## \*IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE (2722 Woodcourt Road)

3<sup>rd</sup> Election District 2<sup>nd</sup> Council District Benjamin D. and Rivka H. Rubenstein Petitioners

#### **BEFORE THE**

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

**HEARINGS FOR** 

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

CASE NO. 2016-0058-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 owners of the property, Benjamin D. and Rivka H. Rubenstein ("Petitioners"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief pursuant to § 1B02.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R), to permit an existing addition with a side yard setback of .5 ft. and a summation of side yard setbacks of 14.5 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 8 ft. and sum of 20 ft. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' 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. However, it is to be noted that a letter of support was received from Judah and Iulia Katz who reside at 2724 Woodcourt Road (dated August 26, 2015 and revised October 2, 2015), indicating support of the requested variance relief.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on September 11, 2015, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavits as required by § 32-3-303 of the ORDER RECEIVED FOR PROCE.). Based upon the information available, there is no evidence in Date

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 Petitioners.

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 <u>13th</u> day of October, 2015 by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from § 1B02.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R), to permit an existing addition with a side yard setback of .5 ft. and a summation of side yard setbacks of 14.5 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 8 ft. and sum of 20 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

 Petitioners may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their 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, Petitioners would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.

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:dlw

ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

Date 10-13-15

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## ADMINISTRATIVE ZONING PETITION

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

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

Address 2722 Woodcourt Road, Baltimore, Maryland, 21209 Currently zoned D.R. 5.5 30678/5 36630/80 10 Digit Tax Account # 0 3 0 3 0 5 3 3 2 0 Deed Reference Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Joshua Steinharter, Elise L. Steinharter Benjamin D. Rubenstein, Rivka H. Rubenstein (SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING X AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION(S) AND ADDING THE PETITION REQUEST) For Administrative Variances, the Affidavit on the reverse of this Petition form must be completed and notarized.

The undersigned, who own and occupy the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the plan/plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for an:

1. X ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE from Section(s) See Attached

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of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County. OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING to approve a waiver pursuant to Section 32-4-107(b) of the Baltimore County Code: (indicate type of work in this space: i.e., to raze, alter or construct addition to building)

of the Baltimore County Code, to the development law of Baltimore County.

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

I/ we agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

Owner(s)/Petitioner(s): Owners/Petitioners: Joshua Steinharter Elise L. Steinharter Benjamin D. Rubenstein Name #2- Type or Print Name #1 - Type or Prin Signature # 2 Signature # Mailing Address: 2722 Woodcourt Road 2722 Woodcourt Road **Baltimore** Maryland Mailing Address State Baltimore, Maryland 21209 City Telephone: (901) 213-8685 21209 410-599-8358 shuiesteinharter@yahoo.co Email Address: benjrubenstein@gmail.com Zip Code Telephone # **Email Address** DER RECEIVED FOR FILING Representative to be contacted Attorney for Owner(s)/Petitioner(s): Richard & Matz, P.E. N/A Name - Ty e or Print Name-Type or Print Signature Signature 2835 Smith Ave Ste. G Maryland Mailing Address City State Mailing Address City State

A PUBLIC HEARING having been formally demanded and/or found to be required, it is ordered by the Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore that the subject matter of this petition be set for a public hearing, advertised, and re-posted as County, this required by the zoning regulations of Baltimore County.

21209

Zip Code

Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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Zip Code

Filing Date

**Email Address** 

410-653-3838

Telephone #

Estimated Posting Date 9,13, 15

dmatz@cmrengineers.com

Email Address

## Affidavit in Support of Administrative 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.

Address: 2722 Woodcourt Road	Baltimore	Maryland	21209
Print or Type Address of property	City	State	Zip Code
Based upon personal knowledge, the followard Administrative Variance at the above add			
(See attached)			
(If additional space for the petition request	or the above statement i	s needed, label and atta	ich it to this Form)
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Signature of Owner (Affiant)		ture of Owner (Affiant)	
Benjamin D. Rubenstein Name- Print or Type		a H. Rubenstein - Print or Type	
The following information is to b	e completed by a Notary	Public of the State of M	aryland
STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF B	ALTIMORE, to wit:		
I HEREBY CERTIFY, this St. day and for the County aforesaid, personally appe	of <u>October</u> , <u>20</u> eared:	/5_, before me a Not	ary of Maryland, in
Print name(s) here: Benjamin D. Ruben	StriN + RIVKE	H. Rubenstein	/
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### Zoning Petition Attachment 2722 Woodcourt Road Baltimore County, Maryland

#### Variances Requested

- 1. A variance to permit a 0.5' side building setback in lieu of the required minimum 8', and a combined side yard setback of 14.5' in lieu of the required minimum 20', per Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) Section 1B02.3, Special regulations for certain existing or proposed developments or subdivisions and for small lots or tracts in D.R. Zones.
- 2. Based upon personal knowledge, the following are the facts upon which I/we base the request for an Administrative Variance at the above address:

This site is located in the Pikesville area of Baltimore County. The property is currently improved with an existing split-level single family dwelling. The surrounding neighborhood is a mix of commercial and residential units, comprised of similarly sized split-level single family dwellings, as well as a large apartment complex. The rear of the petitioner's property is bordered by the Greenspring Shopping Center and a fuel service station.

The petitioner constructed the 231 square foot addition after purchasing the home several years ago. The purpose of the addition was to provide a larger laundry room and storage area for the petitioner's family. The petitioner is requesting relief from the BCZR for a side setback of 0.5' in lieu of the required 8', and for a combined side yard setback of 14.5' in lieu of the required 20'.

The addition was located in order to maximize the rear yard area between the existing home and the adjacent shopping center and fuel service station. The closer proximity to the active commercial use would reduce the rear yard's inherent quality as the property's private recreational area. This would also have an adverse effect on the property's land value, by forcing private rear yard activities closer to the adjacent commercial use and fuel station.

The construction of the addition has also not had an adverse impact on the adjacent neighbors located at #2724 Woodcourt Road. In a letter of support dated August 26, 2015 (see attached), the owners of #2724 Woodcourt Road have expressed their support for the granting of the petitioner's requested variance relief from the BCZR.

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# Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc.

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### ZONING DESCRIPTION 2722 Woodcourt Road Baltimore County, Maryland

Beginning at a point on the north side of Woodcourt Road, which is 60 feet wide, located 224 feet, more or less, east of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Sanzo Road, which is 60 feet wide at the intersection of Woodcourt Road and Sanzo Road.

Being Lot Number 9, Block H, Section 3 of Plat 1 in the subdivision of Pickwick as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book R.R.G Number 30, Folio 6, containing 8,605 square feet or 0.20 acres, more or less. Located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Election District and 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District. Also known as 2722 Woodcourt Road.

#### **Professional Certification**

I hereby certify that these documents were prepared or approved by me, and that I am a duly licensed professional engineer under the laws of the State of Maryland.

License No. 13203

Expiration Date: 11/02/2016

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# DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

#### ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

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

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

For Newspaper Advertising:
Item Number or Case Number: 20/6-0058-A
Petitioner: Joshua and Elise L. Steinharter
Address or Location: 2722 Woodcourt Road
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: Joshua and Elise Steinharter
Address: 2722 Woodcourt Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21209
Telephone Number: 410-599-8358

## ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES

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Case Number 2016- 0058 -A Address 2722 Woodcourt Rd
Case Number 2016- 0058 -A Address 2722 Woodcourt Rd  Contact Person: David Duvall Planner, Please Print Your Name  Phone Number: 410-887-3391
Filing Date: $\frac{9/3/15}$ Posting Date: $\frac{9/13/15}{15}$ Closing Date: $\frac{9/28/15}{15}$
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. <b>DEADLINE:</b> 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 2016- 0058 -A Address 2722 Woodcourt Kd
Petitioner's Name <u>J+E</u> Stein harter Telephone <u>410 599 8358</u>
Posting Date: 9/13/15 Closing Date: 9/28/15
Wording for Sign: To Permit an existing addition with a side yard
setback of 1/2-foot and a summation of side yard
setbacks of 141/2 - feet in lieu of the minimum required
& fact and sum of 20 feet

# **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

**ATTENTION:** KRISTEN LEWIS

**DATE:** 9/11/2015

Case Number: 2016-0058-A

Petitioner / Developer: COLBERT, MATZ & ROSENFELT, INC. ~

J. & E. STEINHARTER

Date of Hearing (Closing): SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

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: 2722 WOODCOURT ROAD

The sign(s) were posted on: SEPTEMBER 11, 2015



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)

#### MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 13, 2015

TO: Zoning Review Office

FROM: Office of Administrative Hearings

RE: Case No. 2016-0058-A- Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on November 12, 2015. 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

#### **Debra Wiley**

From:

Debra Wiley

Sent:

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 1:16 PM

To:

'mvidaver@cmrengineers.com'

Subject:

Admin. Var. 2016-0058-A - Rubenstein - 2722 Woodcourt Rd.

**Attachments:** 

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Mr. Vidaver,

Please find attached a copy of Judge Beverungen's Opinion and Order in reference to the above matter.

Thanks.

----Original Message-----

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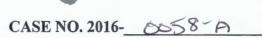
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# CHECKLIST

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Guide to searching the database

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