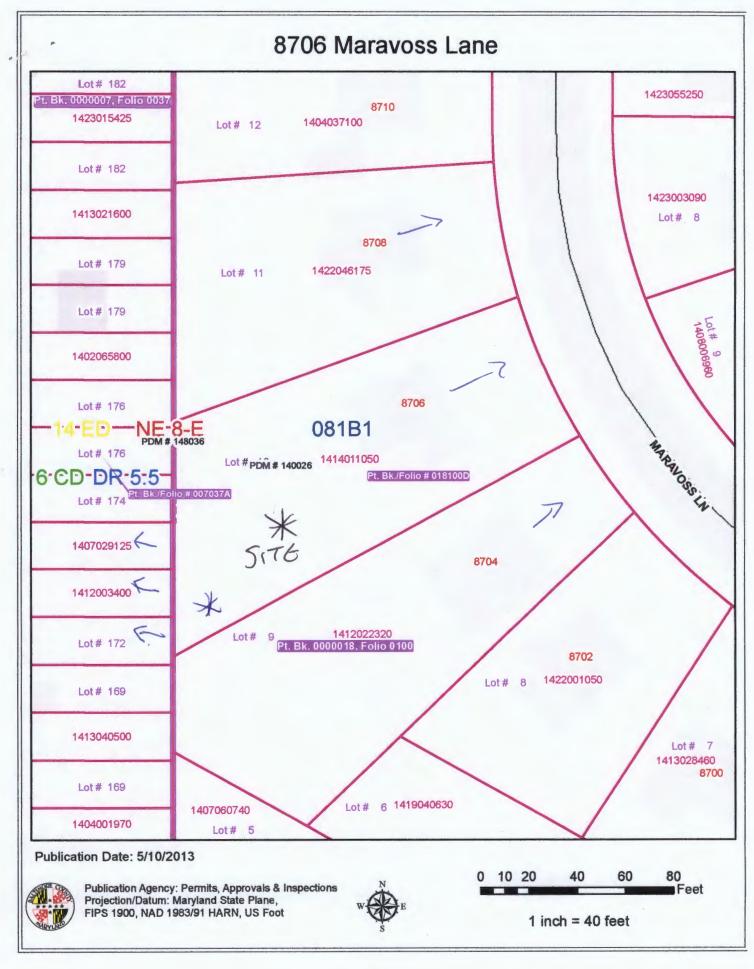
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Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

Respondent 11-25-13

No. 1	Ste plan	
No. 2	Orientation map	
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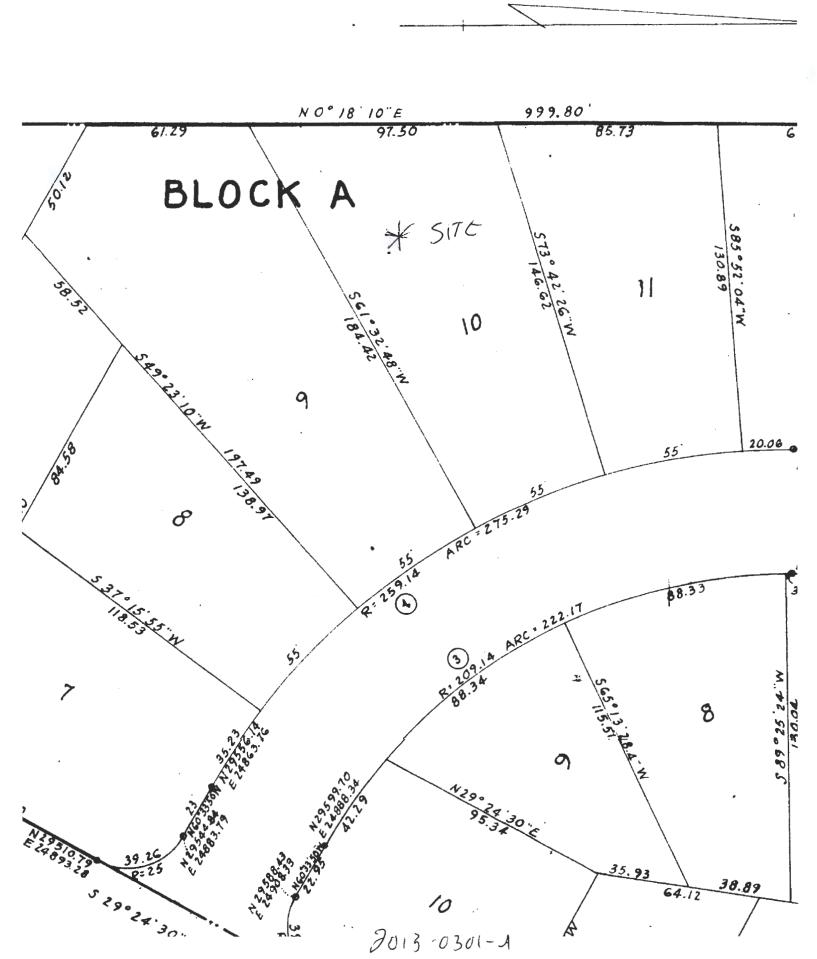
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Ex. 2

ZONING HEARING PLAN FOR VARIANCE X I ADDRESS 8706 Maravoss Lane SUBDIVISION NAME Maravoss PLAT BOOK # 18 FOLIO # 100 10 DIGIT 1	FOR SPECIAL HEARING (MARK TYPE REQUESTED WITH X) OWNER(S) NAME(S) Stephen & Sandra Smith LOT# 10 BLOCK# A SECTION# B TAX# 1414611050 DEED REF.# 08012/00111	SITE VICINITY MAP Putty Hill Ave
Robert - Maureen Hall Lot 9 Maravo 35 PLAN DRAWN BY Stophen H Smith D	Maravoss Lane 50 ft wide	MAP IS NOT TO SCALE ZONING MAP# 0081 61 SITE ZONED 6 D DR 5.5 ELECTION DISTRICT 14 COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 LOT AREA ACREAGE 0.290 OR SQUARE FEET 12624 HISTORIC? NO IN CBCA? NO IN FLOOD PLAIN? NO UTILITIES? MARK WITH X WATER IS: PUBLIC X PRIVATE SEWER IS: PUBLIC X PRIVATE PRIOR HEARING? NO IF SO GIVE CASE NUMBER AND ORDER RESULT BELOW

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	COUNCIL DISTRICT 6
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Lot 10	OR SQUARE FEET 12624
184	HISTORIC ? NO
26.75'	IN CBCA? NO
	IN FLOOD PLAIN ? NO
	UTILITIES? MARK WITH X
	WATER IS:
23'	PUBLIC_X_PRIVATE
Robert - Mauraen George Shields	SEWER IS:
Lot 9	PUBLIC_X_PRIVATE
Marau 2011	PRIOR HEARING ? ~0
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N 200' to Avendale Rd 55'	
Maravoss Lane 50 ft wide	
PLAN DRAWN BY Stophen H Smith DATE 6/6/13 SCALE: 1 INCH = 40 FEET	
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