IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE (1606 Potspring Road)

8th Election District 3rd Council District Kevin Benhoff Petitioner **BEFORE THE**

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2015-0281-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Baltimore County for consideration of a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owner of the property, Kevin Benhoff ("Petitioner"). The Petitioner is requesting Variance relief pursuant to §§ 400.1 and 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R) as follows: (1) To permit an existing detached garage in the front yard in lieu of the required rear yard; and (2) To permit a height of 23 ft. in lieu of the required 15 ft. 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.

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.

The Petitioner having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on June 12, 2015, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Petitioner has filed the supporting affidavits as required by § 32-3-303 of the Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.). Based upon the information available, there is no evidence in

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the file to indicate that the requested variance would adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of the public and should therefore be granted. In the opinion of the Administrative Law Judge, the information, photographs, and affidavits submitted provide sufficient facts that comply with the requirements of § 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Furthermore, strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioner.

Although the Department of Planning did not make any recommendations related to the accessory structure height and usage, I will impose conditions that the garage shall not be converted into a dwelling unit or apartment, not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, and kitchen or bathroom facilities.

Pursuant to the posting of the property and the provisions of both the Baltimore County Code and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, and for the reasons given above, the requested variance should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 2nd day of July, 2015 by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from §§ 400.1 and 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R) as follows: (1) To permit an existing detached garage in the front yard in lieu of the required rear yard; and (2) To permit a height of 23 ft. in lieu of the required 15 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

 Petitioner may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until 30 days from the date hereof, during which time an appeal can be filed by any party. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.

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- 2. The Petitioner or subsequent owners shall not convert the garage into a dwelling unit or apartment. The garage shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, and kitchen or bathroom facilities.
- 3. The garage shall not be used for commercial purposes.

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

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FOR ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE - OR - ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING

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Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Kevin Benhoff	
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required by the coming regulations of baltimore country.	
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Affidavit in Support o ninistrative Variance (THIS AFFIDAVIT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR AN HISTORIC ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING)

The undersigned hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury and upon personal knowledge to the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the information herein given is true and correct and that the undersigned is/are competent to testify in the event that a public hearing is scheduled in the future with regard thereto. In addition, the undersigned hereby affirms that the property is not the subject of an active Code Enforcement case and that the residential property described below is owned and occupied by the undersigned.

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Address: 1606 Pot Spring R	d Lutherville MD 21093 City State Zip Code
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Attachment to Petition for Administrative Variances

1606 Potspring Road

Identified as Lot 14 on Development Plan in PAI # 08-0889

[HOH on this Development Plan set to occur on June 26, 2015]

Petition for Administrative Variances from Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") Sections 400.1 and 400.3 to permit an existing accessory structure (garage) in the D.R. 2 Zone to remain, where said garage is located in the front yard and is approximately 23' feet in height.

Per the BCZR, garages are required to be located in rear yards, but when Mr. Benhoff purchased this property, the garage for the home was already located in what technically is considered the front yard. Mr. Benhoff has expended considerable funds in improving his property, including the garage. Should this relief not be granted, Mr. Benhoff would suffer unreasonable hardships and practical difficulties. In order to satisfy the zoning regulations, Mr. Benhoff would be forced to reconfigure how his property is currently used and operates in order to construct a new garage, remove the existing garage or construct a connection which would need zoning relief as well. Alternatively, Mr. Benhoff would suffer an unreasonable hardship if forced to construct an addition to his home or garage so as to satisfy the regulations just to permit the continued use of this existing garage. The existing garage satisfies all relevant setbacks and it does not crowd the lot. Mr. Benhoff will enjoy a 1.3 acre lot after the approval of the above referenced development plan. Notably, the closest existing single family dwelling is approximately 270 feet away, with the next closest existing single family home being located in excess of 300 feet away. Additionally, the location of the garage and dwelling essentially follow the curve of the existing drive and thus the garage's location does not grab one's attention as being inappropriately sited. The garage is architecturally pleasing and fits the character of the dwelling. While the garage is taller than the otherwise permitted 15 feet in height, the roof's pitch is complimentary to that of the existing home and as shown in the attached photographs, does not appear out of proportion to the home.

For all these reasons, Mr. Benhoff respectfully requests this relief be granted.

ZONING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR PROPOSED LOT 14 OF THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "THE PRESERVE AT FALLOWFIELDS" AS SHOWN ON THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN BY THE SAME NAME DESIGNATED AS PERMITS, APPROVALS, AND INSPECTIONS NUMBER 08-0889

Beginning at the northwest corner of the proposed Lot 14 as shown on the Development Plan entitled "The Preserve at Fallowfields", said point being coordinate N 641,814.35, E 1,423,509.74 in the Maryland Coordinate System, thence proceeding the following three courses and distances which shall bind along the south side of proposed extension of Gothard Road as shown on the Development Plan:

- 60.98 feet along the arc of a arc of a tangent curve to the right, having a radius of 108.00 feet and subtending a chord of South 57 degrees, 10 minutes, 33 seconds East with a chord distance of 60.17 feet; thence
- 2. South 41 degrees East, 55.30 feet; thence
- 3. 66.77 feet along the arc of a arc of a tangent curve to the left, having a radius of 267.00 feet and subtending a chord of South 48 degrees, 09 minutes, 52 seconds East with a chord distance of 66.60 feet; thence departing Gothard Road and proceeding the following three courses and distances:
- 4. South 35 degrees West, 132.05 feet; thence
- 5. South 60 degrees West, 166.92 feet; thence
- 6. South 70 degrees West, 102.98 feet to a point along the tract boundary from which lot 14 shall be subdivided, said point being coordinate N 641,468.73, E 1,423,329.14 in the Maryland Coordinate System; thence binding along the tract boundary the following one course and distance:
- 7. North 17 degrees, 41 minutes, 40 seconds West, 150.00 feet; thence departing the tract boundary and proceeding the following two courses and distances:
- 8. North 70 degrees East, 168.74 feet; thence
- 9. North 25 degrees East, 160.00 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 1.291 acres of land more or less. Located in Election District 8 and Council District 3.

BEING a part of the properties owned by Kevin and Susan Benhoff as described in the following deeds recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County: Liber 34082, Folio 315, and Liber 34082, Folio 457. The current address being 1606 Pot Spring Road, and after subdivision Lot 14 the new address shall be 211 Gothard Road.

BALTIMORE COUNTY DEFA TMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES
Case Number 2015- 0281 -A Address 1606 Potopring Rd.
Contact Person: JUN R. FERNANDU Phone Number: 410-887-3391 Planner, Please Print Your Name
Filing Date: 6-4-15 Posting Date: 6/14/15 Closing Date: 6/29/15
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.
2. 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 2015- 0281 -A Address 1606 Potopring Rd.
Petitioner's Name KEVIN BENHOFF Telephone 443-834-6411
Posting Date: 6/14/15 Closing Date: 6/29/15
Wording for Sign: To Permit an existing detached garage located
in the front yard in lieu of the required rear yard, and to permit a height of 23' in lieu of the required 15'
to permit a height of 23 in lieu of the required 15.



ZONING NOTICE

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE CASE NO. 2015-0281-A

1606 Potspring Road

REQUEST: TO PERMIT AN EXISTING
DETACHED GARAGE LOCATED IN THE
FRONT YARD IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED
REAR YARD, AND TO PERMIT A HEIGHT
OF 23 FEET IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 15
FEET.

PUBLIC HEARING?

PURBUANT TO SECTION 26-727(b)/1) NALTINONE COUNTY CODE, AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP MAY REQUEST A PUBLIC MEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED VARIANCE, PROVIDED IT IS DONE IN THE ZOMING OFFICE BEFORE JUNE 20, 2015.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT ZONING ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT INANABELIENT 111 AV. CHESAPIANE AVENUE TOWNION, NO 21204





DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW

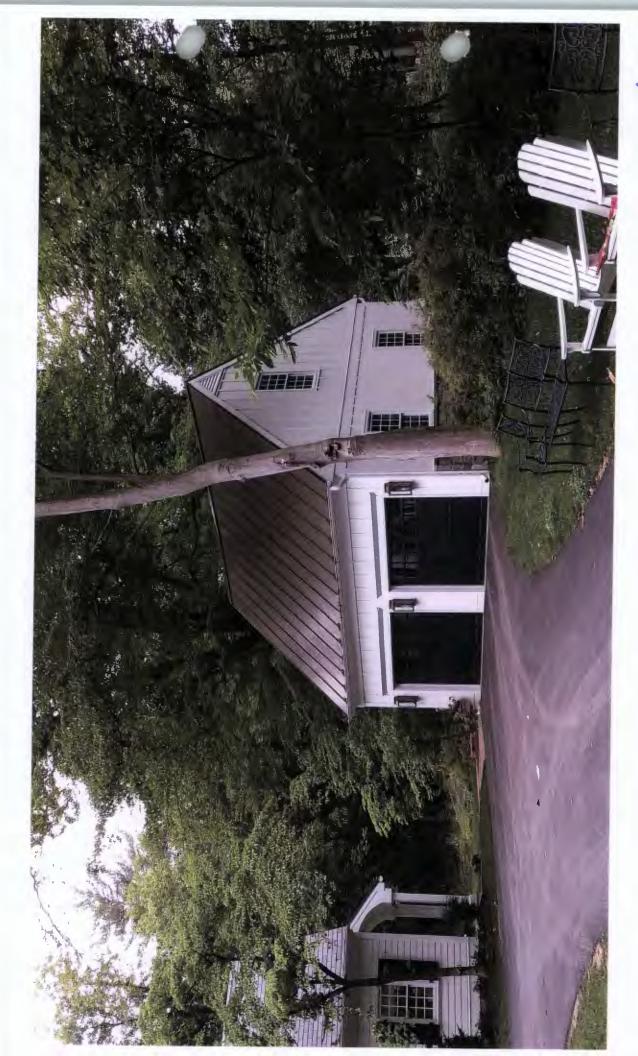
ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

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.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Item Number or Case Number: 2015 - 0281 - A
Petitioner: Kevin Benhoff
Address or Location: 1606 Potspring Rd
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: Jennik Busse
Address:
One W. Pennsy vania Ave.
Telephone Number: 410 832 2073



CHECKLIST

Comment Received	<u>Department</u>	Support/Oppose/ Conditions/ Comments/ No Comment
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The information shown on this map has been compiled from deed descriptions and plats and is not a property survey. The map should not be used for legal descriptions. Users noting errors are urged to notify the Maryland Department of Planning Mapping, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore MD 21201.

If a plat for a property is needed, contact the local Land Records office where the property is located. Plats are also available online through the Maryland State Archives at www.plats.net (http://www.plats.net).

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

June 30, 2015

Kevin Benhoff 1606 Potspring Road Lutherville MD 21093

RE: Case Number: 2015-0281 A, Address: 230 Chantrey Road

Dear Mr. Benhoff:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on June 4, 2015. 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,
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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel Jennifer Busse, Esquire, One W Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson MD



Larry Hogan, Governor
Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor



Pete K. Rahn, Secretary

Date: 6/18/15

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

RE: Baltimore County

Item No 2015-0281-A

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Dear Ms. Lewis:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the above 2015-0281-4 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.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Richard Zeller at 410-545-5598 or 1-800-876-4742 (in Maryland only) extension 5598, or by email at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

David W. Peake

Metropolitan District Engineer Baltimore & Harford Counties

DWP/RAZ



INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: June 17, 2015

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For June 15, 2015

Item No. 2015-0269, 0270, 0271, 0275, 0276, 0277, 0278, 0279, 0280,

0281, 0282 and 0283

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

DAK:CEN cc:file



