MEMORANDUM

DATE:

May 8, 2018

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2018-0200-SPHA - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on May 7, 2018. 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

IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING * BEFORE THE

AND VARIANCE

(2125 Benson Mill Road) * OFFICE OF

5th Election District * ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Taylor Shoffner & Susan Kennan * FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Legal Owners * Case No. 2018-0200-SPHA

Petitioners

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed on behalf of Taylor Shoffner & Susan Kennan, legal owners ("Petitioners"). The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") to approve an in-law apartment in a detached accessory structure.

In addition, a petition for variance seeks to permit an in-law apartment in an accessory structure with a total square footage of 1872 sq. ft. in lieu of the permitted 1200 sq. ft. A site plan was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

Taylor Shoffner & Susan Kennan appeared in support of the requests. There were no protestants or interested citizens in attendance. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. Substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received from the Department of Planning (DOP) and the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS).

Date 4518

By _____

SPECIAL HEARING

The BCZR permits accessory apartments inside of dwellings and in accessory buildings on the same lot as the principal dwelling. BCZR §400.4. In the latter scenario a public hearing is required. Petitioners submitted a floorplan of the proposed apartment, which would be occupied by the owners' parents. The subject property is over five acres in size and is located in a rural area. As such, I do not believe the accessory apartment will have detrimental impact upon the community and the petition for special hearing will be granted.

VARIANCES

A variance request involves a two-step process, summarized as follows:

- (1) It must be shown the property is unique in a manner which makes it unlike surrounding properties, and that uniqueness or peculiarity must necessitate variance relief; and
- (2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

Cromwell v. Ward, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995).

As noted in a prior Order involving this property (Case No. 2016-0321-SPHA), the lot has an irregular shape and is therefore unique. If the Regulations were strictly interpreted Petitioners would experience a practical difficulty because they would be unable to construct the proposed accessory building. Finally, I find that the variance can be granted in harmony with the spirit and intent of the BCZR, and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare. This is demonstrated by the lack of community and/or Baltimore County opposition.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this 5th day of April, 2018, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Special Hearing pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") to approve an in-law apartment in a detached accessory structure, be and is hereby GRANTED.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance to permit an in-law apartment (not to exceed 1,200 square feet) within a 1,872 square feet detached accessory structure, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- 1. 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.
- 2. Petitioners must comply with the ZAC comment of DEPS, a copy of which is attached hereto.
- 3. The accessory building containing the in-law apartment shall not be served by a separate electric meter.
- 4. The in-law apartment within the 1,872 SF accessory building shall occupy no more than 1,200 SF thereof.

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

Date NO

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

TO:

Hon. Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

February 15, 2018

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2018-0200-SPHA

Address

2125 Benson Mill Road

(Shoffner & Kennan Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of February 16, 2018.

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Reviewer:

Dan Esser

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PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

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

Address 2125 BONSON MILL RA SPARKS MI) 21 Which is presently zoned RC-2

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Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Taylor Shoffner Susan Kennan

(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING \underline{X} AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION AND PRINT OR TYPE THE PETITION REQUEST)

The undersigned legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plan attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for:

1. X a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve An iniaw apartment in a detailed accessory structure.

2.____a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for

3. * a Variance from Section(s) To permit an iniaw apartment in an accessory structure w/ a total square footage of 1872 SQFT in lieu of the permitted 1200 SQ FT.

of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (Indicate below your hardship or practical difficulty or indicate below "TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING". If you need additional space, you may add an attachment to this petition)

To be presented at hearing

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

CASE NUMBER 2018-0200-SPHA Filing Date 2,2,18 Do Not Schedule Dates:

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 (Petitioners):
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3801 Baker Schoolhouse Road Freeland, MD 21053 o 443-900-5535 m 410-419-4906 bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com

Zoning Description

2125 Benson Mill Road- 2.140 Acres Fifth Election District Third Councilmanic District Baltimore County, Maryland

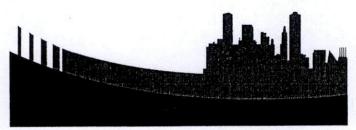
Beginning at a point in the center of Benson Mill Road, approximately 1100 feet +-Northeasterly of the centerline of Yeoho Road, thence leaving Benson Mill Road and binding on the outlines of the subject property, the four following courses and distances, viz.

- 1) South 29 degrees 39 minutes East 460.25 feet
- 2) South 62 degrees 12 minutes West 142.75 feet
- 3) South 89 degrees West 142.75 feet
- 4) North 18 degrees 29 minutes 47 seconds West 457.04 feet to the center of Benson Mill Road, thence binding in the center Benson Mill Road and continuing to bind on the outlines of the subject property, the two following courses and distances, viz.
- 5) North 76 degrees 32 minutes East 150 feet, thence leaving Benson Mill Road and
 - 6) South 29 degrees 39 minutes East 18.25 feet to the point of beginning

Containing 2.140 acres of land, more or less.

This description is part of a zoning hearing petition and is not intended for any conveyance purposes.





Land Use Expert and Surveyor

2018-0200 SPHA



501 N. Calvert St., P.O. Box 1377 Baltimore, Maryland 21278-0001 tel: 410/332-6000 800/829-8000

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement of Order No 5495447

Sold To:

Taylor Shoffner - CU00642779 2125 Benson Mill Rd Sparks Glencoe, MD 21152-9424

Bill To:

Taylor Shoffner - CU00642779 2125 Benson Mill Rd Sparks Glencoe, MD 21152-9424

Was published in "Jeffersonian", "Bi-Weekly", a newspaper printed and published in Baltimore County on the following dates:

Mar 13, 2018

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Hearing: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

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.

(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

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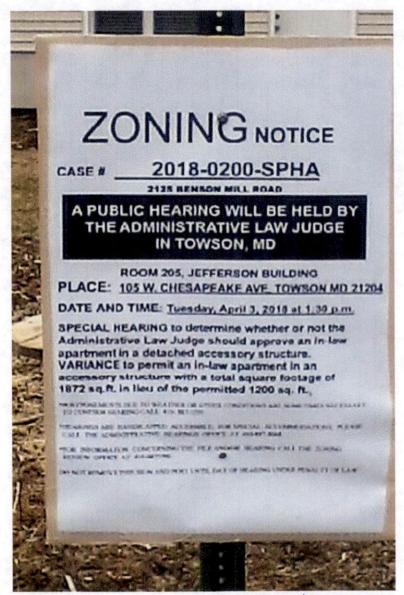
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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Date: 03/12/2018

Public Hearing RE: Project Name: _ Case Number /PAI Number: 2018-0200-SPHA Petitioner/Developer: Taylor Shoffler & SusanKenner Date of Hearing/Closing: 04/03/18 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 2125 Benson Mill Rd. Sparks, MD. 21152 The sign(s) were posted on 03/12/2018 (Month, Day, Year) (Signature of Sign Poster) John M. Altmeyer (Printed Name of Sign Poster) 21722 Orwig Rd. (Street Address of Sign Poster) Freeland, MD. 21053 See attached (City, State, Zip Code of Sign Poster) 410 382 6580 (Telephone Number of Sign Poster)



POSTED 3/12/18 John M. altmuser



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

February 27, 2018

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Arnold Jablon

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Director

C: Taylor Shoffer, Susan Kennan, 2125 Benson Mill Road, Sparks 21152

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

March 27, 2018

Taylor Shoffner Susan Kennan 2125 Benson Mill Road Sparks MD 21152

RE: Case Number: 2018-0200 SPHA, Address: 2125 Benson Mill Road

To Whom It May Concern:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing ONLY by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on February 2, 2018. This letter is not an approval, but only a NOTIFICATION.

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

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

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel





Larry Hogan Governor Boyd K. Rutherford Lt. Governor

Pete K. Rahn Secretary

Gregory Slater Administrator

Date: 2/14/18

Ms. Kristen Lewis Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the Case number referenced below. 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 Case No. 2018-0200-5PHA

Special Heaving, Variance

Taylor San Henran

2125 Benson M.11 Road

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Richard Zeller at 410-229-2332 or 1-866-998-0367 (in Maryland only) extension 2332, or by email at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

Wendy Wolcott, P.L.A.

Metropolitan District Engineer

Maryland Department of Transportation

State Highway Administration

District 4 - Baltimore and Harford Counties

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/22/2018

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TO:

Arnold Jablon

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 18-200

INFORMATION:

Property Address: 2125 Benson Mill Road

Petitioner:

Taylor Shoffner, Susan Kennan

Zoning:

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Requested Action:

Special Hearing, Variance

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for a special hearing to allow an in-law apartment in a detached accessory structure and the petition for a variance to permit an in-law apartment in an accessory structure with a total square footage of 1872 square feet in lieu of the permitted 1200 square feet.

A site visit was conducted on 2/27/2018. The property is the subject of prior zoning case 2016-0321 SPHA (0321). The Department has a copy of a Declaration of Understanding for 2125 Benson Mill Road in its file.

Between zoning cases 2016-0248-A and 2016-0321-SPHA the petitioner received permission to construct an accessory structure 34' x 88' with total height on 18' on half of the structure and 23' on the other half of the structure. A bathroom facility was permitted in the accessory structure. At the time, the proposed accessory structure was larger than the principal residence. This zoning requests an additional 1,872 square foot accessory structure including a garage and storage area without any modification to the previously approved accessory structure. The accessory structures are beginning to overwhelm the principal use. The property is located next to an active agricultural operation within the Agricultural Priority Preservation Area. The Master Plan 2020 counsels that incremental residential development adversely impacts agricultural activities within the County.

The Department has no objection to granting the special hearing relief providing the following conditions.

- A second utility meter will not be installed.
- The accessory structure for the in-law apartment not exceed 1200 square feet.

Date: 3/22/2018

Subject: ZAC # 18-200

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For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Joseph Wiley at 410-887-3480.

Prepared by:

Lloyd T. Moxley

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c: Joseph Wiley
Taylor Shoffner
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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

Taylor Shoffner 2125 Benson Mill Road Sparks, MD 21152 410-960-5078

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE

2125 Benson Mill Road; SE/S Benson Mill Rd,*

1100' NE of c/line of Yeoho Road

5th Election & 3rd Councilmanic Districts *
Legal Owners: Taylor Shoffner & Susan Kennan

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

2018-200-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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Peter Max Zummerman

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 15th day of February, 2018, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Taylor Shoffner & Susan Kennan, 2125 Benson Mill Road, Sparks, Maryland 21152, Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zummerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County



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 legal owner/petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least twenty (20) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the legal owner/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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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING

AND VARIANCE

(2125 Benson Mill Road)

5th Election District

3rd Council District

Christopher & Taylor Shoffner

Owners

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2016-0321-SPHA

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed on behalf of Christopher and Taylor Shoffner, legal owners ("Petitioners"). The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit the amendment of restriction #2 placed on the barn/garage approved in Case No. 2016-0248-A, to allow a bathroom in the garage for convenience only. A Petition for Variance seeks: (1) to permit an approved accessory building (northern ½ of barn/garage) with a total height of 18 ft.; and (2) to permit an approved accessory building (southern ½ of barn/garage) with a total height of 23 ft. A site plan was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requests were Christopher and Taylor Shoffner and professional surveyor Bruce Doak. There were no Protestants or interested citizens in attendance. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. Substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received from the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS) and the Department of Planning (DOP). DEPS indicated the property is served by well and septic system; as such

that agency must review all building permit applications. The DOP opposed the request, and that agency's concerns are discussed below.

VARIANCES

A variance request involves a two-step process, summarized as follows:

- (1) It must be shown the property is unique in a manner which makes it unlike surrounding properties, and that uniqueness or peculiarity must necessitate variance relief; and
- (2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

Cromwell v. Ward, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995).

Petitioners have met this test. The property has irregular dimensions (i.e., it is narrow and deep) and is therefore unique. Petitioners would experience practical difficulty if the regulations were strictly interpreted because they would be unable to construct the proposed accessory building. The owner explained he enjoys working on antique vehicles, but due to his age he requires a vehicle lift to be installed since he can no longer lay on the ground to work on his cars. He testified he works on only his personal vehicles and has no intention of operating a service garage or performing repairs on vehicles owned by third parties.

To accommodate the vehicle lift the roof line in the garage must be raised, which necessitated the height variance request. I believe the variance can be granted in harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R., and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety, and general welfare. The site is rural and sparsely populated such that the height of the accessory building will not negatively impact the community.

SPECIAL HEARING

The request for special hearing seeks to amend a restriction contained in a recent order granting administrative variance relief to permit a garage at the property which is larger than

the existing single-family dwelling. That Order prohibited - - among other things - - "bathroom facilities" in the detached garage. Petitioner explained he has a medical condition which requires him to use the bathroom upwards of 12 times a day. As such, he would like to have a bathroom in the proposed garage. He testified the garage will not have kitchen facilities or living quarters of any kind.

In these circumstances the special hearing request seems reasonable and will be granted.

As explained at the hearing, granting the petition will strike from the order the prohibition (as a zoning matter) on "bathroom facilities." But whether or not a bathroom is allowed depends upon the review by DEPS, which must determine whether adequate well and/or septic facilities exist or can be accommodated on site. A condition to that effect is included in the Order below.

The DOP indicated the site area is "less than the 3 acres necessary to meet the definition of a farm and thus does not support the additional height required of an agricultural building." While the site plan indeed shows an "area" of 2.14 acres, the SDAT record lists the "property land area" as 5.14 acres, which is a sufficient amount of land to constitute a "farm" under the Regulations. The SDAT record also indicates the "use" of the property is "agricultural," though it is Petitioners' "principal residence."

Whether or not the property qualifies as a "farm" or an "agricultural" use may well be an important question in terms of real property taxation, but I do not believe it is an issue which must be decided in this zoning case. The relief granted herein is similar to that granted to owners of single-family dwellings in numerous other variance and administrative variance cases, wherein the height of an accessory building has been permitted to exceed the 15 feet limitation contained in B.C.Z.R. §400.3. The relief granted below is not predicated upon the property qualifying as a farm or agricultural use, and no finding is made on that issue.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>8th</u> day of September, 2016, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Special Hearing filed pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to amend and strike the words "or bathroom" found in restriction #2 on page 3 of the Order in Case No. 2016-0248-A, be and is hereby GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other terms and conditions of the Order in Case No. 2016-0248-A shall continue in full force and effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the petition for variance: (1) to permit an approved accessory building (northern ½ of barn/garage) with a total height of 18 ft.; and (2) to permit an approved accessory building (southern ½ of barn/garage) with a total height of 23 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to and conditioned upon 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.
- Prior to issuance of a building permit for the proposed barn/garage,
 Petitioner must obtain approval from the Ground Water Management section of DEPS.
- 3. The barn/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.

Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE (2125 Benson Mill Road)

5th Election District

3rd Council District

Christopher and Taylor Shoffner

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2016-0248-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, Christopher and Taylor Shoffner ("Petitioners"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief pursuant to § 101.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R) - "Accessory Use or Structure" to permit a pole barn in the rear yard of a residential property with a total square footage exceeding that of the principal structure-home. 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.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on April 22, 2016, 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 Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.). Based upon the information available, there is no evidence in

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 Petitioners.

Although the Department of Planning did not make any recommendations related to the accessory structure height and usage, I will impose conditions that the accessory building (pole barn) 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 12th day of May, 2016, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from § 101.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R) - "Accessory Use of Structure" to permit a pole barn in the rear yard of a residential property with a total square footage exceeding that of the principal structure-home, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

1. Petitioners may apply for any appropriate permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

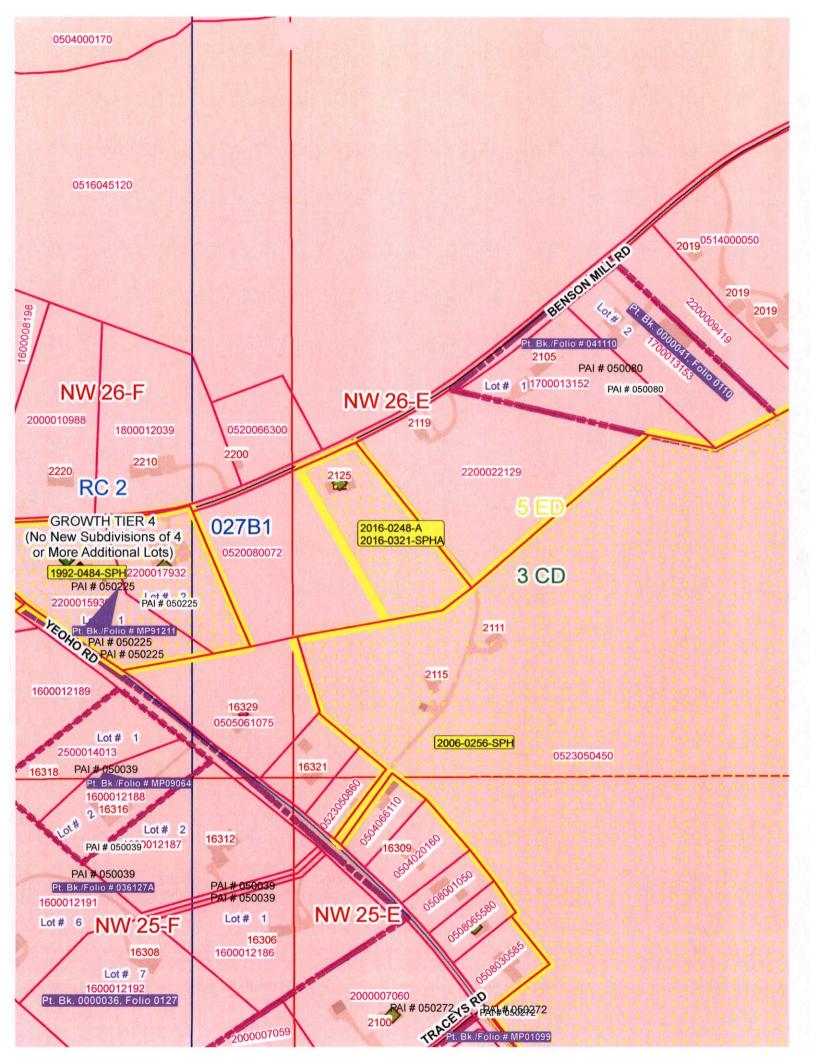
2. The Petitioners or subsequent owners shall not convert the accessory building (pole barn) into a dwelling unit or apartment. The accessory structure (pole barn) shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, and kitchen or bathroom facilities.

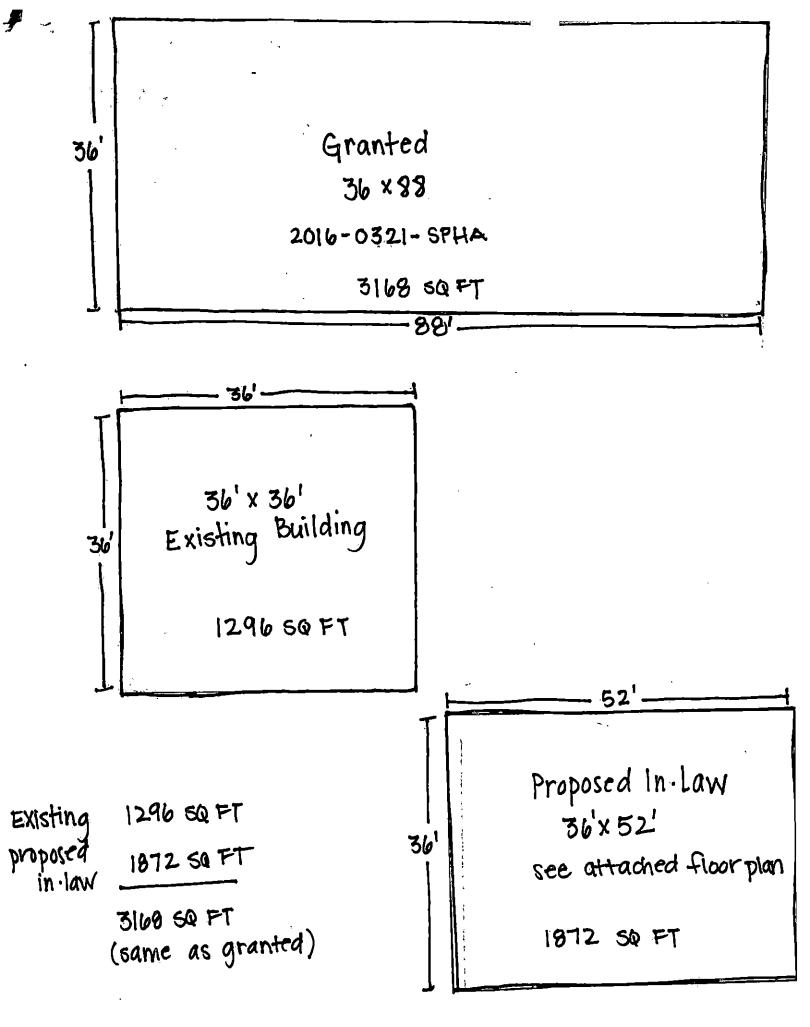
Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

JOHNE. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for

Baltimore County

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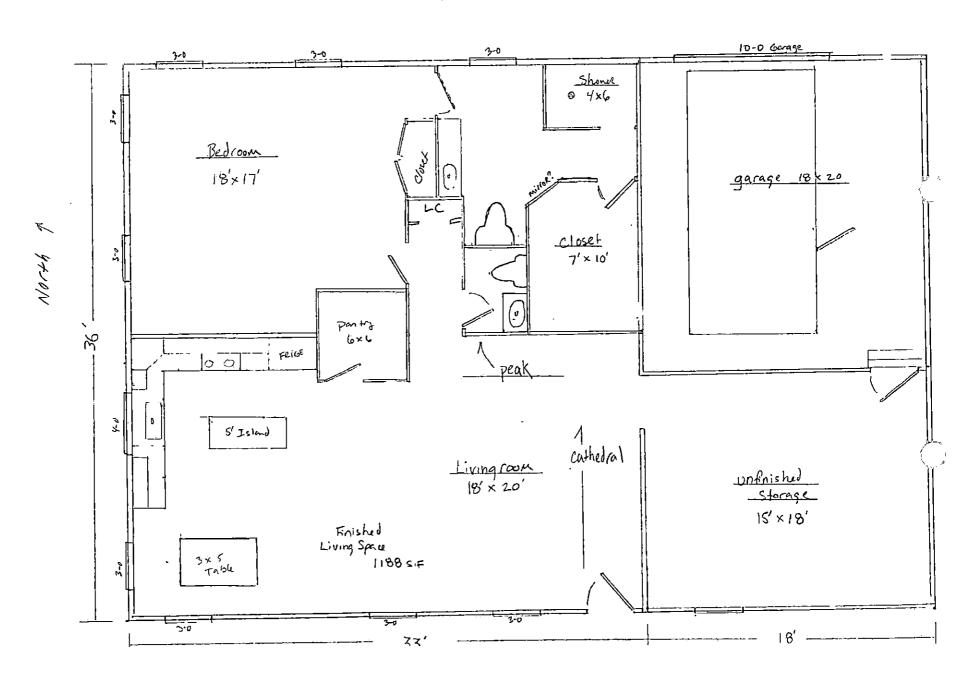
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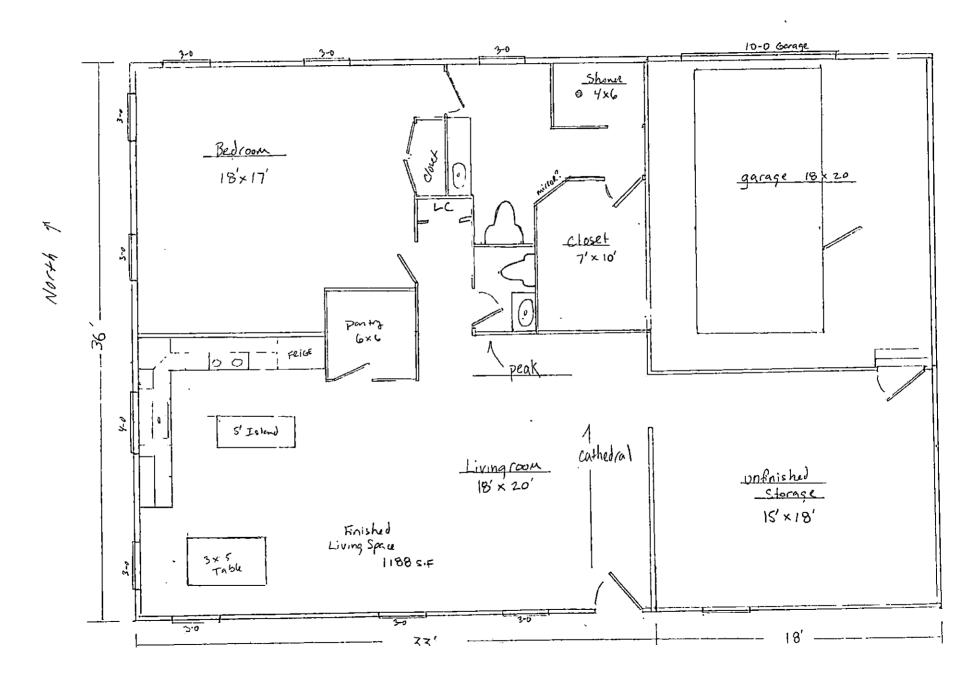
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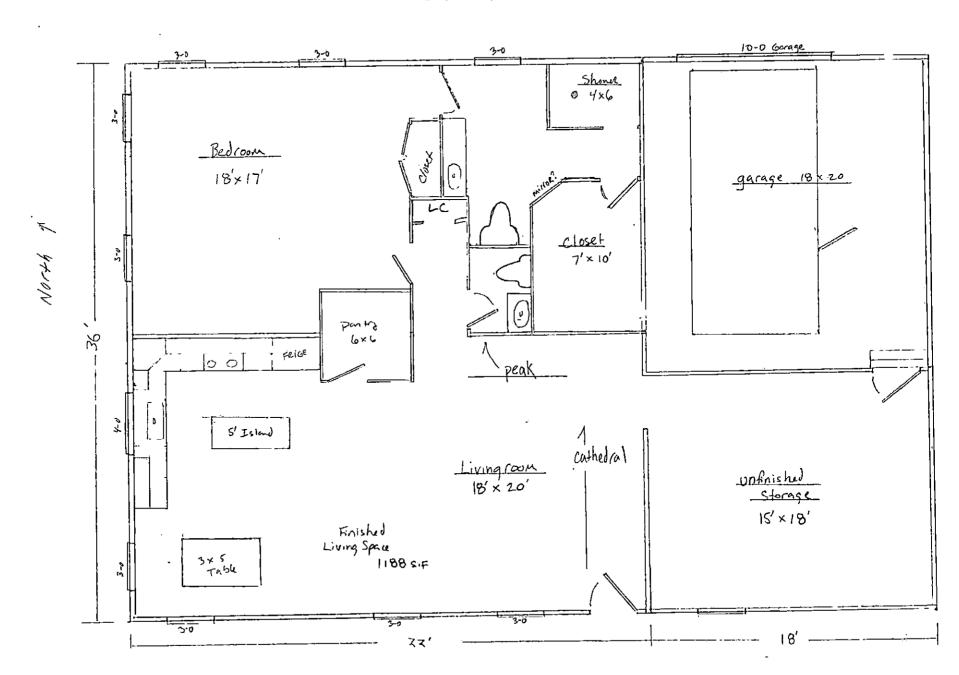
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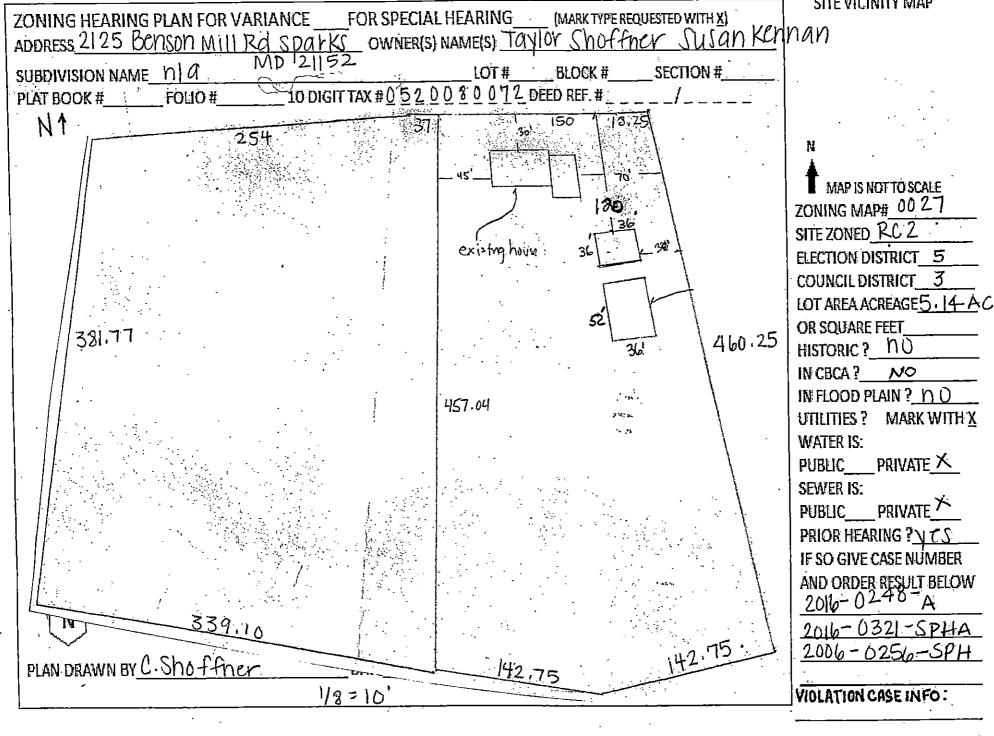
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SITE VICINITY MAP



DECLARATION OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS DECLARATION OF	UNDERSTANDING (hereina	after referred to as "Declaration") is made on this			
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(hereinafter referred to as the "Declarant") and the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections					
(hereinafter referred to as "PAI").					

Recitals

A. The Declarant(s) who is/are also the owner(s) of this property has/have filed an application for a use permit and special hearing to <u>create an in-law living area for Susan and Richard Kennan. (handicapped parent of the property owner) See proposed layout for design/layout.</u>

The property being located at: 2125 Benson Mill Road Sparks, MD 21152 and is more particularly described by metes and bounds in Exhibit A (The Property) and Exhibit B (The use permit or hearing plans) attached hereto and made a part hereof. The property is zoned RC2_, which is the particular zone in which the property is located.

B. PAI (or) The Administrative Law Judge has approved the Declaration request to create an Accessory Apartment complete with dedicated bathing and cooking facilities, located on this owner-occupied property. The accessory apartment will be the housing for: <u>Richard and Susan Kennan-Susan Kennan is mother to Taylor Shoffner and coowner of the property. Richard Kennan is the father to Taylor Shoffner (owner) and spouse of co-owner Susan Kennan</u>

The other residents of the property are: <u>Taylor Shoffner (owner/daughter of in-law occupants)</u>, <u>Christopher Shoffner (spouse of owner)</u>, <u>Richard Kennan (minor child)</u>, <u>Ryan Shoffner (minor child)</u>. <u>All Shoffner's reside in the main dwelling</u>. The use permit must be renewed with PAI every two years by filing a renewal on a PAI approved form, to be dated from the month of the initial approval.

C. As a condition of approval of the Declarant(s) request, Bill No. 49-11 requires the filing of this Declaration among the Land Records of Baltimore County, to provide notice to any future owners, subsequent bona fide purchasers or users of the Property that no part of any improvements or addition on the Property may be used for separate living quarters and that all such improvements shall only be used as a single-family residence, unless otherwise approved by and at the discretion of PIA.

DECLARATIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledge, the Declarant(s) and PIA hereby declare as follows:

1. Any and all improvements now existing or to be constructed on the Property shall be used only as a single family residence. No such improvements or additions shall ever be used as a separate living quarter or second residential unit. The kitchen for the Accessory Apartment will be constructed as part of the Property and shall be accessory to the principal use of the Property as a single-family residence.

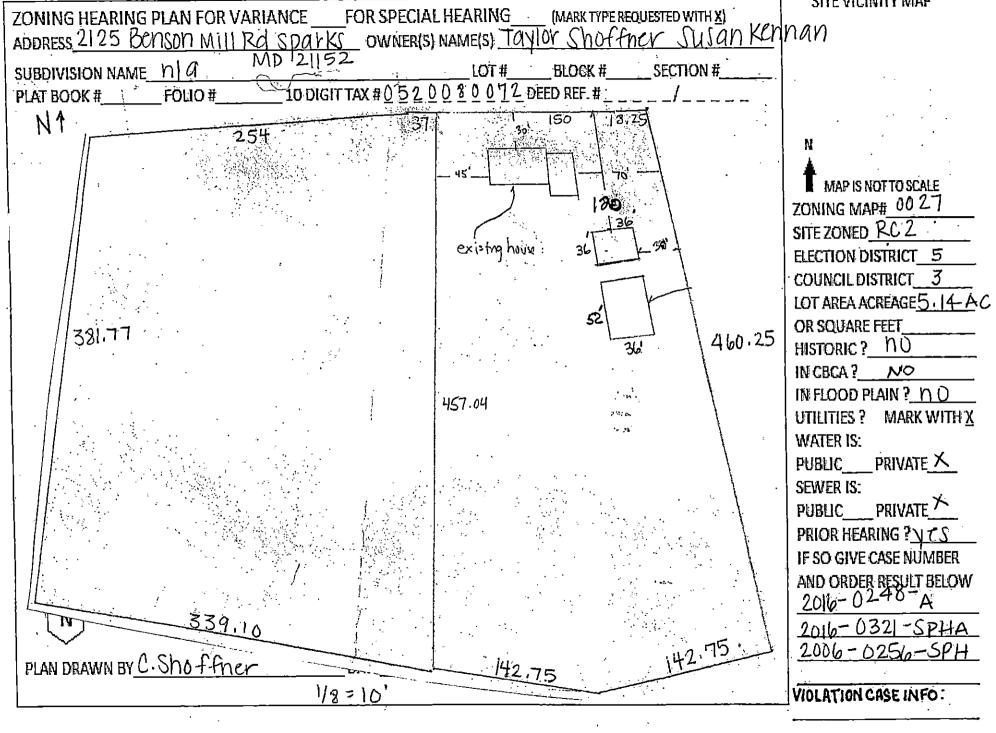
The Accessory Apartment shall house only the immediate family member(s) listed in this Declaration and it is not to be used as an independent residential unit, nor is it to be used for compensation, and it shall not be used by any other person or for any other reason. The use permit and this Declaration are subject to the order, conditions or restrictions of any required zoning hearing. The hearing order is to be made part of this Declaration when it is recorded in Land Records.

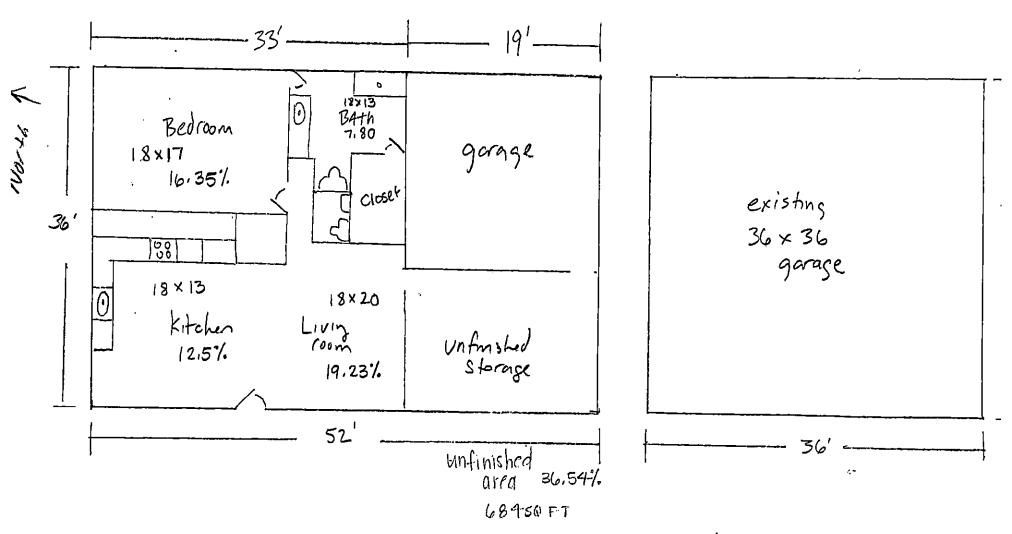
- 2. Once the Accessory Apartment is no longer occupied by the persons named in this Declaration or if the property is sold, or the use permit has not been renewed within the 2 year temporary use permit time limit, the use permit shall terminate, and any proposed changes in occupancy to the Accessory Apartment by the property owner or subsequent purchaser shall require a new request for a use permit.
- 3. Upon use permit termination:
- A. In the Accessory Apartment in the accessory building requires removal of the kitchen and possibly other residential elements, at the discretion of PAI.
- B. The Declarant(s) upon termination of the use permit will provide written notification to PAI for the closing of the Department file.
- 4. The covenants, conditions, and restrictions stated above shall run with and bind the Property and shall be enforceable by Baltimore County, MD and by the owners of all or any portion of the Property.
- 5. Enforcement of the Covenants shall be by proceedings at law or in equity against any person or persons violating or attempting to violate any of the covenants, either to restrain the violation or to recover damages.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Declaration under seal on the date first above written.

WITNESS:	
State of Maryland, County of Baltimore to wit:	
of Maryland, personally appeared who is/are also the owner(s) of this property, k	of 20, before the Subscriber, a Notary Public of State The declarant(s) herein, nown to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person(s) instrument, and who acknowledged that he/she/they ourposes therein contained.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, have hereunto set my h	nand and Notarial Seal.
My Commission Expires:	Notary Public

SITE VICINITY MAP





Total of Living Space 1188 S.F

Totals of Buildings 36 x 88

Building Square Feet 1872 s.F.