IN THE MATTER OF

NASIR HAMIDY – LEGAL OWNERS

AND PETITIONERS FOR VARIANCE
ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT
6302 CHESWORTH ROAD

1<sup>st</sup> ELECTION DISTRICT 1<sup>st</sup> COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

- BEFORE THE
- BOARD OF APPEALS
- \* OF
- \* BALTIMORE COUNTY
- Case Nos. 19-098-A

#### **OPINION**

This matter comes before the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County as a *de novo* appear of the Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge, John E. Beverungen, dated December 7, 2018 denying the requested Variance relief. The Petition for Variance was filed by Petitioner Nasir Hamidy, the legal owner of the subject property. This Petition seeks Variance Relief from §1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft. At the April 18, 2019 hearing before this Board, the Petitioners amended their request without objection to also include variance for a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 feet in lieu of the required 25 ft.

A hearing was held before this board on April 18, 2019 and was publicly deliberated July 16, 2019. A site plan was included as evidence before the Board and marked as Exhibi Nasir Hamidy and Professional planner and zoning expert Mitch Kellman testified on behalt the Petitioners. Lawrence E. Schmidt, of Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, appeared on behalt he Petitioner. Neighbors, Henry and Nancy Miller appeared, pro se as Protestants in opposite the proposed Variance Relief.

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#### FACTS/BACKGROUND

The site in question is approximately 8,568 square feet in size and zoned DR 3.5. The property is improved with a single-family dwelling constructed in 1970. The Petitioner purchased the home in 2018 and desires to construct a 2-story addition with a garage and additional living space for his family. As was described by the Petitioner, the proposed addition would constitute a 2-story 18' x 29.25' addition to the existing dwelling. This addition would allow for a garage (which presently does not exist on the Property) and additional living area on the second floor. Petitioner provided Baltimore County ZAC comments, reflecting that the Department of Planning does not oppose the Petitioner's variance request.

Petitioner provided the testimony of Professional planner and zoning expert, Mitch Kellman who testified in support of the Petition. Mr. Kellman described the neighborhood and the Property layout, including the current improvements on the Property. He offered his expert opinion that the Petition satisfied the criteria for variance relief in BCZR §307.1, opining that the Petitioner's property was unique due to its size and shape, and the fact that steep slopes exist in the rear of the property. He further opined that not being able to construct the addition would create practical difficulty, in that Mr. Hamidy would not have sufficient living space for his family. Both Mr. Kellman and Mr. Hamidy noted that many houses in the neighborhood already had similar garages as the one proposed. (See Petitioner's Ex. 6A to 6S).

The Protestants, who live in the adjacent property are concerned with the size of the proposed addition and the potential impact it may have on their home. The Millers have lived in the home adjacent to the property at issue since 1971. The homes are located in the Woodbridge Valley subdivision. Mrs. Miller disagreed with Mr. Kellman's assessment that the Petitioner's property is unique. Mrs. Miller testified that through her own observations that there are many

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oddly shaped lots in the Woodbridge Valley subdivision. (See Protestant's Ex. 4). Mrs. Miller also testified that she believed that the size of the addition would decrease the Petitioner's side yard to a point which the Petitioner would be forced to use the Protestants property to navigate lawn equipment from the front to the back of the property. Finally, Mrs. Miller testified that they purchased their home when the Woodbridge Valley subdivision was originally created, and buyers had a choice of different size lots, some with garages and some without. The Millers believe that the Petitioner's property was never meant to have a garage or addition on its smaller lot.

#### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

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 and peculiarity must necessitate variance relief; and
- 2. if variance relief is denied the petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship. *Cromwell v. Ward*, 102 Md. App 691 (1995).

Although the Petitioner's property is somewhat smaller than others in the Woodbridge Valley subdivision, this Board is not persuaded that any characteristics of this property are enough to qualify it as "unique" as the term is used in Maryland law. Assuming, arguendo, that the property was deemed "unique," the Board is not satisfied that the Petitioner's need for living space in a home that was just recently purchased constitutes "practical difficulty" as required in the second prong of Cromwell. Consequently, when applying the facts of this matter to the Cromwell analysis, the Petitioner's Petition for Variance must be denied.

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#### ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS THIS 15 day of Letoker, 2019 by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County hereby,

ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from §1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit a proposed a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 feet in lieu of the requested 10 feet; and to permit a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 feet in lieu of the required 25 is hereby **DENIED**.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the *Maryland Rules*.

BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Andrew M. Belt, Panel Chair

Kendra Randall Jolivet

Joseph L. Evans



# Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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October 1, 2019

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: In the Matter of: Nasir Hamidy Case No.: 19-098-A

Enclosed please find a copy of the final Opinion and Order issued this date by the Board Dear Mr. Schmidt: Appeals of Baltimore County in the above subject matter.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rul 201 through Rule 7-210 of the Maryland Rules, WITH A PHOTOCOPY PROVIDED TO T OFFICE CONCURRENT WITH FILING IN CIRCUIT COURT. Please note that all Petis for Judicial Review filed from this decision should be noted under the same civil action number of the same civil action numbe If no such petition is filed within 30 days from the date of the enclosed Order, the subject file v Very truly yours, closed.

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Administrator

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Enclosure Nasir Hamidy Henry and Nancy Miller Paul Mayhew, Managing Administrative Law Judge C: Office of People's Counsel C. Pete Gutwald, Director/Department of Planning Nancy C. West, Assistant County Attorney/Office of Law Michael D. Mallinoff, Director/PAI Michael E. Field, County Attorney/Office of Law

## BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY MINUTES OF DELIBERATION

IN THE MATTER OF: Nasir Hamidy

19-098-A

DATE:

July 16, 2019

BOARD/PANEL:

Andrew M. Belt, Chair

Kendra Randall Jolivet

Joseph L. Evans

RECORDED BY:

Tammy A. Zahner, Legal Secretary

PURPOSE:

To deliberate the following:

1. Petition for Variance relief from BCZR Section 1B02.3.C.1 to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.; and to permit a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 ft. in lieu of the required 25 ft.

2. Is the property unique pursuant to the conditions set forth in <u>Cromwell v. Ward</u>, and if it is, will failure to grant the Variance present a practical difficulty or unusual hardship?

#### PANEL MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

- The Board reviewed the case. The Petitioner originally requested a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft., and amended the request at the hearing to also allow for a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 ft. in lieu of 25 ft. The Board accepted the amendment without objection of the neighbors.
- The Petitioner testified he recently purchased the house and wishes to construct a two story addition, with a garage and additional living area on the second floor to accommodate his family.
- Testimony from the adjoining neighbors was they are concerned about the closeness to their property, and the ability of lawn mowing equipment to access the rear yard. The neighbors have no objection to an addition, but want it built within the law.
- The Board discussed the uniqueness requirements of *Cromwell*. Petitioner's expert testified that the property was unique due to its small size, the rear slope of the property, and the inability of the garage to be located anywhere else on the property. The Board does not find the property to be unique, noting there are other lots in the neighborhood of similar size and shape.
- The Board discussed the practical difficulty factor. The Board noted that even if the Petitioner reduced the size of the addition to comply with the 10 ft. side yard setback requirement, they would still require a variance to the sum of side yard setback requirement. The Board found that there is no practical difficulty as the Petitioner could build a smaller addition without the need for a variance.

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<u>CONCLUSION:</u> After thorough review of the facts, testimony, and law in the matter, the Board unanimously agreed to DENY the requested Petition for Variance.

NOTE: These minutes, which will become part of the case file, are intended to indicate for the record that a public deliberation took place on the above date regarding this matter. The Board's final decision and the facts and findings thereto will be set out in the written Opinion and Order to be issued by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

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### Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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June 7, 2019

#### **AMENDED NOTICE OF DELIBERATION**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Nasir Hamidy

6302 Chesworth Road

19-098-A

1st Election District; 1st Councilmanic District

Re:

Petition for Variance relief pursuant to BCZR to permit a side yard addition with a side setback

of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.

12/7/18

Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Variance was

DENIED.

This matter was heard and concluded on April 18, 2019. The public deliberation in this matter scheduled for July 9, 2019 has been postponed due to a scheduling conflict. The public deliberation has been rescheduled for the following:

DATE AND TIME:

JULY 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Jefferson Building - Second Floor Hearing Room #2 - Suite 206 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue

NOTE: PUBLIC DELIBERATIONS ARE OPEN WORK SESSIONS WHICH ALLOW THE PUBLIC TO WITNESS THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. ATTENDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED AND PARTICIPATION IS NOT ALLOWED. A WRITTEN OPINION AND ORDER WILL BE ISSUED BY THE BOARD WITHIN A REASONABLE TIMEFRAME AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE DELIBERATION. A COPY OF THAT OPINION AND ORDER WILL BE SENT TO ALL PARTIES.

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Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington, Administrator

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Counsel for Petitioner Petitioner : Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire

: Nasir Hamidy

Protestant

: Henry and Nancy Miller

C. Pete Gutwald, Director/Department of Planning Michael Field, County Attorney, Office of Law Nancy West, Assistant County Attorney Lawrence M. Stahl, Managing Administrative Law Ju Michael Mallinoff, Director/PAI Office of People's Counsel IN THE MATTER OF:

Nasir Hamidy Legal Owner 6302 Chesworth Road

1st Election District 1st Councilmanic District

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PETITIONER'S CLOSING MEMORANDUM IN LIEU OF CLOSING ARGUMENT

The property owner, Nasir Hamidy (hereinafter "Petitioner), by and through his attorneys, Lawrence E. Schmidt and Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, submit this Closing Memorandum in Lieu of Closing Argument in support of the petition for variance for the above referenced matter and respectfully states:

## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This matter comes before the County Board of Appeals (the "Board") as a de appeal of Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") John Beverungen's denial (on Decem-2018) of a Petition for Variance relief for the property located at 6302 Cheswort! (the "Property"). In applying the de novo standard, the Board's findings of ! conclusions of law will be exclusively from the record made at the public conducted.

A public hearing was held before the ALJ on December 4, 2018. T relief was filed pursuant to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations

1B02.3.C.1 to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft. By written Opinion and Order dated December 7, 2018, ALJ Beverungen denied the requested variance relief based on his conclusion that the Property was not "unique". On January 4, 2019, Petitioner filed a timely appeal to the Board of the ALJ's decision in accordance with Baltimore County Code ("BCC") § 32-3-401.

The public hearing before the Board consumed one day on April 18, 2019. At the onset of the hearing, Petitioner's Counsel moved to formally amend the zoning petition, requesting variance relief pursuant to the BCZR § 1B02.3.C.1 (1) to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 feet in lieu of the required 10 feet and (2) to permit a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet. In accordance with due process, parties are required to be given reasonable notice and opportunity to participate in the Board's hearing and consideration of the zoning proposal. Significantly, the Supreme Court of the United States has explained that the essence of due process is the requirement that a party be given notice and an opportunity to be heard "...at a meaningful time and in a meaningful manner." Mathews v. Eldridge, 424 US. 319, 333, 348-49 (1976). Further, proper public notice of the requests was afforded consistent with the principles stated by the Court of Appeals in <u>Cassidy v. Baltimo</u> County Board of Appeals, 218 Md. 418 (1958). In full consideration of due process w regard to the amended zoning petition, all parties agreed to proceed on the amenzoning petition which was therefore accepted by the Board. Thus, the Board sh consider both variance requests. The relevant testimony will be recounted appropriate herein.

#### STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

The property at issue is known as 6302 Chesworth Road (the "Property"). It is located near the intersection of Chesworth Road and N. Rolling Road, with frontage on Chesworth Road. The Property is approximately 8,568 square feet in area (.197 acres) and zoned DR-3.5 (Density Residential). The Property lies inside the Urban Rural Demarcation Line ("URDL") and currently served by public water and sewer. A single-family dwelling was constructed on the Property in 1970. The Property is comprised of all of Lot 26 as shown on a record plat entitled "Woodbridge Valley" (recorded in 1960) and is recorded in Plat Book 33 folio 111. Lot 26 was zoned R-10 when the Woodbridge Valley plat was recorded. This community has been built out over the years and features single family detached dwellings. For purposes of setback requirements, R-10 and DR 3.5 are identical. Lot 26 has been described as a separate lot of record in the Land Records since its creation in the 1969 plat.

The Property was purchased by Petitioner from Deutsche Bank National Trust, as reflected in a deed dated September 18, 2018, which is recorded in the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber 40675, Folio 00145. The Petitioner seeks to construct a 2-story 18' X 29.25 'addition to the existing dwelling, which is a permitted use in the DR 3.5 zone. This addition will allow for a garage (which presently does not exist on the Property) and additional living area on the second floor. As required by the BCZR, Petitioner sought variance relief from BCZR § 1B02.3.C.1. to: (1) to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 feet in lieu of the required 10 feet; and (2) to permit a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet. As indicated within

the ZAC comments, the Department of Planning does not oppose the Petitioner's variance.

Lawrence E. Schmidt represented Petitioner at the Board's hearing. Professional planner and zoning expert Mitch Kellman testified in support of the Petition. He described the neighborhood and Property layout, including the current improvements on the Property (i.e. the single family dwelling). Mr. Kellman offered expert opinion that the Petition satisfied the criteria for variance relief in BCZR § 307.1. His expert testimony and conclusions were not disputed. The details and need of the proposed addition were described largely through the testimony of Mr. Hamidy. Mr. Hamidy explained his desire to construct a 2-story addition including a garage and additional living space for his growing family. Nancy Miller and Henry Miller (adjacent neighbors located at 6304 Chesworth Road) (hereinafter referred to as the "Protestants") appeared in opposition to the Petition. Protestants testified on concerns about the size of the proposed addition and the potential impact the addition may have upon the value of their home.

#### STANDARD OF REVIEW

In Baltimore County, zoning variances are permitted and analyzed under BCZR § 307.1 and the case law interpreting that provision. Significantly, to obtain a zoning variance in Baltimore County, a two-pronged analysis is required showing that:

(1) The property is unique; and

<sup>(2)</sup> If the variance relief is denied, petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or unreasonably hardship. BCZR § 307.1; Cromwell v. Ward, 102 Md. App. 691, 694-95 (1995).

#### **ARGUMENT**

The BCZR governs both the allowed uses on the Property and the scope/size of improvements permitted for properties zoned DR 3.5. Undoubtedly, the single-family dwelling is an expressly allowed use in the DR 3.5. That is, BCZR § 1B01.1.A.1. identifies "dwellings ... single family detached" as a permitted use, by right. Garages are commonly associated with single family dwellings and are also a permitted use. The question presented in this case is not as to the use, but whether the proposal satisfies the scope/size (also referred to as the "bulk") regulations.

#### I. Petitioner is Entitled to Variance Relief

The bulk regulations from which Petitioner seeks relief are as follows: (1) to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 feet in lieu of the required 10 feet, and (2) to permit a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet. The Board, based upon the record before it, should conclude that Petitioner is entitled to variance relief in the instance case.

As noted above, Cromwell is often cited as the seminal variance case when considering BCZR § 307.1. This is because Cromwell is a reported decision arising from a variance request under that section of the BCZR. Admittedly, the Cromwell Court opined that the grant of a variance is "rarely appropriate." Cromwell (pg. 711). But with that said, the Court's opinion does not conclude that variances can never be granted and that the County's zoning authorities lack the jurisdiction to grant a zoning variance. Instead, the Court imposed a substantial burden upon the applicant in order for a

variance to be granted. Petitioner avers that such circumstances exist in the instant case and that the variance is warranted and its burden satisfied.

#### A. The Property is Unique

In the instant case, due to the events that led to the creation and configuration of the Property, special circumstances and conditions exist which make the Property unique.

The Court in *Cromwell* defined the term "uniqueness" as follows:

In the zoning context the "unique" aspect of a variance requirement does not refer to the extent of improvements upon the property, or upon neighboring property. "Uniqueness" of a property for zoning purposes requires that the subject property has an inherent characteristic not shared by other properties in the area, i.e., it shape, topography, subsurface condition, environmental factors, historical significance, access or not-access to navigable waters, practical restrictions imposed by abutting properties (such as obstruction) or other similar restrictions. *Cromwell* (pg. 710).

Therefore, the question of whether a property is unique does not derive from the circumstances of the owner or the use of a property. These considerations are more properly addressed in the second "test"; i.e. whether a practical difficulty would be suffered if strict adherence to the zoning regulation was required. The uniqueness test is met if there are inherent physical characteristics of the Property which make it different, peculiar and therefore unique from other properties in the locale.

The testimony of Mr. Kellman, along with the neighborhood plat and photographs entered into evidence (Petitioner's Exhibits No. 4 and 6), show that the Property is substantially different than other properties in the area with differences in size, shape, and topography. It is therefore "unique" and unlike other properties in the

locale. This is a narrow, irregularly shaped parcel which was created over 50 years ago. No other property in the vicinity has these precise dimensions and shape. A mere examination of the aerial photographs submitted (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 5), as well as the record plat for this subdivision (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 4) are conclusive to the finding that there is no other property of this shape, dimension and acreage. This is not the case of a "cookie cutter" residential subdivision, where all lots are, for example, seventy five feet wide and one hundred feet deep. This property is different than any other lot in terms of size, shape, dimension and configuration.

As importantly, the topography of the Property is also unique. As testified to by Mr. Kellman, the Property has a walkout basement and an unusual steep slope at the rear of the dwelling. This topography combined with the unique shape, dimension and size of the Property results in the lack of any feasible building area for the proposed garage. It cannot be located anywhere else on the Property. Therefore, these unique physical characteristics drive the need for the variance. Based upon the combination of these unique physical characteristics that are not shared by other properties in the area, it must be concluded that the subject Property satisfies the "unique" test required under *Cromwell*. Finally, it is important to note that the prior subdivision that created Lot 26 was not at the hands of the Petitioner, therefore there can be no claim of self imposed hardship.

## B. If the Variance is Denied, Petitioner will Experience a Practical Difficulty or Unreasonable Hardship

A denial of the variance would deprive the Petitioner of the right to reasonably

develop his property in accordance with regulations and would constitute a practical difficulty under these circumstances. Courts have interpreted the "practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship" standard to be disjunctive, meaning that satisfaction of either of the conditions may warrant a variance. Loyola Loan Ass'n v. Buschman, 227 Md. 243, 250-51, 176 A.2d 355 (1961). Nevertheless, the "practical difficulties" standard is less stringent than the "undue hardship." Loyola Fed. Savs. & Loan Ass'n v. Buschman, 227 Md. 243, 249, 176 A.2d 355 (1961). The Court in Mclean v. Soley, 270 Md. 216 (1973) established criteria for determining practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship:

(1) Whether compliance with the strict letter of the restrictions governing various variances would unreasonably prevent the owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with such restrictions unnecessary burdensome.

(2) Whether a grant of the variance applied would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief to the owner of the property involved and be more consistent with justice to other property owners.

(3) Whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Furthermore, the practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship must not be self-imposed. Richard Roeser Prof'l Builder, Inc. v. Anne Arundel Cnty., 368 Md. 294, 314 (2002).

That the Petitioner would suffer practical difficulty if relief were not afforded is manifest. The undersized nature of Lot 26 and strict adherence to the regulations (BCZR § 1B02.3.C.1) would not allow a reasonable and permitted use of the property (i.e. construction of a dwelling addition/garage). The imposition of BCZR § 1B02.3.C.1. on Lot 26, which was apart of an existing subdivision, disproportionately restricts permitted uses as compared to lots in the area. As testified to by Mr. Kellman, the

Petitioner will suffer a practical difficulty if the variance is denied because Petitioner is unable to construct a garage/addition elsewhere on the Property without the need of a variance from the BCZR. In the instant matter, the practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship is not self-imposed because the subdivision, which created Lot 26, occurred some 50 years ago; Petitioner purchased the Property in 2018. Petitioner has a large family and requires additional living area. Similar to other houses in the neighborhood, Petitioner requires a garage. Petitioner's use of the Property would be unduly limited and restricted if the variance relief was denied.

Lot 26's physical peculiarities will cause Petitioner to suffer disproportionately due to the application of BCZR § 1B02.3.C.1. Without the requested variance relief, Petitioner is unable to construct a garage, unlike other properties within the Woodbridge Valley subdivision that are improved with garages. (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 6) In fact, the dwelling immediately across the street is improved with a garage. Due to the severe topography and narrowness of the Property and the location of the AC unit, the proposed addition cannot be constructed on the rear or opposite side of the dwelling.

Further, a grant of the requested variance relief will not detrimentally impact adjacent properties. The proposed addition would be developed in a manner consistent with the neighborhood, including architectural design. Mr. Kellman testified that considering the surrounding neighborhood and site constraints at issue, the construction of the proposed addition would be consistent with DR 3.5 zoning regulations and would not cause injury to the public health, safety, or general welfare.

Lot 26 (and the proposed addition thereon) is entirely consistent with the character of this neighborhood and the Woodbridge Valley subdivision. As such, Petitioner will experience practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship if the requested variances are not granted.

Protestants maintained that Petitioner is responsible for his need for variance relief and thus not eligible for approval, arguing Petitioner had the option of buying a larger dwelling or property. This argument is similar to the positions articulated by opponents to variances in many cases. That is, that any building can be made smaller and that the BCZR should always be strictly enforced. But such a position is neither practical nor persuasive. Zoning variances should "rarely" be granted; not "never" granted. The Protestants' rationale that the Petitioner "buy another property to meet his needs" would preclude every variance request. *Cromwell* specifically permits the granting of variance relief in special circumstances. The weight of these special circumstances are to be determined by the Board's discretion in implementing the spirit and intent of the BCZR.

#### CONCLUSION

The testimony and evidence presented to the Board supports the Petitioner's request for variance relief. This case, like the property under consideration, is unique. It is one of those rare appropriate circumstances where the criteria in *Cromwell* are satisfied. The subject property, due to circumstances beyond the Petitioner's control, is unique and clearly the Petitioner would be faced with a practical difficulty that is not

self-imposed. For the reasons stated above, the requested variance relief should be approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this 2014 day of May, 2019, a copy of the foregoing Memorandum was mailed, postage pre-paid, to:

Henry Miller & Nancy Miller 6304 Chesworth Road Catonsville, MD 21228

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

#### Henry & Nancy Miller

6304 Chesworth Road Baltimore MD 21228

April 29, 2019

Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Jefferson Building Second Floor, Suite 203 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson MD 21204

IN THE MATTER OF: Nasir Hamidy

6302 Chesworth Road

19-098-A

1<sup>st</sup> Election District; 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District

RE: Petition for Variance relief pursuant to BCZR to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.

On April 19, 2019 I submitted to you a summary of my testimony regarding the above petition. At the time of the hearing Mr. Andrew Belt, of the Board, instructed me to provide this testimony but did not make it clear that 3 copies and an original were to be submitted. Therefore, only one copy was sent. Having received notification of the deliberation to be held on July 9, which includes the instruction to supply an original and 3 copies, I have enclosed additional copies for the Board along with photos provided in my testimony which were marked as Exhibits 1A, B and C.

I apologize to the Board for this mistake.

Sincerely,

Nancy E. Willer

Henry 6 Miller

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April 19, 2019

Original Lotter sent to Board on April 19, 2019

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Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Jefferson Building Second Floor, Suite 203 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson MD 21204

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6302 Chesworth Road

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1st Election District; 1st Councilmanic District

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Following the hearing on this matter held on April 18, 2019, and at the request of the Board of Appeals, summarized below is Nancy Miller's testimony regarding the objections of Nancy & Henry Miller to the request by Mr. Hamidy for a zoning variance to permit a side yard addition to his home.

For purposes of clarification, the word "we" in this summary refers to Henry & Nancy Miller.

- Mrs. Miller began her testimony by stating that she and Mr. Miller have no wish to be
  inhospitable to Mr. Hamidy and his family and are, in fact, pleased that he has invested so much
  time and money in renovating the home, which has been vacant since November 2018.
- We are objecting to the zoning variance requested for the proposed addition to the property at 6302 Chesworth Road, a two- story dwelling, containing 4 bedrooms and located adjacent to our property at 6304 Chesworth Road, where we have resided since 1971. Mr. Hamidy has never lived in the home as the home is undergoing extensive renovation.
- Mr. Hamidy approached us only after the original variance posting on the property and
  described his intention to add an attached garage with a second floor. He even asked if we were
  willing to give him a larger variance. Since that time, Mr. Hamidy has approached us multiple
  times to ask if we would be willing to withdraw our objection. We have always responded that
  we wanted a decision from Baltimore County.
- Mr. Hamidy originally supplied Mr. Charles Springer, covenants representative of the Woodbridge Valley Improvement Assn. who governs the property where our homes are located, and of which we are a member, a copy of the proposed addition. Mr. Hamidy told us, and stated at the hearing, that this was only a conceptual drawing and that he, in fact, was not

happy with the design. When we asked Mr. Hamidy recently if there was a new drawing, he stated that since the architect would charge for a new drawing there was none. (Note: Mr. Schmidt offered Exhibit 2, a drawing of the proposed addition, which differs from the one presented by Mr. Hamidy at the original hearing.)

- We also received correspondence from Zachary Wilkins, of the law firm of Smith, Gildea &
  Schmidt, who Mr. Hamidy engaged after the request was denied by John Beverungen,
  Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County and responded to his letter with explanation of
  our objections. (It should be noted that we requested an updated drawing at that time but
  none was provided.)
- The addition Mr. Hamidy proposes will increase the size of the house by approximately 1/3.
   And, based on the only drawing we have been shown, the roof line of the addition will be even with the current roof line, making the addition 2+ stories high, since the basement of the house itself rises approximately 3 feet above ground. The drawing (Exhibit 2) presented by Mr.
   Schmidt, legal counsel for Mr. Hamidy, confirms this.
- Mr. Schmidt also provided a plat of the properties at 6300, 6302 and 6304 Chesworth Road,
   (Exhibit 1). Mitchell Kellman of DMW, responded to a question by Mr. Schmidt if the design of
   the lot at 6302 Chesworth Road is unique in the affirmative. Mrs. Miller disagreed with this
   statement, stating that the property at 1302 Rolling Road, also shown on the plat, also does not
   conform to a standard rectangle or square. In fact, if one looks at the entire of Woodbridge
   Valley, presented by Mr. Schmidt as Exhibit 4, there are numerous oddly shaped lots.
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### Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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April 25, 2019

#### **NOTICE OF DELIBERATION**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Nasir Hamidy

6302 Chesworth Road

19-098-A

1st Election District; 1st Councilmanic District

Re: Petition for Variance relief pursuant to BCZR to permit a side yard addition with a side setback

of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.

12/7/18

Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Variance was

DENIED.

This matter having been heard and concluded on April 18, 2019, a public deliberation has been scheduled for the following:

DATE AND TIME:

JULY 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Jefferson Building - Second Floor Hearing Room #2 - Suite 206 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue

NOTE: Closing briefs are due on May 20, 2019 by 3:00 p.m.

#### (Original and three [3] copies)

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Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington, Administrator

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### Henry & Nancy Miller

6304 Chesworth Road Baltimore MD 21228

April 19, 2019



Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Jefferson Building Second Floor, Suite 203 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson MD 21204

IN THE MATTER OF: Nasir Hamidy

6302 Chesworth Road

19-098-A

1<sup>st</sup> Election District; 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District

RE: Petition for Variance relief pursuant to BCZR to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.

Following the hearing on this matter held on April 18, 2019, and at the request of the Board of Appeals, summarized below is Nancy Miller's testimony regarding the objections of Nancy & Henry Miller to the request by Mr. Hamidy for a zoning variance to permit a side yard addition to his home.

For purposes of clarification, the word "we" in this summary refers to Henry & Nancy Miller.

- Mrs. Miller began her testimony by stating that she and Mr. Miller have no wish to be
  inhospitable to Mr. Hamidy and his family and are, in fact, pleased that he has invested so much
  time and money in renovating the home, which has been vacant since November 2018.
- We are objecting to the zoning variance requested for the proposed addition to the property at 6302 Chesworth Road, a two- story dwelling, containing 4 bedrooms and located adjacent to our property at 6304 Chesworth Road, where we have resided since 1971. Mr. Hamidy has never lived in the home as the home is undergoing extensive renovation.
- Mr. Hamidy approached us only after the original variance posting on the property and
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  were willing to give him a larger variance. Since that time, Mr. Hamidy has approached us
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  responded that we wanted a decision from Baltimore County.

- Mr. Hamidy originally supplied Mr. Charles Springer, covenants representative of the Woodbridge Valley Improvement Assn. who governs the property where our homes are located, and of which we are a member, a copy of the proposed addition. Mr. Hamidy told us, and stated at the hearing, that this was only a conceptual drawing and that he, in fact, was not happy with the design. When we asked Mr. Hamidy recently if there was a new drawing, he stated that since the architect would charge for a new drawing there was none. (Note: Mr. Schmidt offered Exhibit 2, a drawing of the proposed addition, which differs from the one presented by Mr. Hamidy at the original hearing.)
- We also received correspondence from Zachary Wilkins, of the law firm of Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, who Mr. Hamidy engaged after the request was denied by John Beverungen, Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County and responded to his letter with explanation of our objections. (It should be noted that we requested an updated drawing at that time but none was provided.)
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Nancy E. Miller

Henry G. Miller

Date





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March 1, 2019

## NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT AND REASSIGNMENT

IN THE MATTER OF:

Nasir Hamidy

6302 Chesworth Road

19-098-A

1<sup>st</sup> Election District; 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District

Re: Pe

Petition for Variance relief pursuant to BCZR to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.

12/7/18

Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Variance was DENIED.

This matter was scheduled for hearing on March 20, 2019 and has been postponed by request of counsel. This matter has been

#### REASSIGNED FOR: APRIL 18, 2019, AT 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION:

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor, Suite 206
Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson

#### NOTICE:

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Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington Administrator Notice of Postponement and Reassignment In the matter of: Nasir Hamidy Case number: 19-098-A March 1, 2019 Page 2

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**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

**BOARD OF APPEALS** 

February 19, 2019

Sent Via Hand Delivery

Ms. Krysundra L. Cannington, Administrator Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 203 Towson, MD 21204

Re: In the Matter of: Nasir Hamidy

6302 Chesworth Road Case Nos. 2019-098-A

Dear Sunny,

I am in receipt of the Board's Notice of Assignment in connection with the above referenced matter. and understand that this matter has been scheduled for a hearing on March 20, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Unfortunately, I am scheduled to be a presenter at the Maryland State Bar Land Use Institute program that day in Columbia, Maryland. I have enlisted the assistance of the other attorneys in my office that would normally be available to step up in my absence. As such, we would appreciate this matter being postponed to a later date at the convenience of the Board.

Thank you for your courtesy. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt

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cc: Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire, People's Counsel for Baltimore County Henry and Nancy Miller, 6304 Chesworth Road, Catonsville, MD 21228



## Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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January 30, 2019

#### **NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Nasir Hamidy

6302 Chesworth Road

19-098-A

1<sup>st</sup> Election District; 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District

Re: Petition for Variance relief pursuant to BCZR to permit a side yard addition with a

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12/7/18

Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Variance

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ASSIGNED FOR: MARCH 20, 2019, AT 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION:

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor, Suite 206 Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson

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JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR. County Executive

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE Office of Administrative Hearings

> BALTIMORE COUNTY **BOARD OF APPEALS**

January 4, 2019

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq. Smith, Gildea & Schmidt 600 Washington Ave, Suite 200 Towson, MD 21204-1301

> APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEALS RE:

> > Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance

Case No. 2019-0098-A

Property: 6302 Chesworth Road

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this Office on January 4, 2019. All materials relative to the case have been forwarded to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals ("Board").

If you are the person or party taking the appeal, you should notify other similarly interested parties or persons known to you of the appeal. If you are an attorney of record, it is your responsibility to notify your client.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Board at 410-887-3180.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB/dlw

Henry & Nancy Miller, 6304 Chesworth Road, Baltimore, MD 21228 c: Baltimore County Board of Appeals People's Counsel for Baltimore County

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE 6302 Chesworth Road

1st Election District 1st Councilmanic District

Nasir Hamidy, *Legal Owner* Appellant

- \* BEFORE THE
- \* BOARD OF APPEALS
- \* OF
- \* BALTIMORE COUNTY
- \* Case No.: 2019-0098-A

# **NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

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Attorney for Appellant

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, a copy of the foregoing Notice of Appeal was mailed first-class pre-paid postage to:

Henry and Nancy Miller 6304 Chesworth Road Baltimore, MD 21228

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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE 6302 Chesworth Road

1st Election District 1st Councilmanic District

Nasir Hamidy, *Legal Owner* Appellant

- \* BEFORE THE
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JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge

December 7, 2018

Nasir Hamidy 6302 Chesworth Road Baltimore. Maryland 21228

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance

Case No. 2019-0098-A

Property: 6302 Chesworth Road

Dear Mr. Hamidy:

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

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

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JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB: sln Enclosure

c: Henry & Nancy Miller, 6304 Chesworth Road, Baltimore, MD 21228

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE	*	BEFORE THE OFFICE
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1 <sup>st</sup> Council District		
Nasir Hamidy	*	HEARINGS FOR
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# **OPINION AND ORDER**

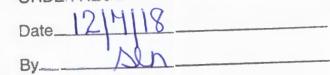
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Cromwell v. Ward, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995).

The subject property is similar in size and shape to the majority of the other properties in the Woodbridge Valley subdivision. As such I do not believe the property qualifies as "unique" as that term is used in the law. In a contested variance case the petitioner faces an uphill battle. In Maryland, variances must be granted "sparingly" since it is "an authorization for [that] ... which is prohibited by a zoning ordinance." Cromwell, 102 Md. App. at 699. While the Petitioner's request is reasonable and the proposed addition (as shown on the elevations submitted at the hearing) would be attractive and constructed of quality materials, those are not sufficient reasons to grant a variance. As such the petition must be denied.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 7th day of December, 2018, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft., be and is hereby DENIED.

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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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (6302 Chesworth Road)	*	BEFORE THE OFFICE
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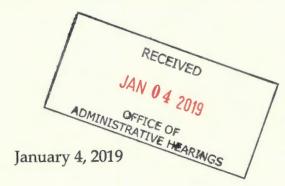
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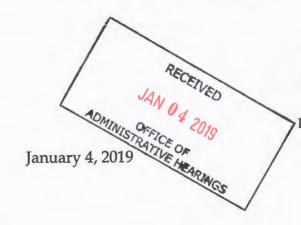
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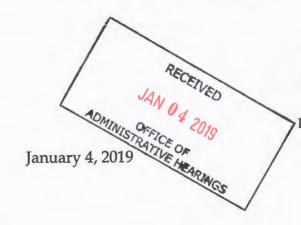
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Administrative Hearings

Sent:

Friday, December 14, 2018 8:41 AM

To:

hamza786h@gmail.com

Subject:

Opinion and Order for Case No. 2019-0098-A (6302 Chesworth Rd.)

Attachments:

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Good Morning,

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----Original Message-----

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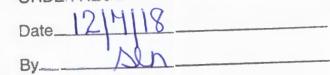
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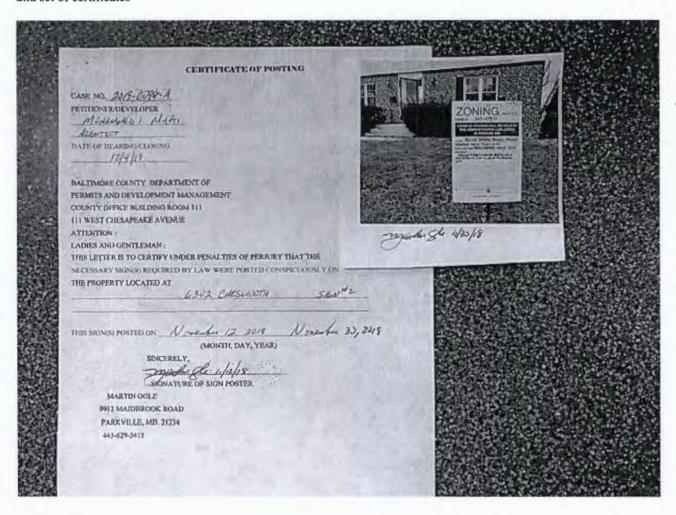
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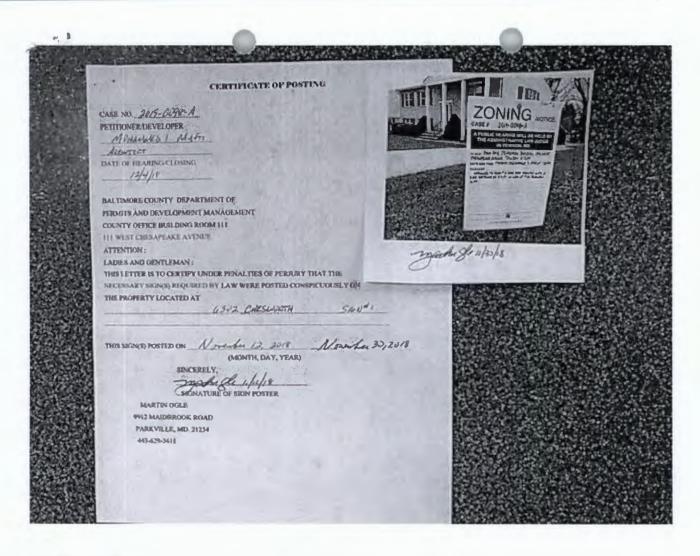
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RE: Case Number: 2019-0098A, Address: 6302 Chesworth Rd.

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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: MTC

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

Mohammed Mufti 12440 Frederick Rd. West Friendship, MD 21794

# **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: October 16, 2018

Department of Permits, Approvals

FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For October 8, 2018

Item No. 2019-0080-A, 0088-A, 0089-A, 0090-A, 0092-SPH, 0093-A, 0094-

SPHXA, 0095-A, 0096-A, 0097-A and 0098-A

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

VKD: cen cc: file



**Inter-Office Correspondence** 



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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:

October 10, 2018

SUBJECT:

**DEPS** Comment for Zoning Item

#2019-0098-A

Address

6302 Chesworth Road (Hamidy Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 8, 2018.

<u>X</u> The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability has no comment on the above-referenced zoning item.

Reviewer:

Steve Ford





Larry Hogan Governor Boyd K. Rutherford Lt. Governor Pete K. Rahn Secretary Gregory Slater

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Date: 10/1/18

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

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Administrative Variance Nasir Hamidy 6302 Chesworth Road-

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Sincerely,

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Metropolitan District Engineer

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TO: THE DAILY RECORD

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 - Issue

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443-604-3127

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NE/s of Chesworth Road, 110 ft. se of the centerline of the intersection with W. North Rolling Road

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Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections for Baltimore County

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE AT 410-887-3868.

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COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING ROOM 111
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NECESSARY SIGN(S) REQUIRED BY LAW WERE POSTED CONSPICUOUSLY ON
THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT
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THIS SIGN(S) POSTED ON November 12, 2018
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SIGNATURE OF SIGN POSTER

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

October 25, 2018

### NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 2019-0098-A

6302 Chesworth Road

NE/s of Chesworth Road, 110 ft. se of the centerline of the intersection with W. North Rolling Road

1st Election District - 1st Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Nasir Hamidy

Variance to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.

Hearing: Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

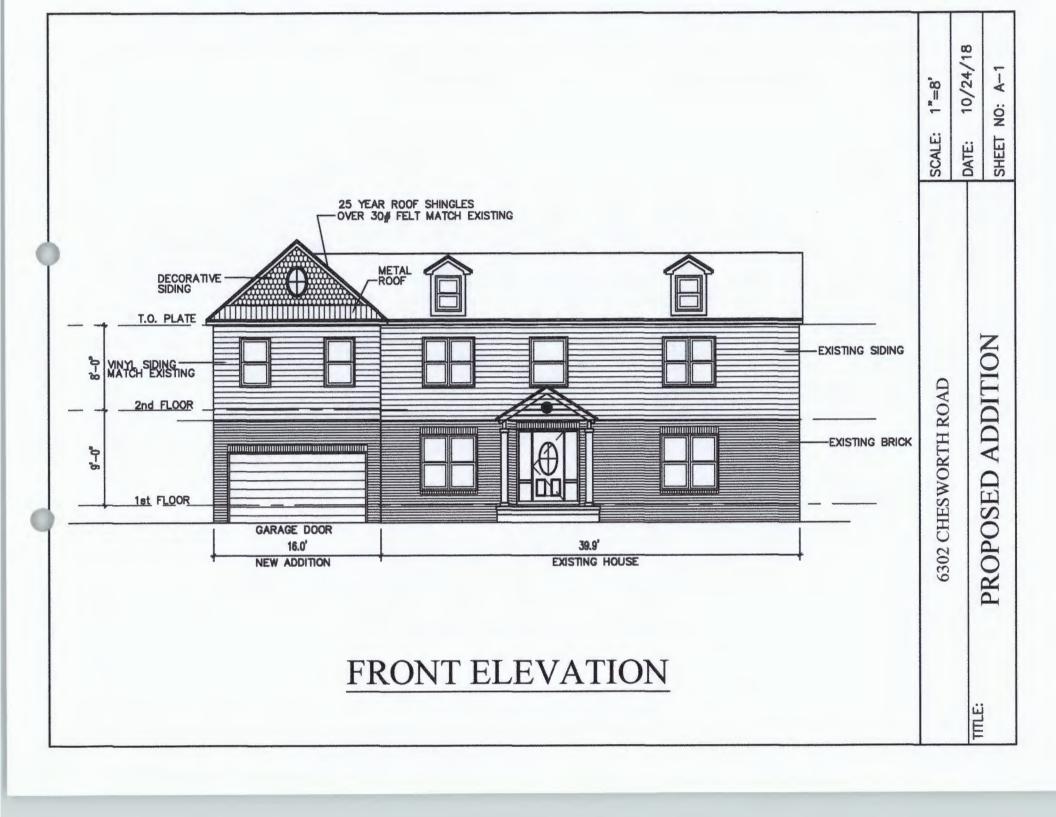
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C: Nasir Hamidy, 6302 Chesworth Road, Catonsville 21228
Mohammed Mufti, 12440 Frederick Road, West Friendship 21794
Mr. & Mrs. Miller, 6304 Chesworth Road, Catonsville 21228

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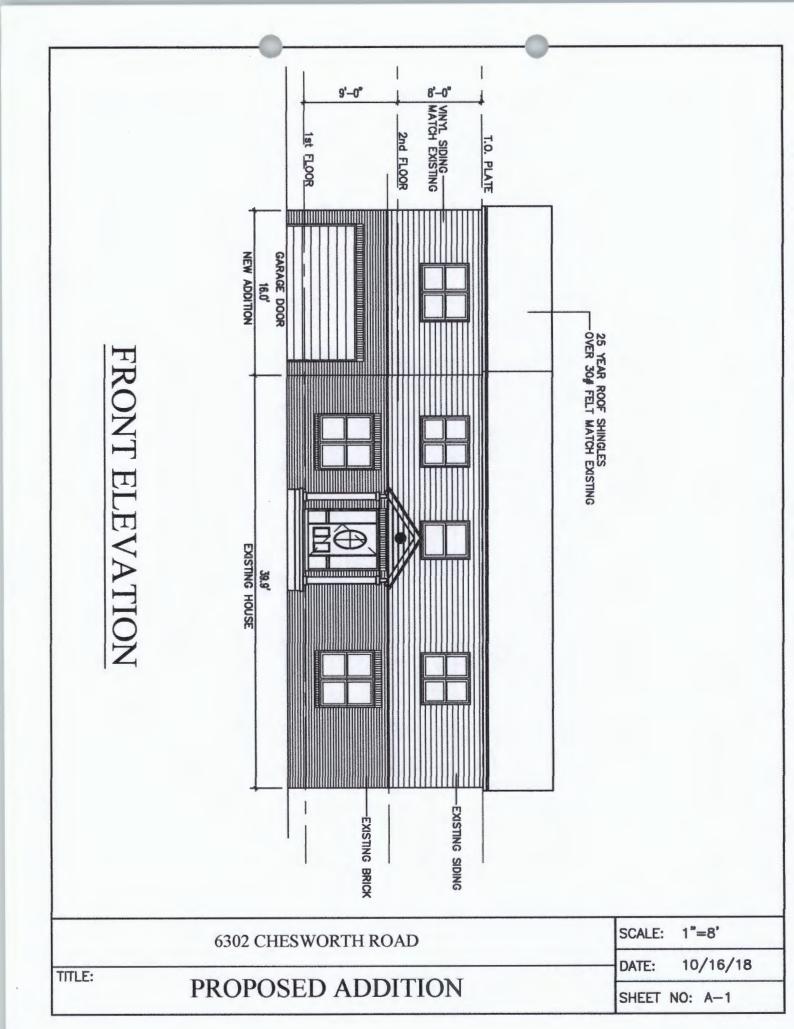
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- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.





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Address: 6302 Chesworth Rd.
Petitioner(s): Nasir Hamidy
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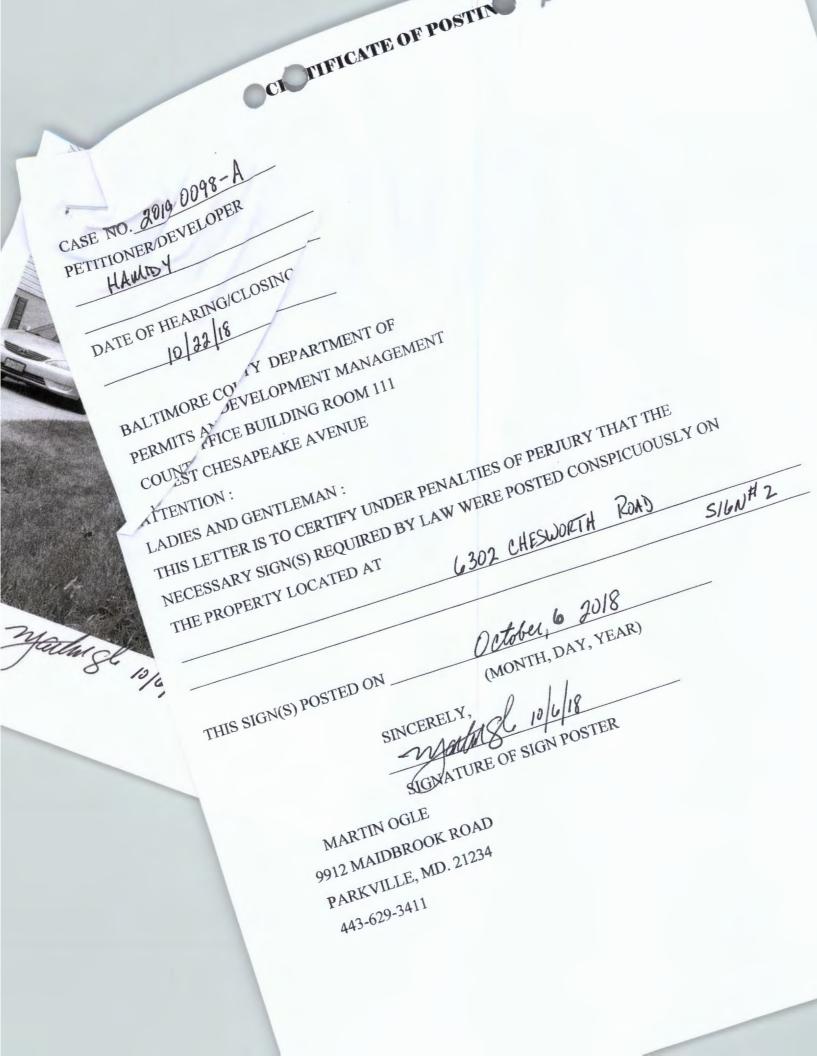
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**Administrative Hearings** 

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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

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### **ZONING PETITION PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

### **PART A**

Zoning Property Description for 6302 Chesworth Road, Baltimore, MD 21228.

Beginning at a point on the North side of Chesworth Road which is 88 Feet wide at a distance of 110 feet Southeast of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street N. Rolling Road which is 70 feet wide.

### PART B

Being Lot #(26), Block (E), Section #(1) in the subdivision of Woodbridge Valley in Baltimore County Plat Book #(33), Folio #(105), containing 8,560 Sq. Ft. Located in the (1 $^{st}$ ) Election District and (1 $^{st}$ ) Council District.

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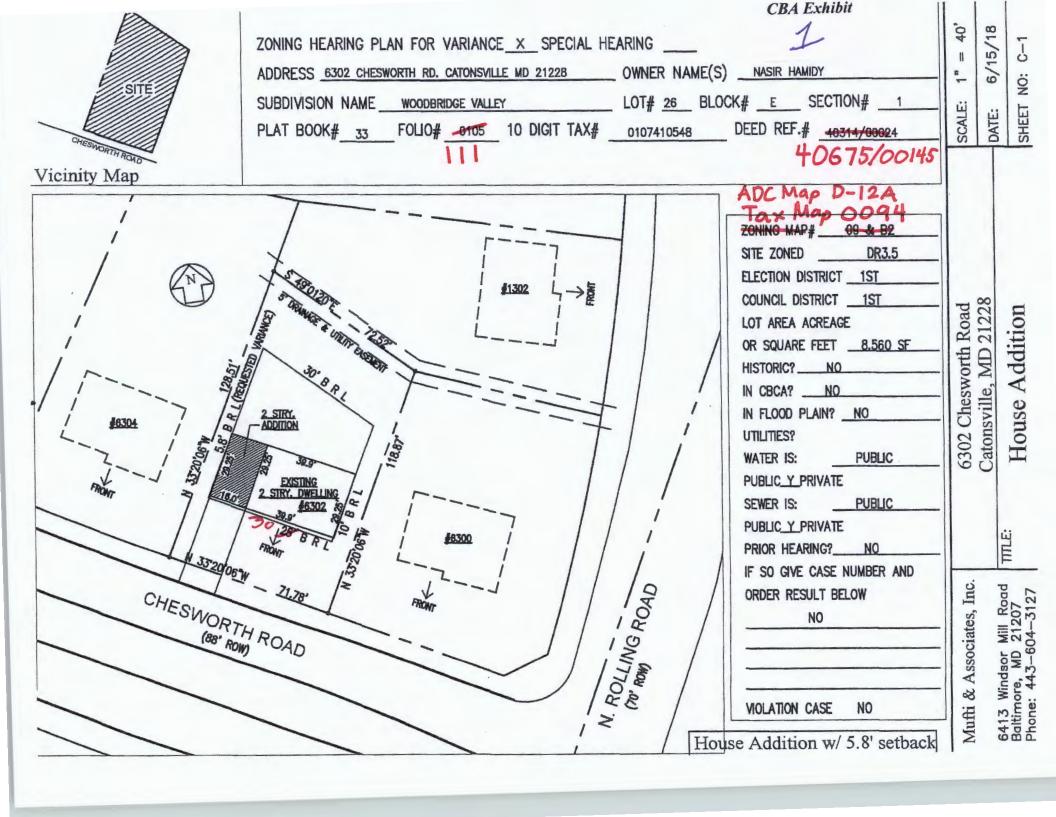






## **Board of Appeals**

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1 1	House addition plan for 6302 Chesworth Rd.
2	Proposed addition- Front elevation 10/29/18
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Petitioner CBA Exhibit

### MITCHELL J. KELLMAN

### VICE PRESIDENT | DIRECTOR OF ZONING SERVICES

### Education

Towson University, BA, Geography and Environmental Planning, Urban Planning Towson University, Masters, Geography and Environmental Planning, Urban Planning

### **Professional Summary**

Mr. Kellman has over 30 years of experience working in zoning, subdivision, and development regulations for the public and private sector; 15 of those years were with the Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning. His responsibilities included review, approval and signatory powers on behalf of the Director of Final Development Plans and Record Plats. He represented the Zoning Office on the County Development Review Committee, a body reviewing the procedural compliance of all development submissions. Review of petitions and site plans filed for zoning hearing approvals were within his authority. Additionally, he supervised county review staff, met with professionals and the public on development project matters, and made determinations regarding developments and their compliance with county regulations. In working for DMW, he has extensive experience in testifying before the Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner, Hearing Officer, Administrative Law Judges, and Board of Appeals. He also regularly represents the company at the Baltimore County Development Review Committee meetings. He is also a member of Baltimore County's Design Review Panel, which formulates design recommendations to the Planning staff and Administrative Law Judges, and the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

### **Partial List of Projects**

Delight Quarry, Baltimore County, MD
Hunt Valley Towne Centre, Baltimore County, MD
Charlestown Retirement Community, Baltimore County, MD
Goucher College, Baltimore County, MD
Greenspring Quarry, Baltimore County, MD
Loveton Business Center, Baltimore County, MD
Oakcrest Village Retirement Community, Baltimore County, MD
Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital, Baltimore County, MD
Sparks Corporate Center, Baltimore County, MD
Towson Town Center, Baltimore County, MD

### **Memberships and Associations**

Baltimore County Landmarks Commission, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Baltimore County Design Review Panel, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Greater Towson Committee, Planning & Development Sub-Committee, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Greater Towson Committee, Government Relations Sub-Committee Chair, 2013, 2014, 2015
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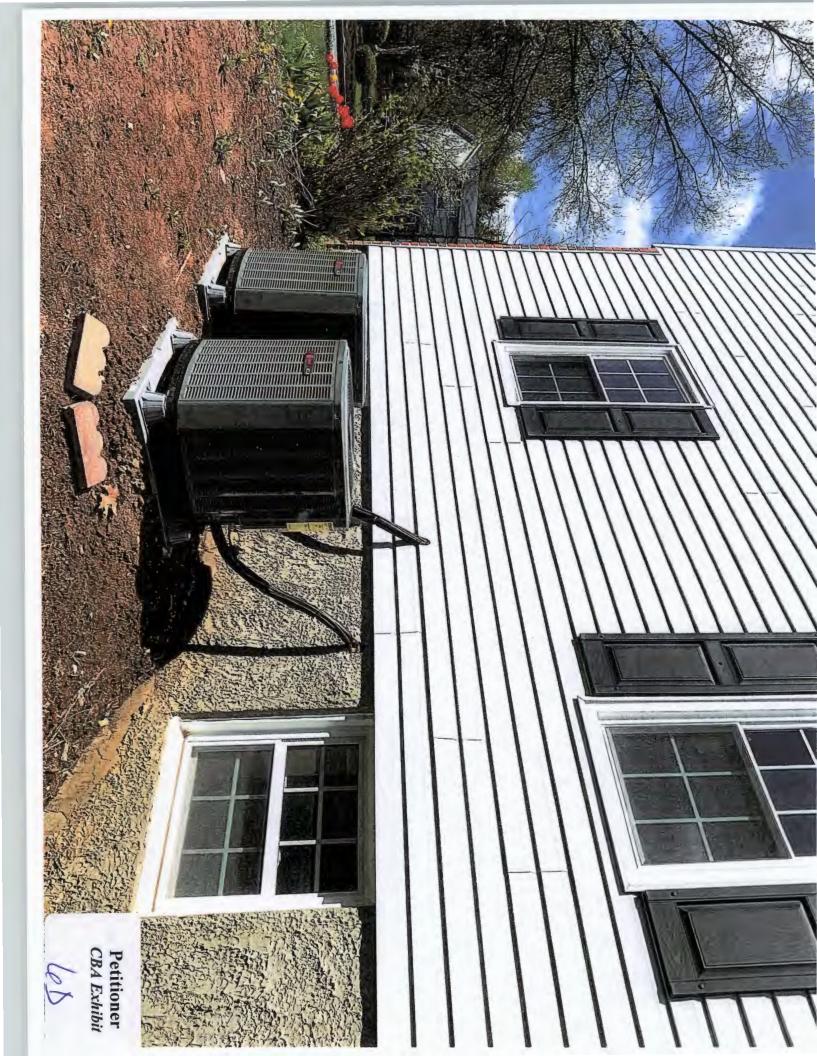
### **Professional Experience**

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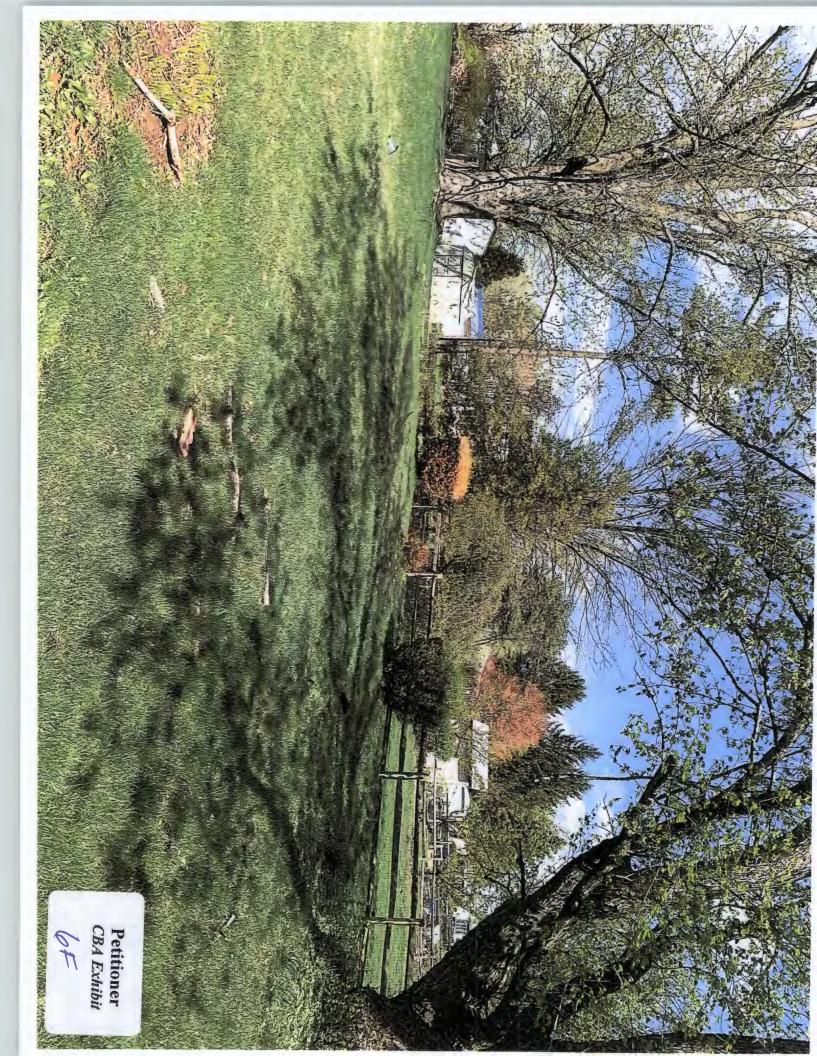


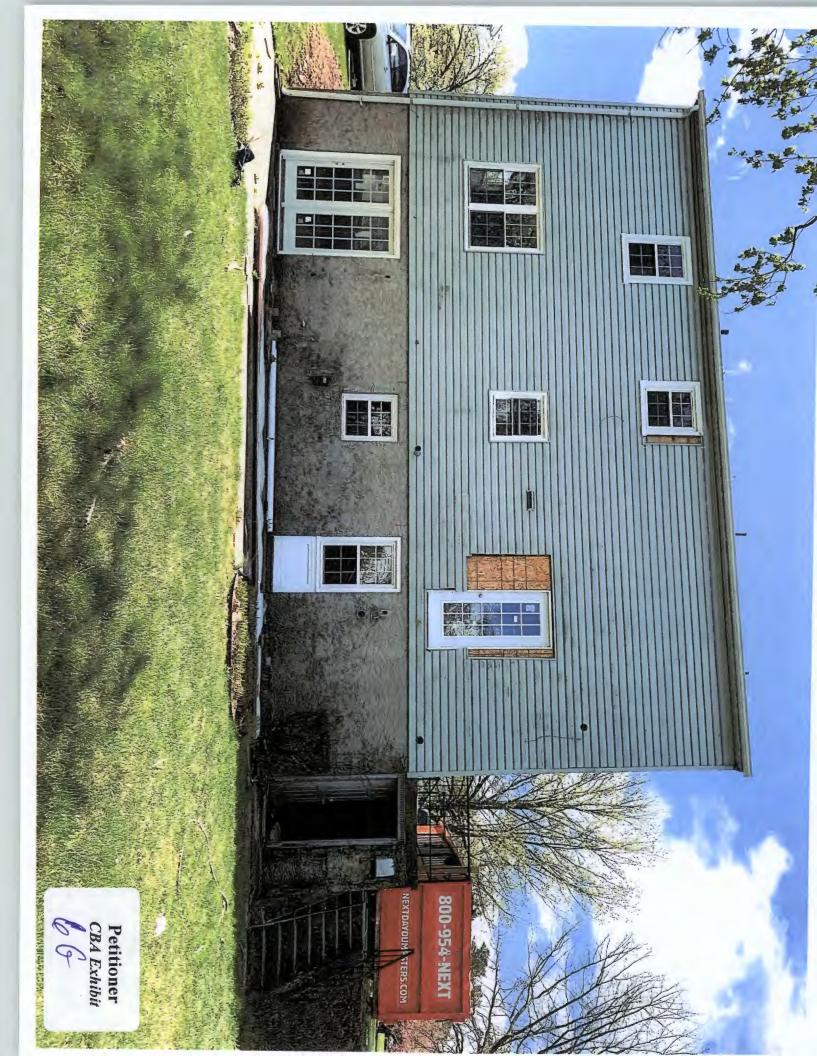




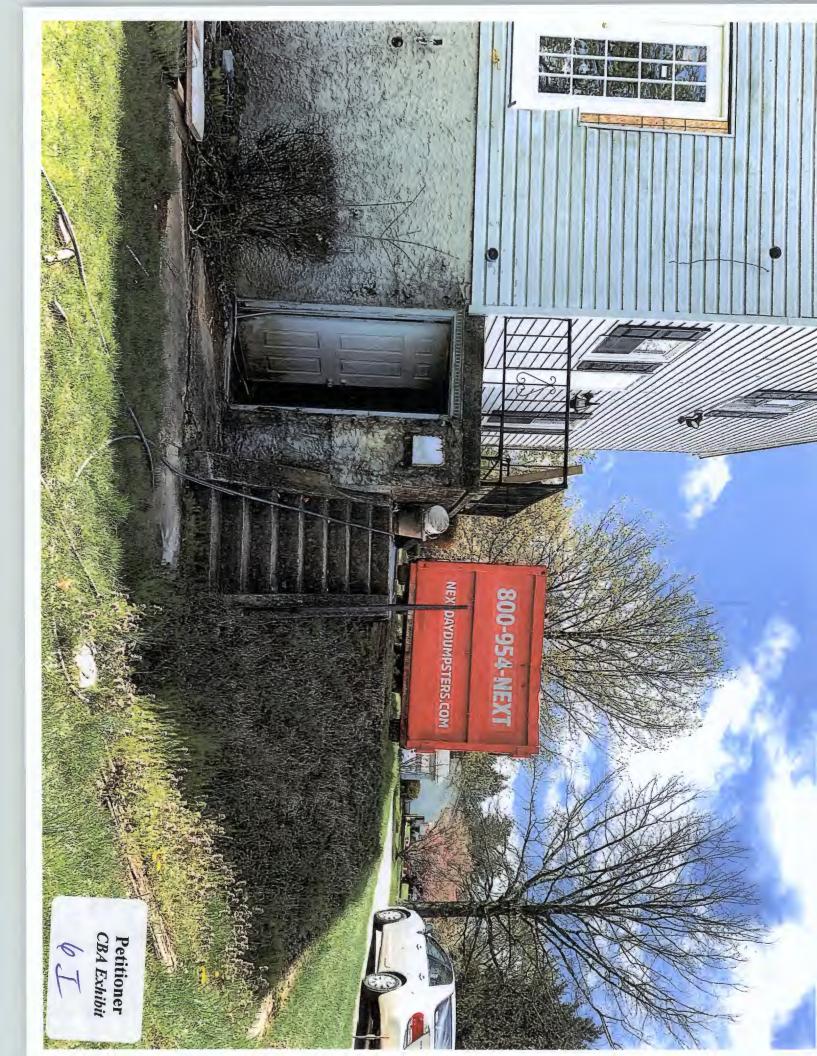


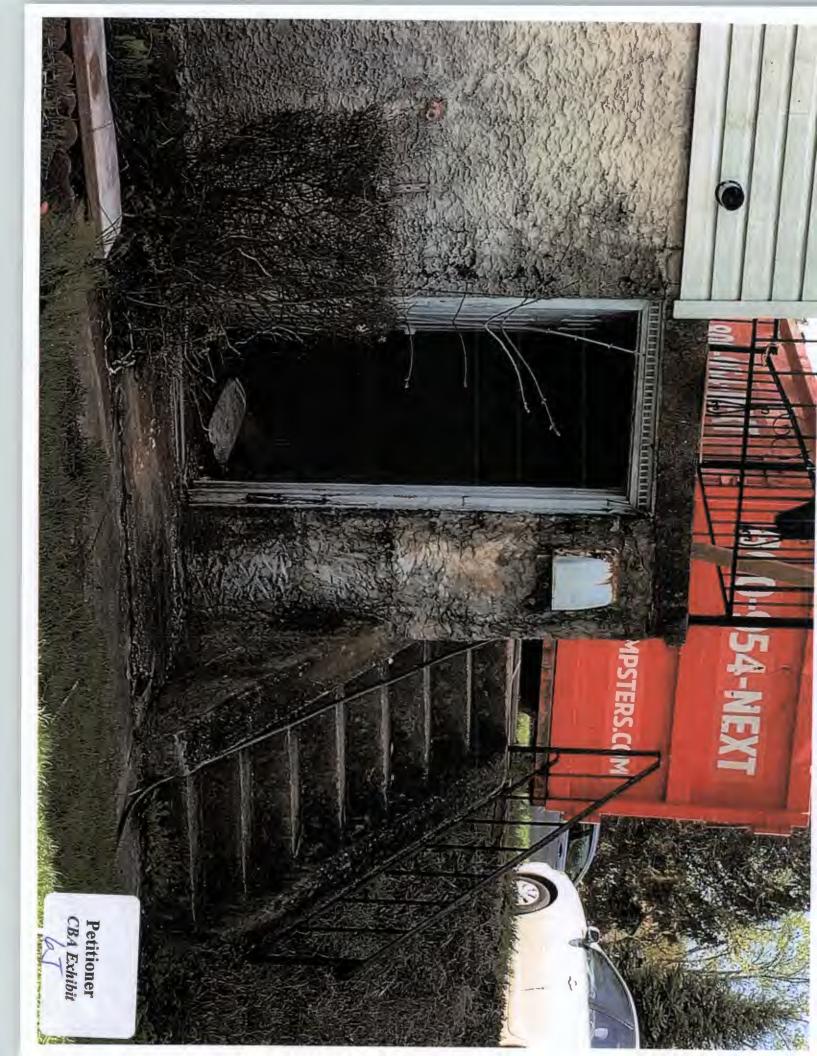






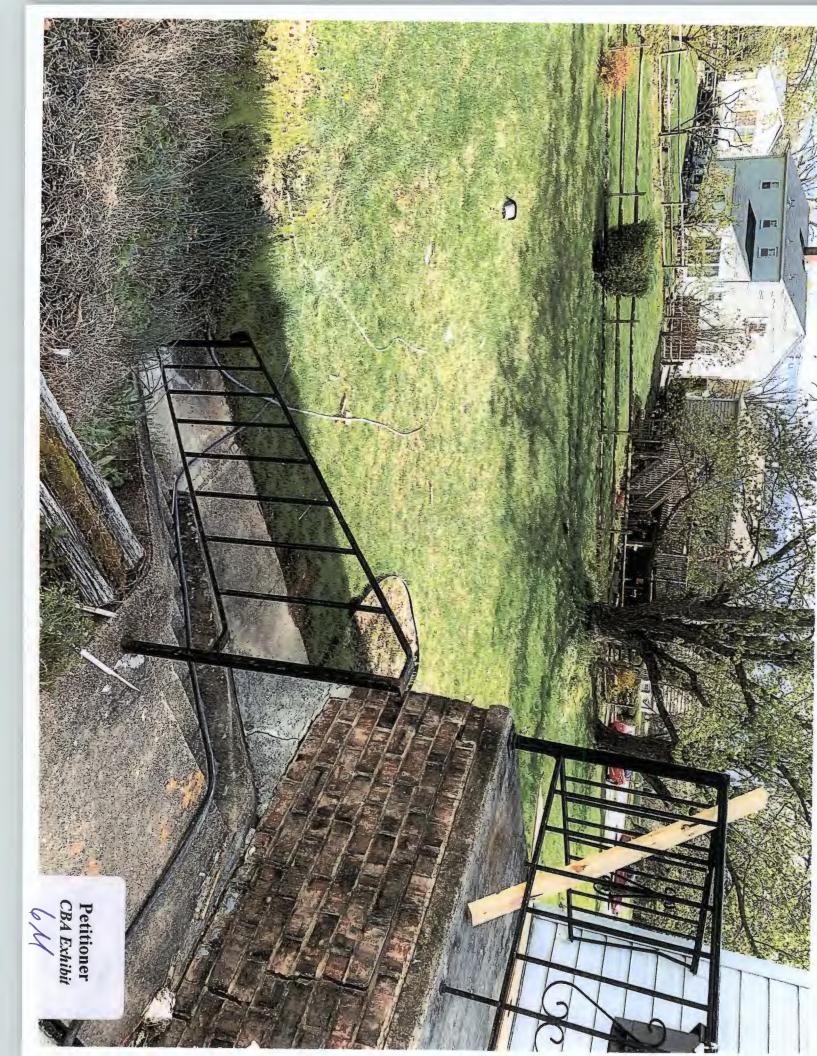














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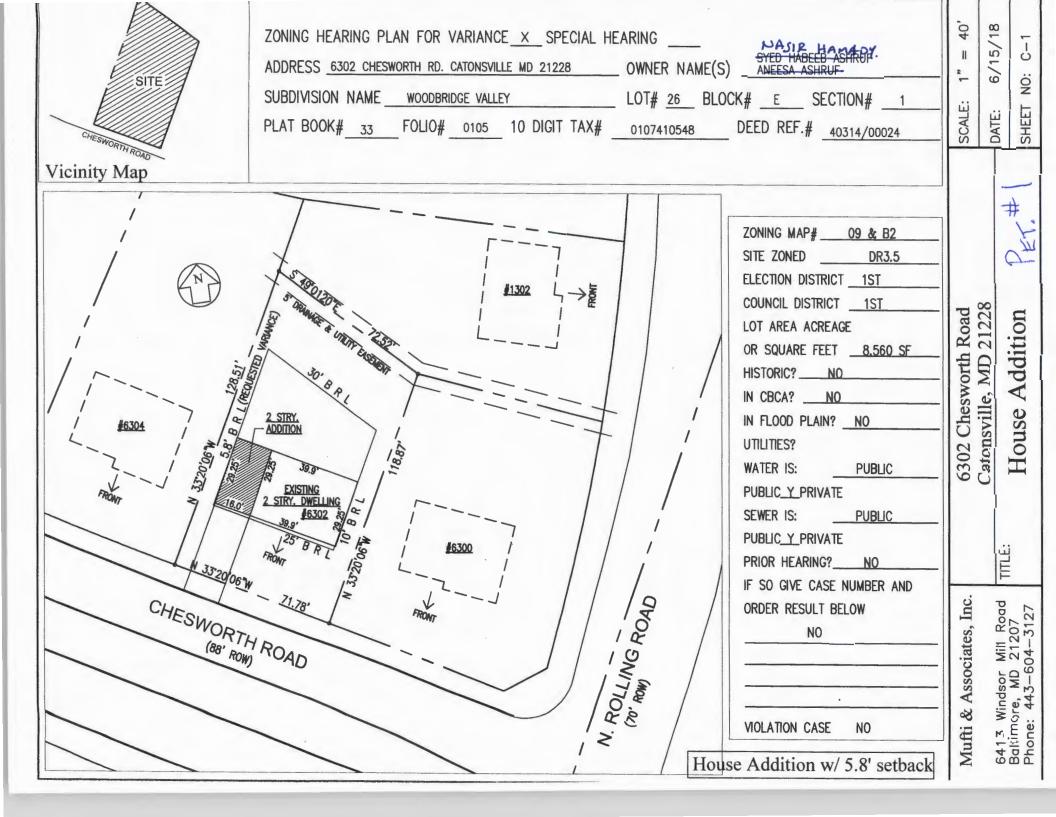








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Catonsville, Maryland



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# **Board of Appeals**

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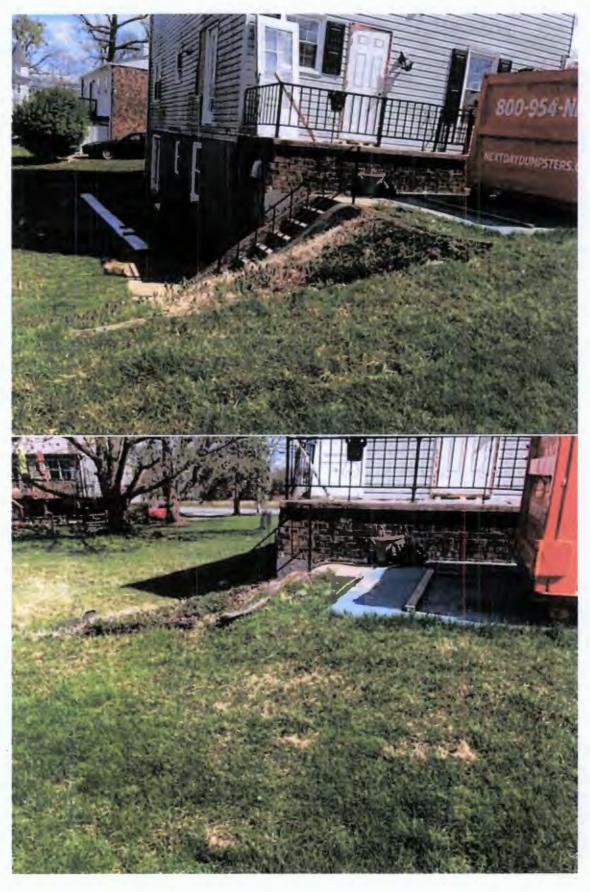
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Protestant CBA Exhibit



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#### APPEAL

# Petition for Variance (6302 Chesworth Road) 1st Election District — 1st Councilmanic District Legal Owner: Nasir Hamidy Case No. 2019-0098-A

Petition for Variance (September 27, 2018)

Zoning Description of Property

Notice of Zoning Hearing (October 25, 2018)

Certificate of Publication (November 14, 2018)

Certificate of Posting for Hearing & Administrative Variance (October 6, 2018 & November 12, 2018) by Martin Ogle

Entry of Appearance by People's Counsel (None)

Petitioner(s) Sign-in Sheet – None Citizen(s) Sign-in Sheet – None

**Zoning Advisory Committee Comments** 

Petitioner(s) Exhibits -

1. Site Plan

Protestants' Exhibits - None

Miscellaneous

Administrative Law Judge Order and Letter (DENIED December 7, 2018)

Notice of Appeal -Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq on January 4, 2019







# Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

JEFFERSON BUILDING SECOND FLOOR, SUITE 203 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND, 21204 410-887-3180 FAX: 410-887-3182

October 1, 2019

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: In the Matter of: Nasir Hamidy

Case No.: 19-098-A

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Enclosed please find a copy of the final Opinion and Order issued this date by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the above subject matter.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the *Maryland Rules*, <u>WITH A PHOTOCOPY PROVIDED TO THIS</u>
OFFICE CONCURRENT WITH FILING IN CIRCUIT COURT. Please note that all Petitions for Judicial Review filed from this decision should be noted under the same civil action number. If no such petition is filed within 30 days from the date of the enclosed Order, the subject file will be closed.

Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

Administrator

KLC/taz Enclosure

c: Nasir Hamidy
Henry and Nancy Miller
Office of People's Counsel
Paul Mayhew, Managing Administrative Law Judge
C. Pete Gutwald, Director/Department of Planning
Michael D. Mallinoff, Director/PAI
Nancy C. West, Assistant County Attorney/Office of Law
Michael E. Field, County Attorney/Office of Law

IN THE MATTER OF

NASIR HAMIDY – LEGAL OWNERS

AND PETITIONERS FOR VARIANCE
ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT
6302 CHESWORTH ROAD

1<sup>st</sup> ELECTION DISTRICT 1<sup>st</sup> COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

- \* BEFORE THE
- \* BOARD OF APPEALS
- \* OF
- \* BALTIMORE COUNTY
- \* Case Nos. 19-098-A

# **OPINION**

This matter comes before the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County as a *de novo* appeal of the Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge, John E. Beverungen, dated December 7, 2018 denying the requested Variance relief. The Petition for Variance was filed by Petitioner, Nasir Hamidy, the legal owner of the subject property. This Petition seeks Variance Relief from §1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft. At the April 18, 2019 hearing before this Board, the Petitioners amended their request without objection to also include a variance for a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 feet in lieu of the required 25 ft.

A hearing was held before this board on April 18, 2019 and was publicly deliberated on July 16, 2019. A site plan was included as evidence before the Board and marked as Exhibit 1. Nasir Hamidy and Professional planner and zoning expert Mitch Kellman testified on behalf of the Petitioners. Lawrence E. Schmidt, of Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, appeared on behalf of the Petitioner. Neighbors, Henry and Nancy Miller appeared, pro se as Protestants in opposition of the proposed Variance Relief.

## FACTS/BACKGROUND

The site in question is approximately 8,568 square feet in size and zoned DR 3.5. The property is improved with a single-family dwelling constructed in 1970. The Petitioner purchased the home in 2018 and desires to construct a 2-story addition with a garage and additional living space for his family. As was described by the Petitioner, the proposed addition would constitute a 2-story 18' x 29.25' addition to the existing dwelling. This addition would allow for a garage (which presently does not exist on the Property) and additional living area on the second floor. Petitioner provided Baltimore County ZAC comments, reflecting that the Department of Planning does not oppose the Petitioner's variance request.

Petitioner provided the testimony of Professional planner and zoning expert, Mitch Kellman who testified in support of the Petition. Mr. Kellman described the neighborhood and the Property layout, including the current improvements on the Property. He offered his expert opinion that the Petition satisfied the criteria for variance relief in BCZR §307.1, opining that the Petitioner's property was unique due to its size and shape, and the fact that steep slopes exist in the rear of the property. He further opined that not being able to construct the addition would create practical difficulty, in that Mr. Hamidy would not have sufficient living space for his family. Both Mr. Kellman and Mr. Hamidy noted that many houses in the neighborhood already had similar garages as the one proposed. (See Petitioner's Ex. 6A to 6S).

The Protestants, who live in the adjacent property are concerned with the size of the proposed addition and the potential impact it may have on their home. The Millers have lived in the home adjacent to the property at issue since 1971. The homes are located in the Woodbridge Valley subdivision. Mrs. Miller disagreed with Mr. Kellman's assessment that the Petitioner's property is unique. Mrs. Miller testified that through her own observations that there are many

# In the Matter of: Nasir Hamidy Case No: 19-098-A

oddly shaped lots in the Woodbridge Valley subdivision. (See Protestant's Ex. 4). Mrs. Miller also testified that she believed that the size of the addition would decrease the Petitioner's side yard to a point which the Petitioner would be forced to use the Protestants property to navigate lawn equipment from the front to the back of the property. Finally, Mrs. Miller testified that they purchased their home when the Woodbridge Valley subdivision was originally created, and buyers had a choice of different size lots, some with garages and some without. The Millers believe that the Petitioner's property was never meant to have a garage or addition on its smaller lot.

# DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

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 and peculiarity must necessitate variance relief; and
- 2. if variance relief is denied the petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship. Cromwell v. Ward, 102 Md. App 691 (1995).

Although the Petitioner's property is somewhat smaller than others in the Woodbridge Valley subdivision, this Board is not persuaded that any characteristics of this property are enough to qualify it as "unique" as the term is used in Maryland law. Assuming, *arguendo*, that the property was deemed "unique," the Board is not satisfied that the Petitioner's need for living space in a home that was just recently purchased constitutes "practical difficulty" as required in the second prong of *Cromwell*. Consequently, when applying the facts of this matter to the *Cromwell* analysis, the Petitioner's Petition for Variance must be denied.

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# ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS THIS \_/5=\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019 by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County hereby,

ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from §1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit a proposed a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 feet in lieu of the requested 10 feet; and to permit a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 feet in lieu of the required 25 is hereby **DENIED**.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the *Maryland Rules*.

BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Andrew M. Belt, Panel Chair

Kendra Randall Jolivet

Joseph L. Evans

# BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY MINUTES OF DELIBERATION

IN THE MATTER OF: Nasir Hamidy 19-098-A

**DATE:** July 16, 2019

BOARD/PANEL: Andrew M. Belt, Chair

Kendra Randall Jolivet

Joseph L. Evans

RECORDED BY: Tammy A. Zahner, Legal Secretary

**PURPOSE:** To deliberate the following:

1. Petition for Variance relief from BCZR Section 1B02.3.C.1 to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.; and to permit a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 ft. in lieu of the required 25 ft.

2. Is the property unique pursuant to the conditions set forth in <u>Cromwell v. Ward</u>, and if it is, will failure to grant the Variance present a practical difficulty or unusual hardship?

## PANEL MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

- The Board reviewed the case. The Petitioner originally requested a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft., and amended the request at the hearing to also allow for a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 ft. in lieu of 25 ft. The Board accepted the amendment without objection of the neighbors.
- The Petitioner testified he recently purchased the house and wishes to construct a two story addition, with a garage and additional living area on the second floor to accommodate his family.
- Testimony from the adjoining neighbors was they are concerned about the closeness to their property, and the ability of lawn mowing equipment to access the rear yard. The neighbors have no objection to an addition, but want it built within the law.
- The Board discussed the uniqueness requirements of *Cromwell*. Petitioner's expert testified that the property was unique due to its small size, the rear slope of the property, and the inability of the garage to be located anywhere else on the property. The Board does not find the property to be unique, noting there are other lots in the neighborhood of similar size and shape.
- The Board discussed the practical difficulty factor. The Board noted that even if the Petitioner reduced the size of the addition to comply with the 10 ft. side yard setback requirement, they would still require a variance to the sum of side yard setback requirement. The Board found that there is no practical difficulty as the Petitioner could build a smaller addition without the need for a variance.

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<u>CONCLUSION:</u> After thorough review of the facts, testimony, and law in the matter, the Board unanimously agreed to DENY the requested Petition for Variance.

NOTE: These minutes, which will become part of the case file, are intended to indicate for the record that a public deliberation took place on the above date regarding this matter. The Board's final decision and the facts and findings thereto will be set out in the written Opinion and Order to be issued by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy A Zahner



# Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

JEFFERSON BUILDING SECOND FLOOR, SUITE 203 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND, 21204 410-887-3180 FAX: 410-887-3182

June 7, 2019

# AMENDED NOTICE OF DELIBERATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Nasir Hamidy

6302 Chesworth Road

19-098-A

1st Election District; 1st Councilmanic District

Re:

Petition for Variance relief pursuant to BCZR to permit a side yard addition with a side setback

of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.

12/7/18

Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Variance was

DENIED.

This matter was heard and concluded on April 18, 2019. The public deliberation in this matter scheduled for July 9, 2019 has been postponed due to a scheduling conflict. The public deliberation has been rescheduled for the following:

DATE AND TIME:

JULY 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Jefferson Building - Second Floor Hearing Room #2 - Suite 206 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue

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Counsel for Petitioner Petitioner : Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire

: Nasir Hamidy

Protestant

: Henry and Nancy Miller

C. Pete Gutwald, Director/Department of Planning Michael Field, County Attorney, Office of Law Nancy West, Assistant County Attorney Lawrence M. Stahl, Managing Administrative Law Judge Michael Mallinoff, Director/PAI Office of People's Counsel IN THE MATTER OF:

Nasir Hamidy

Legal Owner

6302 Chesworth Road

1st Election District

1st Councilmanic District

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

- \* BEFORE THE
- \* BOARD OF APPEALS
- \* OF

\* BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* Case No.: 2019-098-A

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PETITIONER'S CLOSING MEMORANDUM IN LIEU OF CLOSING ARGUMENT

The property owner, Nasir Hamidy (hereinafter "Petitioner), by and through his attorneys, Lawrence E. Schmidt and Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, submit this Closing Memorandum in Lieu of Closing Argument in support of the petition for variance for the above referenced matter and respectfully states:

## STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This matter comes before the County Board of Appeals (the "Board") as a *de novo* appeal of Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") John Beverungen's denial (on December 7, 2018) of a Petition for Variance relief for the property located at 6302 Chesworth Road (the "Property"). In applying the *de novo* standard, the Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law will be exclusively from the record made at the public hearing conducted.

A public hearing was held before the ALJ on December 4, 2018. The Variance relief was filed pursuant to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") §

1802.3.C.1 to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft. By written Opinion and Order dated December 7, 2018, ALJ Beverungen denied the requested variance relief based on his conclusion that the Property was not "unique". On January 4, 2019, Petitioner filed a timely appeal to the Board of the ALJ's decision in accordance with Baltimore County Code ("BCC") § 32-3-401.

The public hearing before the Board consumed one day on April 18, 2019. At the onset of the hearing, Petitioner's Counsel moved to formally amend the zoning petition, requesting variance relief pursuant to the BCZR § 1B02.3.C.1 (1) to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 feet in lieu of the required 10 feet and (2) to permit a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet. In accordance with due process, parties are required to be given reasonable notice and opportunity to participate in the Board's hearing and consideration of the zoning proposal. Significantly, the Supreme Court of the United States has explained that the essence of due process is the requirement that a party be given notice and an opportunity to be heard "...at a meaningful time and in a meaningful manner." Mathews v. Eldridge, 424 US. 319, 333, 348-49 (1976). Further, proper public notice of the requests was afforded consistent with the principles stated by the Court of Appeals in <u>Cassidy v. Baltimore</u> County Board of Appeals, 218 Md. 418 (1958). In full consideration of due process with regard to the amended zoning petition, all parties agreed to proceed on the amended zoning petition which was therefore accepted by the Board. Thus, the Board should consider both variance requests. The relevant testimony will be recounted as appropriate herein.

#### STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

The property at issue is known as 6302 Chesworth Road (the "Property"). It is located near the intersection of Chesworth Road and N. Rolling Road, with frontage on Chesworth Road. The Property is approximately 8,568 square feet in area (.197 acres) and zoned DR-3.5 (Density Residential). The Property lies inside the Urban Rural Demarcation Line ("URDL") and currently served by public water and sewer. A single-family dwelling was constructed on the Property in 1970. The Property is comprised of all of Lot 26 as shown on a record plat entitled "Woodbridge Valley" (recorded in 1960) and is recorded in Plat Book 33 folio 111. Lot 26 was zoned R-10 when the Woodbridge Valley plat was recorded. This community has been built out over the years and features single family detached dwellings. For purposes of setback requirements, R-10 and DR 3.5 are identical. Lot 26 has been described as a separate lot of record in the Land Records since its creation in the 1969 plat.

The Property was purchased by Petitioner from Deutsche Bank National Trust, as reflected in a deed dated September 18, 2018, which is recorded in the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber 40675, Folio 00145. The Petitioner seeks to construct a 2-story 18′ X 29.25 'addition to the existing dwelling, which is a permitted use in the DR 3.5 zone. This addition will allow for a garage (which presently does not exist on the Property) and additional living area on the second floor. As required by the BCZR, Petitioner sought variance relief from BCZR § 1B02.3.C.1. to: (1) to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 feet in lieu of the required 10 feet; and (2) to permit a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet. As indicated within

the ZAC comments, the Department of Planning does not oppose the Petitioner's variance.

Lawrence E. Schmidt represented Petitioner at the Board's hearing. Professional planner and zoning expert Mitch Kellman testified in support of the Petition. He described the neighborhood and Property layout, including the current improvements on the Property (i.e. the single family dwelling). Mr. Kellman offered expert opinion that the Petition satisfied the criteria for variance relief in BCZR § 307.1. His expert testimony and conclusions were not disputed. The details and need of the proposed addition were described largely through the testimony of Mr. Hamidy. Mr. Hamidy explained his desire to construct a 2-story addition including a garage and additional living space for his growing family. Nancy Miller and Henry Miller (adjacent neighbors located at 6304 Chesworth Road) (hereinafter referred to as the "Protestants") appeared in opposition to the Petition. Protestants testified on concerns about the size of the proposed addition and the potential impact the addition may have upon the value of their home.

#### STANDARD OF REVIEW

In Baltimore County, zoning variances are permitted and analyzed under BCZR § 307.1 and the case law interpreting that provision. Significantly, to obtain a zoning variance in Baltimore County, a two-pronged analysis is required showing that:

- (1) The property is unique; and
- (2) If the variance relief is denied, petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or unreasonably hardship. BCZR § 307.1; *Cromwell v. Ward*, 102 Md. App. 691, 694-95 (1995).

#### **ARGUMENT**

The BCZR governs both the allowed uses on the Property and the scope/size of improvements permitted for properties zoned DR 3.5. Undoubtedly, the single-family dwelling is an expressly allowed use in the DR 3.5. That is, BCZR § 1B01.1.A.1. identifies "dwellings ... single family detached" as a permitted use, by right. Garages are commonly associated with single family dwellings and are also a permitted use. The question presented in this case is not as to the use, but whether the proposal satisfies the scope/size (also referred to as the "bulk") regulations.

## I. Petitioner is Entitled to Variance Relief

The bulk regulations from which Petitioner seeks relief are as follows: (1) to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 feet in lieu of the required 10 feet, and (2) to permit a sum of side yard setbacks of 15.9 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet. The Board, based upon the record before it, should conclude that Petitioner is entitled to variance relief in the instance case.

As noted above, *Cromwell* is often cited as the seminal variance case when considering BCZR § 307.1. This is because *Cromwell* is a reported decision arising from a variance request under that section of the BCZR. Admittedly, the *Cromwell* Court opined that the grant of a variance is "rarely appropriate." *Cromwell* (pg. 711). But with that said, the Court's opinion does not conclude that variances can never be granted and that the County's zoning authorities lack the jurisdiction to grant a zoning variance. Instead, the Court imposed a substantial burden upon the applicant in order for a

variance to be granted. Petitioner avers that such circumstances exist in the instant case and that the variance is warranted and its burden satisfied.

# A. The Property is Unique

In the instant case, due to the events that led to the creation and configuration of the Property, special circumstances and conditions exist which make the Property unique.

The Court in *Cronwell* defined the term "uniqueness" as follows:

In the zoning context the "unique" aspect of a variance requirement does not refer to the extent of improvements upon the property, or upon neighboring property. "Uniqueness" of a property for zoning purposes requires that the subject property has an inherent characteristic not shared by other properties in the area, i.e., it shape, topography, subsurface condition, environmental factors, historical significance, access or not-access to navigable waters, practical restrictions imposed by abutting properties (such as obstruction) or other similar restrictions. *Cromwell* (pg. 710).

Therefore, the question of whether a property is unique does not derive from the circumstances of the owner or the use of a property. These considerations are more properly addressed in the second "test"; i.e. whether a practical difficulty would be suffered if strict adherence to the zoning regulation was required. The uniqueness test is met if there are inherent physical characteristics of the Property which make it different, peculiar and therefore unique from other properties in the locale.

The testimony of Mr. Kellman, along with the neighborhood plat and photographs entered into evidence (Petitioner's Exhibits No. 4 and 6), show that the Property is substantially different than other properties in the area with differences in size, shape, and topography. It is therefore "unique" and unlike other properties in the

locale. This is a narrow, irregularly shaped parcel which was created over 50 years ago. No other property in the vicinity has these precise dimensions and shape. A mere examination of the aerial photographs submitted (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 5), as well as the record plat for this subdivision (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 4) are conclusive to the finding that there is no other property of this shape, dimension and acreage. This is not the case of a "cookie cutter" residential subdivision, where all lots are, for example, seventy five feet wide and one hundred feet deep. This property is different than any other lot in terms of size, shape, dimension and configuration.

As importantly, the topography of the Property is also unique. As testified to by Mr. Kellman, the Property has a walkout basement and an unusual steep slope at the rear of the dwelling. This topography combined with the unique shape, dimension and size of the Property results in the lack of any feasible building area for the proposed garage. It cannot be located anywhere else on the Property. Therefore, these unique physical characteristics drive the need for the variance. Based upon the combination of these unique physical characteristics that are not shared by other properties in the area, it must be concluded that the subject Property satisfies the "unique" test required under *Cromwell*. Finally, it is important to note that the prior subdivision that created Lot 26 was not at the hands of the Petitioner, therefore there can be no claim of self imposed hardship.

# B. If the Variance is Denied, Petitioner will Experience a Practical Difficulty or Unreasonable Hardship

A denial of the variance would deprive the Petitioner of the right to reasonably

develop his property in accordance with regulations and would constitute a practical difficulty under these circumstances. Courts have interpreted the "practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship" standard to be disjunctive, meaning that satisfaction of either of the conditions may warrant a variance. Loyola Loan Ass'n v. Buschman, 227 Md. 243, 250-51, 176 A.2d 355 (1961). Nevertheless, the "practical difficulties" standard is less stringent than the "undue hardship." Loyola Fed. Savs. & Loan Ass'n v. Buschman, 227 Md. 243, 249, 176 A.2d 355 (1961). The Court in Mclean v. Soley, 270 Md. 216 (1973) established criteria for determining practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship:

- (1) Whether compliance with the strict letter of the restrictions governing various variances would unreasonably prevent the owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with such restrictions unnecessary burdensome.
- (2) Whether a grant of the variance applied would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief to the owner of the property involved and be more consistent with justice to other property owners.
- (3) Whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Furthermore, the practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship must not be self-imposed. Richard Roeser Prof l Builder, Inc. v. Anne Arundel Cnty., 368 Md. 294, 314 (2002).

That the Petitioner would suffer practical difficulty if relief were not afforded is manifest. The undersized nature of Lot 26 and strict adherence to the regulations (BCZR § 1B02.3.C.1) would not allow a reasonable and permitted use of the property (i.e. construction of a dwelling addition/garage). The imposition of BCZR § 1B02.3.C.1. on Lot 26, which was apart of an existing subdivision, disproportionately restricts permitted uses as compared to lots in the area. As testified to by Mr. Kellman, the

Petitioner will suffer a practical difficulty if the variance is denied because Petitioner is unable to construct a garage/addition elsewhere on the Property without the need of a variance from the BCZR. In the instant matter, the practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship is not self-imposed because the subdivision, which created Lot 26, occurred some 50 years ago; Petitioner purchased the Property in 2018. Petitioner has a large family and requires additional living area. Similar to other houses in the neighborhood, Petitioner requires a garage. Petitioner's use of the Property would be unduly limited and restricted if the variance relief was denied.

Lot 26's physical peculiarities will cause Petitioner to suffer disproportionately due to the application of BCZR § 1B02.3.C.1. Without the requested variance relief, Petitioner is unable to construct a garage, unlike other properties within the Woodbridge Valley subdivision that are improved with garages. (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 6) In fact, the dwelling immediately across the street is improved with a garage. Due to the severe topography and narrowness of the Property and the location of the AC unit, the proposed addition cannot be constructed on the rear or opposite side of the dwelling.

Further, a grant of the requested variance relief will not detrimentally impact adjacent properties. The proposed addition would be developed in a manner consistent with the neighborhood, including architectural design. Mr. Kellman testified that considering the surrounding neighborhood and site constraints at issue, the construction of the proposed addition would be consistent with DR 3.5 zoning regulations and would not cause injury to the public health, safety, or general welfare.

Lot 26 (and the proposed addition thereon) is entirely consistent with the character of this neighborhood and the Woodbridge Valley subdivision. As such, Petitioner will experience practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship if the requested variances are not granted.

Protestants maintained that Petitioner is responsible for his need for variance relief and thus not eligible for approval, arguing Petitioner had the option of buying a larger dwelling or property. This argument is similar to the positions articulated by opponents to variances in many cases. That is, that any building can be made smaller and that the BCZR should always be strictly enforced. But such a position is neither practical nor persuasive. Zoning variances should "rarely" be granted; not "never" granted. The Protestants' rationale that the Petitioner "buy another property to meet his needs" would preclude every variance request. *Cromwell* specifically permits the granting of variance relief in special circumstances. The weight of these special circumstances are to be determined by the Board's discretion in implementing the spirit and intent of the BCZR.

#### CONCLUSION

The testimony and evidence presented to the Board supports the Petitioner's request for variance relief. This case, like the property under consideration, is unique. It is one of those rare appropriate circumstances where the criteria in *Cromwell* are satisfied. The subject property, due to circumstances beyond the Petitioner's control, is unique and clearly the Petitioner would be faced with a practical difficulty that is not

self-imposed. For the reasons stated above, the requested variance relief should be approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this 20 day of May, 2019, a copy of the foregoing Memorandum was mailed, postage pre-paid, to:

Henry Miller & Nancy Miller 6304 Chesworth Road Catonsville, MD 21228

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

# Henry & Nancy Miller

6304 Chesworth Road Baltimore MD 21228

April 29, 2019

Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Jefferson Building Second Floor, Suite 203 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson MD 21204

IN THE MATTER OF: Nasir Hamidy

6302 Chesworth Road

19-098-A

1st Election District; 1st Councilmanic District

RE: Petition for Variance relief pursuant to BCZR to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.

On April 19, 2019 I submitted to you a summary of my testimony regarding the above petition. At the time of the hearing Mr. Andrew Belt, of the Board, instructed me to provide this testimony but did not make it clear that 3 copies and an original were to be submitted. Therefore, only one copy was sent. Having received notification of the deliberation to be held on July 9, which includes the instruction to supply an original and 3 copies, I have enclosed additional copies for the Board along with photos provided in my testimony which were marked as Exhibits 1A, B and C.

I apologize to the Board for this mistake.

Sincerely,

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6302 Chesworth Road

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1st Election District; 1st Councilmanic District

RE: Petition for Variance relief pursuant to BCZR to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.

Following the hearing on this matter held on April 18, 2019, and at the request of the Board of Appeals, summarized below is Nancy Miller's testimony regarding the objections of Nancy & Henry Miller to the request by Mr. Hamidy for a zoning variance to permit a side yard addition to his home.

For purposes of clarification, the word "we" in this summary refers to Henry & Nancy Miller.

- Mrs. Miller began her testimony by stating that she and Mr. Miller have no wish to be
  inhospitable to Mr. Hamidy and his family and are, in fact, pleased that he has invested so much
  time and money in renovating the home, which has been vacant since November 2018.
- We are objecting to the zoning variance requested for the proposed addition to the property at 6302 Chesworth Road, a two- story dwelling, containing 4 bedrooms and located adjacent to our property at 6304 Chesworth Road, where we have resided since 1971. Mr. Hamidy has never lived in the home as the home is undergoing extensive renovation.
- Mr. Hamidy approached us only after the original variance posting on the property and
  described his intention to add an attached garage with a second floor. He even asked if we were
  willing to give him a larger variance. Since that time, Mr. Hamidy has approached us multiple
  times to ask if we would be willing to withdraw our objection. We have always responded that
  we wanted a decision from Baltimore County.
- Mr. Hamidy originally supplied Mr. Charles Springer, covenants representative of the Woodbridge Valley Improvement Assn. who governs the property where our homes are located, and of which we are a member, a copy of the proposed addition. Mr. Hamidy told us, and stated at the hearing, that this was only a conceptual drawing and that he, in fact, was not

happy with the design. When we asked Mr. Hamidy recently if there was a new drawing, he stated that since the architect would charge for a new drawing there was none. (Note: Mr. Schmidt offered Exhibit 2, a drawing of the proposed addition, which differs from the one presented by Mr. Hamidy at the original hearing.)

- We also received correspondence from Zachary Wilkins, of the law firm of Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, who Mr. Hamidy engaged after the request was denied by John Beverungen, Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County and responded to his letter with explanation of our objections. (It should be noted that we requested an updated drawing at that time but none was provided.)
- The addition Mr. Hamidy proposes will increase the size of the house by approximately 1/3. And, based on the only drawing we have been shown, the roof line of the addition will be even with the current roof line, making the addition 2+ stories high, since the basement of the house itself rises approximately 3 feet above ground. The drawing (Exhibit 2) presented by Mr. Schmidt, legal counsel for Mr. Hamidy, confirms this.
- Mr. Schmidt also provided a plat of the properties at 6300, 6302 and 6304 Chesworth Road, (Exhibit 1). Mitchell Kellman of DMW, responded to a question by Mr. Schmidt if the design of the lot at 6302 Chesworth Road is unique in the affirmative. Mrs. Miller disagreed with this statement, stating that the property at 1302 Rolling Road, also shown on the plat, also does not conform to a standard rectangle or square. In fact, if one looks at the entire of Woodbridge Valley, presented by Mr. Schmidt as Exhibit 4, there are numerous oddly shaped lots.
- The property at 6302 Chesworth Road has a significant drop to the back yard at the end of the driveway (See Mr. Schmidt's Exhibits 6G, 6HJ, 6K, 6M). There is a set of steps which leads from the end of the driveway down to the back yard, and by eliminating the steps to accommodate the garage, access to the back yard will be from the basement of the home, by going around the garage and down the hill, or by going around the other side of the house, which has a smaller incline. As proposed, there would be 5 ft. between the exterior wall of the garage and our property line. While this is approximately the same access footage as available now for large lawn equipment, due to the hill, there is no wall to go around. We believe that it will be necessary for such equipment to traverse a portion of our property in order to get to the back yard. Mr. Hamidy has assured us that he will landscape the new addition so that it will look nice, and we appreciate that offer, but that will take up additional space on the side of the garage and will, therefore, limit the width available for any access by lawn care people or contractors.
- There are no other homes in Woodbridge of the design of Mr. Hamidy's which have such a large two-story addition and we are not aware of any properties which have been granted a zoning variance for such an addition. Mr. Schmidt provided photos of other homes in the Woodbridge Community which have garages. Exhibit 6N shows the home directly across the street from the Miller home at 6304 Chesworth. It should be noted that this home was not built by the original builder in the community and included a garage when built. This home is on a large corner lot.

Mr. Schmidt also presented additional photos (Exhibits 6O, 6P, 6Q, 6R, 6S) in an effort to show that other homes in the community have garages. Mrs. Miller noted that in each case the garage was one story – no room above it. It should also be noted that some of the garages were attached while others were free standing.

- Mrs. Miller also questioned Mr. Kellman if he was aware that when the Woodbridge subdivision
  where 6302 and 6304 Chesworth are located was being sold, buyers chose the model home they
  desired (there were 4 choices) and that then they were provided with a selection of lots where
  the home could be built. Garages were an option for some of the models. In other words, the
  properties were sized to accommodate the style of home. Mr. Kellman was not aware of this.
- Mrs. Miller also provided the Board with photos (Exhibits 1A, 1B, and 1C) showing the street view of 6302 and 6304 Chesworth and responded to questions from the Board regarding the property line by referring them to the telephone/cable poll which sits on the property line at the beginning of both driveways. The photos also show views taken from the driveway of 6304 to try to give the Board the Miller perspective. The position of the dumpster gives a good idea of where the outside wall of the garage would be in relation to the property line, which, in the photo, almost follows the brown vs. green grass.
- When the zoning variance was originally posted, we spoke with a local real estate agent with over 30 years of experience and a Woodbridge Valley resident, to inquire about the impact this large addition would have on our property. It is our understanding that a large addition built so close to our property line would reduce the value of our property. In short, we believe that the lots in our community were laid out to accommodate the homes as designed and that this proposed addition will make the home too large for the lot.
- Mr. Hamidy has indicated that he requires this addition to accommodate his family of three adults and 4 children. However, we would like to point out that the previous owner of this home had 2 adults and 4 children living in the home. We do not understand why Mr. Hamidy would purchase a home that, as constructed, cannot accommodate his family. Mr. Hamidy also stated that there were no other homes available. However, Mrs. Miller noted that a new community is being constructed a short distance away on Rolling Road and there are other larger homes in Woodbridge periodically for sale.

I believe this summary of testimony on April 18, is accurate. We look forward to receiving further information regarding the Board's decision. As a reminder, Mrs. Miller informed the court that she will undergo hip replacement surgery on May 7 with an undefined recovery time.

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# Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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April 25, 2019

### **NOTICE OF DELIBERATION**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Nasir Hamidy

6302 Chesworth Road

19-098-A

1<sup>st</sup> Election District; 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District

Re:

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of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.

12/7/18

Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Variance was

DENIED.

This matter having been heard and concluded on April 18, 2019, a public deliberation has been scheduled for the following:

DATE AND TIME:

JULY 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Jefferson Building - Second Floor

Hearing Room #2 - Suite 206 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue

NOTE: Closing briefs are due on May 20, 2019 by 3:00 p.m.

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# Henry & Nancy Miller

6304 Chesworth Road Baltimore MD 21228

April 19, 2019



Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Jefferson Building Second Floor, Suite 203 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson MD 21204

IN THE MATTER OF: Nasir Hamidy

6302 Chesworth Road

19-098-A

1st Election District; 1st Councilmanic District

RE: Petition for Variance relief pursuant to BCZR to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.

Following the hearing on this matter held on April 18, 2019, and at the request of the Board of Appeals, summarized below is Nancy Miller's testimony regarding the objections of Nancy & Henry Miller to the request by Mr. Hamidy for a zoning variance to permit a side yard addition to his home.

For purposes of clarification, the word "we" in this summary refers to Henry & Nancy Miller.

- Mrs. Miller began her testimony by stating that she and Mr. Miller have no wish to be
  inhospitable to Mr. Hamidy and his family and are, in fact, pleased that he has invested so much
  time and money in renovating the home, which has been vacant since November 2018.
- We are objecting to the zoning variance requested for the proposed addition to the property at 6302 Chesworth Road, a two- story dwelling, containing 4 bedrooms and located adjacent to our property at 6304 Chesworth Road, where we have resided since 1971. Mr. Hamidy has never lived in the home as the home is undergoing extensive renovation.
- Mr. Hamidy approached us only after the original variance posting on the property and
  described his intention to add an attached garage with a second floor. He even asked if we
  were willing to give him a larger variance. Since that time, Mr. Hamidy has approached us
  multiple times to ask if we would be willing to withdraw our objection. We have always
  responded that we wanted a decision from Baltimore County.

- Mr. Hamidy originally supplied Mr. Charles Springer, covenants representative of the Woodbridge Valley Improvement Assn. who governs the property where our homes are located, and of which we are a member, a copy of the proposed addition. Mr. Hamidy told us, and stated at the hearing, that this was only a conceptual drawing and that he, in fact, was not happy with the design. When we asked Mr. Hamidy recently if there was a new drawing, he stated that since the architect would charge for a new drawing there was none. (Note: Mr. Schmidt offered Exhibit 2, a drawing of the proposed addition, which differs from the one presented by Mr. Hamidy at the original hearing.)
- We also received correspondence from Zachary Wilkins, of the law firm of Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, who Mr. Hamidy engaged after the request was denied by John Beverungen, Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County and responded to his letter with explanation of our objections. (It should be noted that we requested an updated drawing at that time but none was provided.)
- The addition Mr. Hamidy proposes will increase the size of the house by approximately 1/3.
   And, based on the only drawing we have been shown, the roof line of the addition will be even with the current roof line, making the addition 2+ stories high, since the basement of the house itself rises approximately 3 feet above ground. The drawing (Exhibit 2) presented by Mr.
   Schmidt, legal counsel for Mr. Hamidy, confirms this.
- Mr. Schmidt also provided a plat of the properties at 6300, 6302 and 6304 Chesworth Road, (Exhibit 1). Mitchell Kellman of DMW, responded to a question by Mr. Schmidt if the design of the lot at 6302 Chesworth Road is unique in the affirmative. Mrs. Miller disagreed with this statement, stating that the property at 1302 Rolling Road, also shown on the plat, also does not conform to a standard rectangle or square. In fact, if one looks at the entire of Woodbridge Valley, presented by Mr. Schmidt as Exhibit 4, there are numerous oddly shaped lots.
- The property at 6302 Chesworth Road has a significant drop to the back yard at the end of the driveway (See Mr. Schmidt's Exhibits 6G, 6HJ, 6K, 6M). There is a set of steps which leads from the end of the driveway down to the back yard, and by eliminating the steps to accommodate the garage, access to the back yard will be from the basement of the home, by going around the garage and down the hill, or by going around the other side of the house, which has a smaller incline. As proposed, there would be 5 ft. between the exterior wall of the garage and our property line. While this is approximately the same access footage as available now for large lawn equipment, due to the hill, there is no wall to go around. We believe that it will be necessary for such equipment to traverse a portion of our property in order to get to the back yard. Mr. Hamidy has assured us that he will landscape the new addition so that it will look nice, and we appreciate that offer, but that will take up additional space on the side of the

garage and will, therefore, limit the width available for any access by lawn care people or contractors.

- There are no other homes in Woodbridge of the design of Mr. Hamidy's which have such a large two-story addition and we are not aware of any properties which have been granted a zoning variance for such an addition. Mr. Schmidt provided photos of other homes in the Woodbridge Community which have garages. Exhibit 6N shows the home directly across the street from the Miller home at 6304 Chesworth. It should be noted that this home was not built by the original builder in the community and included a garage when built. This home is on a large corner lot. Mr. Schmidt also presented additional photos (Exhibits 6O, 6P, 6Q, 6R, 6S) in an effort to show that other homes in the community have garages. Mrs. Miller noted that in each case the garage was one story no room above it. It should also be noted that some of the garages were attached while others were free standing.
- Mrs. Miller also questioned Mr. Kellman if he was aware that when the Woodbridge subdivision where 6302 and 6304 Chesworth are located was being sold, buyers chose the model home they desired (there were 4 choices) and that then they were provided with a selection of lots where the home could be built. Garages were an option for some of the models. In other words, the properties were sized to accommodate the style of home. Mr. Kellman was not aware of this.
- Mrs. Miller also provided the Board with photos (Exhibits 1A, 1B, and 1C) showing the street view of 6302 and 6304 Chesworth and responded to questions from the Board regarding the property line by referring them to the telephone/cable poll which sits on the property line at the beginning of both driveways. The photos also show views taken from the driveway of 6304 to try to give the Board the Miller perspective. The position of the dumpster gives a good idea of where the outside wall of the garage would be in relation to the property line, which, in the photo, almost follows the brown vs. green grass.
- When the zoning variance was originally posted, we spoke with a local real estate agent with over 30 years of experience and a Woodbridge Valley resident, to inquire about the impact this large addition would have on our property. It is our understanding that a large addition built so close to our property line would reduce the value of our property. In short, we believe that the lots in our community were laid out to accommodate the homes as designed and that this proposed addition will make the home too large for the lot.
- Mr. Hamidy has indicated that he requires this addition to accommodate his family of three
  adults and 4 children. However, we would like to point out that the previous owner of this
  home had 2 adults and 4 children living in the home. We do not understand why Mr. Hamidy
  would purchase a home that, as constructed, cannot accommodate his family. Mr. Hamidy

also stated that there were no other homes available. However, Mrs. Miller noted that a new community is being constructed a short distance away on Rolling Road and there are other larger homes in Woodbridge periodically for sale.

I believe this summary of testimony on April 18, is accurate. We look forward to receiving further information regarding the Board's decision. As a reminder, Mrs. Miller informed the court that she will undergo hip replacement surgery on May 7 with an undefined recovery time.

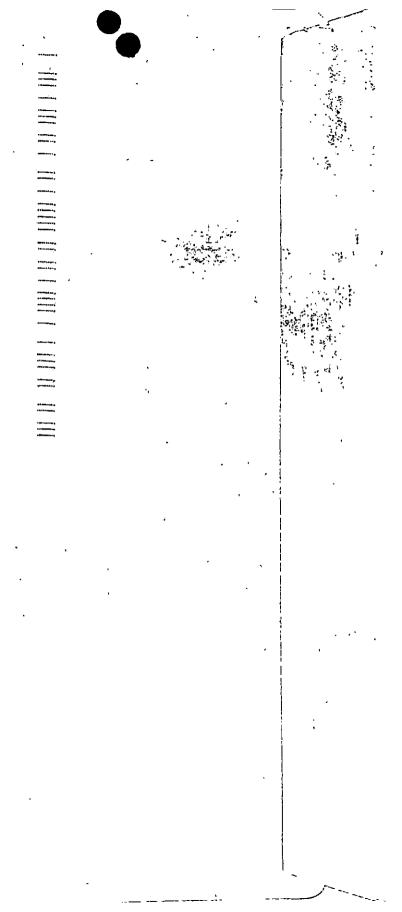
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# Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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March 1, 2019

# NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT AND REASSIGNMENT

IN THE MATTER OF:

Nasir Hamidy

6302 Chesworth Road

19-098-A

1st Election District; 1st Councilmanic District

Re:

Petition for Variance relief pursuant to BCZR to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8

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12/7/18

Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge wherein the Petition for Variance was DENIED.

This matter was scheduled for hearing on March 20, 2019 and has been postponed by request of counsel. This matter has been

# **REASSIGNED FOR:** APRIL 18, 2019, AT 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION:

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor, Suite 206 Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson

#### NOTICE:

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: Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire

: Nasir Hamidy

Protestant : Henry and Nancy Miller

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Ms. Krysundra L. Cannington, Administrator Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 203 Towson, MD 21204 FEB 1 9 2019

BALTIMORE COUNTY

**BOARD OF APPEALS** 

Re: In the Matter of: Nasir Hamidy

6302 Chesworth Road Case Nos. 2019-098-A

Dear Sunny,

I am in receipt of the Board's Notice of Assignment in connection with the above referenced matter. and understand that this matter has been scheduled for a hearing on March 20, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Unfortunately, I am scheduled to be a presenter at the Maryland State Bar Land Use Institute program that day in Columbia, Maryland. I have enlisted the assistance of the other attorneys in my office that would normally be available to step up in my absence. As such, we would appreciate this matter being postponed to a later date at the convenience of the Board.

Thank you for your courtesy. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt

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cc: Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire, People's Counsel for Baltimore County Henry and Nancy Miller, 6304 Chesworth Road, Catonsville, MD 21228



# Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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January 30, 2019

### **NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT**

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LOCATION:

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor, Suite 206 Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE Office of Administrative Hearings

BOARD OF APPEALS

January 4, 2019

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq. Smith, Gildea & Schmidt 600 Washington Ave, Suite 200 Towson, MD 21204-1301

RE: APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEALS

Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance

Case No. 2019-0098-A

Property: 6302 Chesworth Road

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this Office on January 4, 2019. All materials relative to the case have been forwarded to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals ("Board").

If you are the person or party taking the appeal, you should notify other similarly interested parties or persons known to you of the appeal. If you are an attorney of record, it is your responsibility to notify your client.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Board at 410-887-3180.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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c: Henry & Nancy Miller, 6304 Chesworth Road, Baltimore, MD 21228
Baltimore County Board of Appeals
People's Counsel for Baltimore County



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JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge

December 7, 2018

Nasir Hamidy 6302 Chesworth Road Baltimore. Maryland 21228

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance

Case No. 2019-0098-A

Property: 6302 Chesworth Road

Dear Mr. Hamidy:

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

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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c: Henry & Nancy Miller, 6304 Chesworth Road, Baltimore, MD 21228

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (6302 Chesworth Road)	*	BEFORE THE OFFICE
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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 7th day of December, 2018, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft., be and is hereby DENIED.

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

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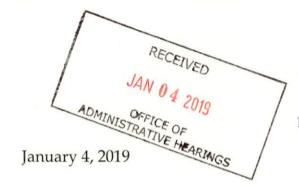
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Via Hand Delivery

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Re: Notice of Appeal

Property: 6302 Chesworth Road

Case No. 2019-0098-A

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\* BEFORE THE

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The Appellant, Nasir Hamidy, by and through his attorneys, Lawrence E. Schmidt and Smith, Gildea, and Schmidt, LLC, feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County from the Opinion and Order dated December 7, 2018 in the above-captioned matter, hereby note this appeal to the County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County in accordance with Baltimore County Code §32-3-401 by filing this Notice of Appeal with the Director of the Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200

Towson, MD 21204 (410) 821-0070

Attorney for Appellant

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, a copy of the foregoing Notice of Appeal was mailed first-class pre-paid postage to:

Henry and Nancy Miller 6304 Chesworth Road Baltimore, MD 21228

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The Appellant, Nasir Hamidy, by and through his attorneys, Lawrence E. Schmidt and Smith, Gildea, and Schmidt, LLC, feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County from the Opinion and Order dated December 7, 2018 in the above-captioned matter, hereby note this appeal to the County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County in accordance with Baltimore County Code §32-3-401 by filing this Notice of Appeal with the Director of the Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200

Towson, MD 21204

(410) 821-0070

Attorney for Appellant

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, a copy of the foregoing Notice of Appeal was mailed first-class pre-paid postage to:

Henry and Nancy Miller 6304 Chesworth Road Baltimore, MD 21228

John E. Beverungen, Esquire Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 21204 Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire People's Counsel for Baltimore County The Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 204 Towson, MD 21204

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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

(6302 Chesworth Road)

1st Election District

1st Council District

Nasir Hamidy

Legal Owner

Petitioner

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

CASE NO. 2019-0098-A

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JOHN'E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for

Baltimore County

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#### **Debra Wiley**

From: Administrative Hearings

Sent: Friday, December 14, 2018 8:41 AM

To: hamza786h@gmail.com

Subject: Opinion and Order for Case No. 2019-0098-A (6302 Chesworth Rd.)

**Attachments:** 20181214083805055.pdf

Good Morning,

Per your request, please find attached a copy of the cover letter and Order in reference to the above.

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

December 7, 2018

Nasir Hamidy 6302 Chesworth Road Baltimore. Maryland 21228

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance

Case No. 2019-0098-A

Property: 6302 Chesworth Road

Dear Mr. Hamidy:

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

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB: sln Enclosure

c: Henry & Nancy Miller, 6304 Chesworth Road, Baltimore, MD 21228

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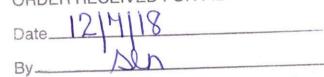
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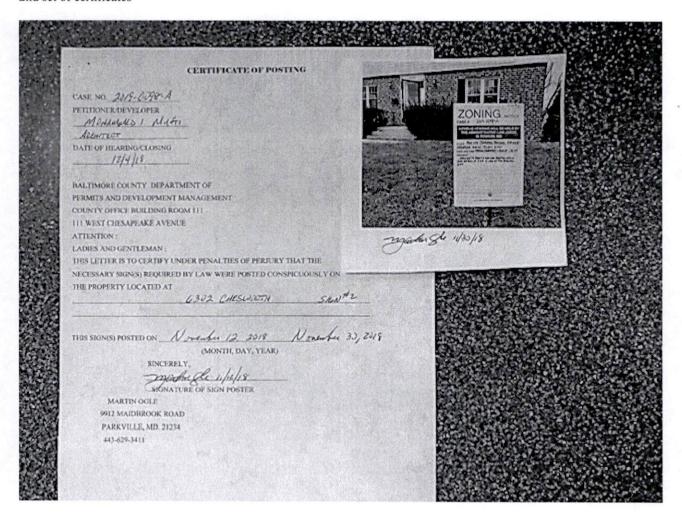
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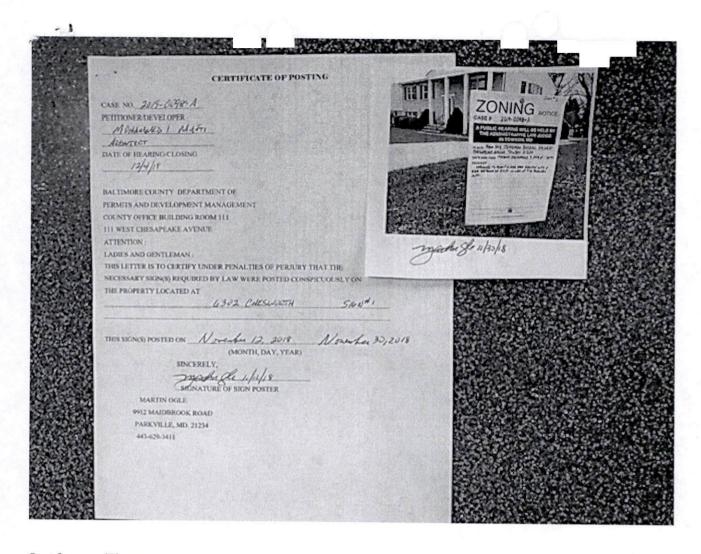
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Nasir Hamidy 4705 Widdup Ct. Ellicott City, MD 21043

Mr. Hamidy:

RE: Case Number: 2019-0098A, Address: 6302 Chesworth Rd.

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on September 27, 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

WCR: MTC

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

Mohammed Mufti 12440 Frederick Rd. West Friendship, MD 21794



# **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

**DATE:** October 16, 2018

Department of Permits, Approvals

FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor
Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

**Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting** 

For October 8, 2018

Item No. 2019-0080-A, 0088-A, 0089-A, 0090-A, 0092-SPH, 0093-A, 0094-

SPHXA, 0095-A, 0096-A, 0097-A and 00<u>9</u>8-A

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

VKD: cen cc: file



**Inter-Office Correspondence** 

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:

October 10, 2018

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

# 2019-0098-A

Address

6302 Chesworth Road

(Hamidy Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 8, 2018.

The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability has no  $\mathbf{X}$ comment on the above-referenced zoning item.

Reviewer:

Steve Ford



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ADMINISTRATION



Larry Hogan
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Gregory Slater
Administrator

Date: 10/1/18

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. 2019-20098

Administrative Variance Nasir Hamidy 6302 Chesworth 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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TO:

THE DAILY RECORD

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 - Issue

Please forward billing to:

Mohammed Mufti 12440 Frederick Road West Friendship, MD 21794

443-604-3127

## **NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING**

The Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

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NE/s of Chesworth Road, 110 ft. se of the centerline of the intersection with W. North Rolling Road

1<sup>st</sup> Election District – 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Nasir Hamidy

Variance to permit a side yard addition with a side setback of 5.8 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft.

Hearing: Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

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Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections for Baltimore County

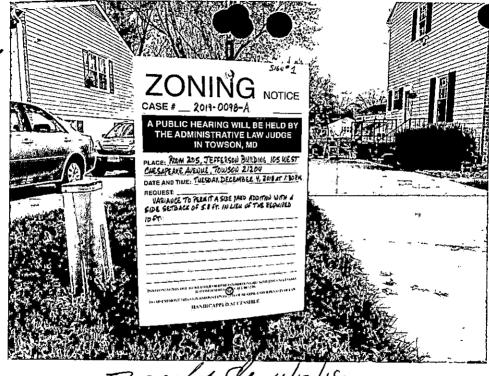
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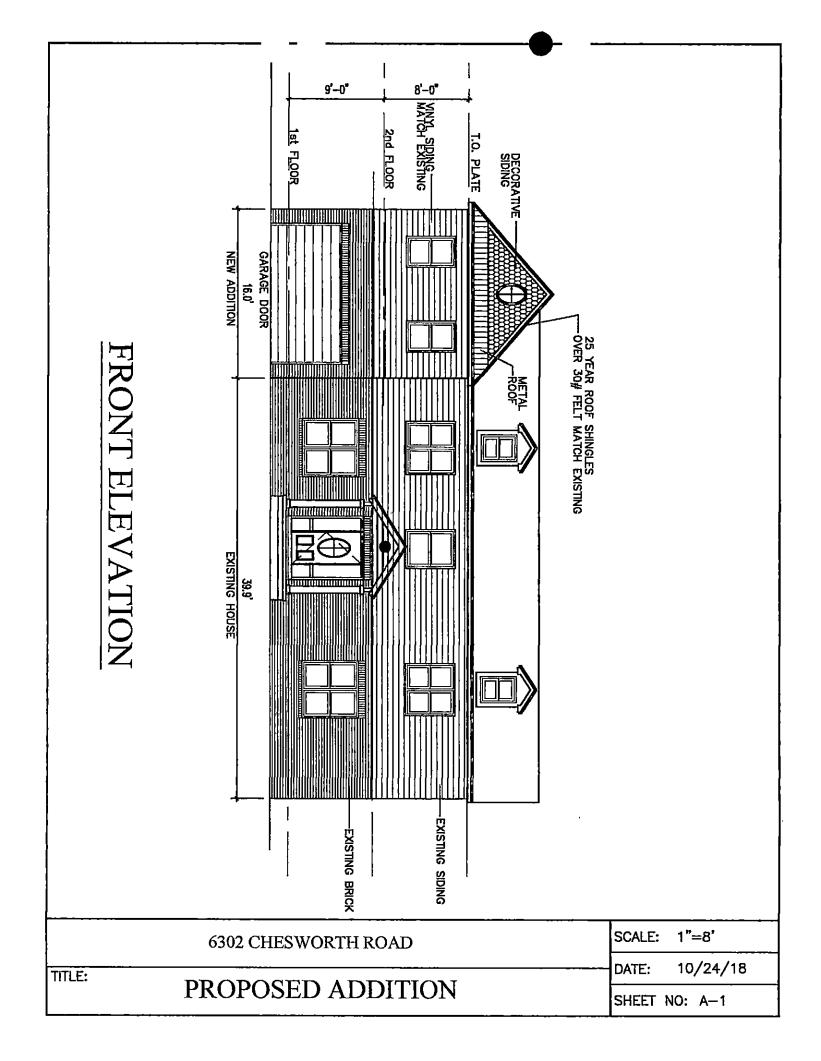
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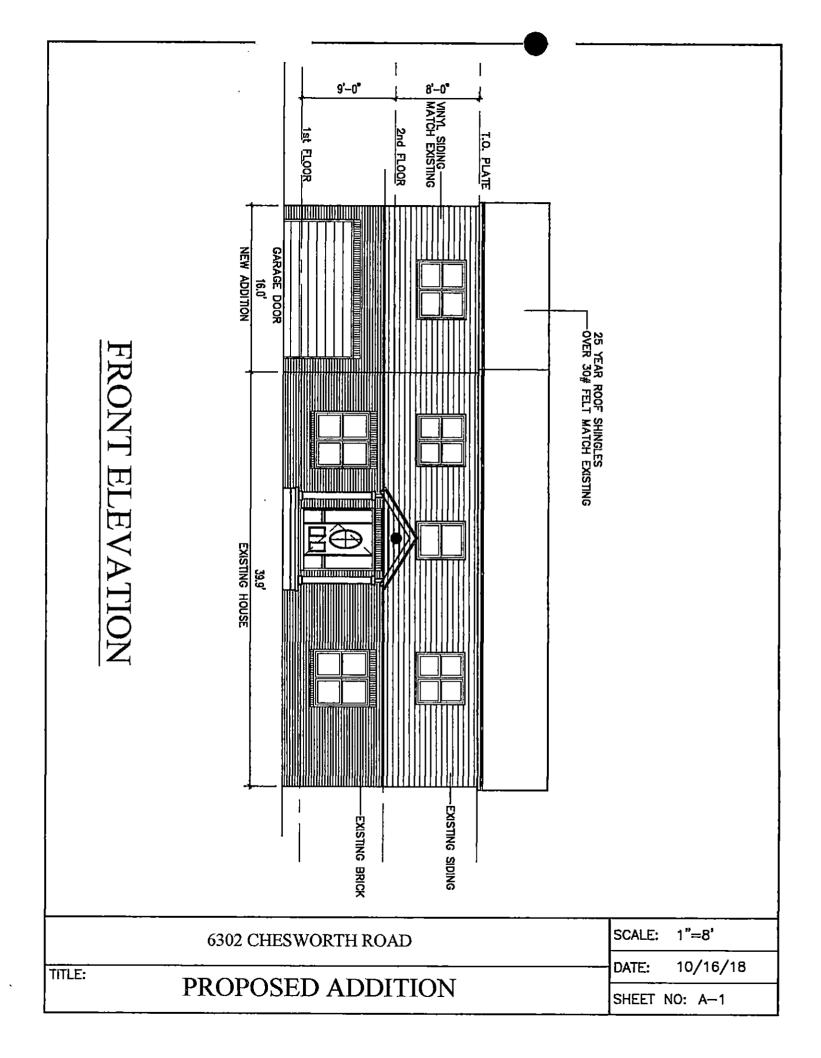
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# FORMAL DEMAND FOR HEARING

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Address: 6302 Cheswarth Rd.
Petitioner(s): Nasir Hamidy
TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:
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(_) Legal Owner OR ( ) Resident of
Address Chesworth Rd
Baltimore MD 21228
Baltimore MD 21228 City State Zip Code  410-744-9329  Telephone Number
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which is located approximately feet from the property, which is the subject of the above petition, do hereby formally demand that a public hearing be set in this matter. ATTACHED IS THE REQUIRED PROCESSING FEE FOR THIS DEMAND.
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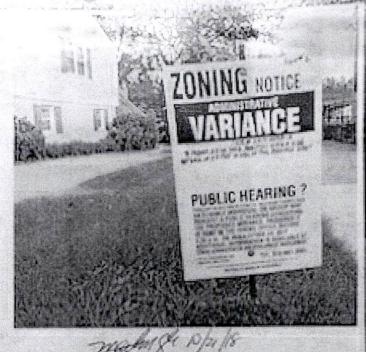
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# **ADMINISTRATIVE ZONING PETITION**

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 6302 CHESWORTH RDAD	Currently zoned DR 3.5
Deed Reference 40314 / D0024 Owner(s) Printed Name(s) NASIR HAMIDY	10 Digit Tax Account # <u>0 1 0 7 4 1 0 5 4 8</u>
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The undersigned, who own and occupy the property situate attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for	in Baltimore County and which is described in the plan/plat an:
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CASE NUMBER 7019-0098-4 Filing Date 9 27 18 Estimated Posting Date 10, 7, 18

# Affidavit in Support of Administrative Variance

Address: 6302 CHESWORTH RD CATONSVILLE

(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.

Print or Type Address of property City	State Zip Code
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# **ZONING PETITION PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

# PART A

Zoning Property Description for 6302 Chesworth Road, Baltimore, MD 21228.

Beginning at a point on the North side of Chesworth Road which is 88 Feet wide at a distance of 110 feet Southeast of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street N. Rolling Road which is 70 feet wide.

### PART B

Being Lot #(26), Block (E), Section #(1) in the subdivision of Woodbridge Valley in Baltimore County Plat Book #(33), Folio #(105), containing 8,560 Sq. Ft. Located in the ( $1^{st}$ ) Election District and ( $1^{st}$ ) Council District.





#### Real Property Data Search

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LETTER IS TO CERTIFY UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE NECESSARY SIGN(S) REQUIRED BY LAW WERE POSTED CONSPICUOUSLY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT

6302 CHESWORTH ROAD

S16N# 2

THIS SIGN(S) POSTED ON \_

October, 6 2018

(MONTH, DAY, YEAR)

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SIGNATURE OF SIGN POSTER

MARTIN OGLE

9912 MAIDBROOK ROAD

PARKVILLE, MD. 21234

443-629-3411







# **Board of Appeals**

Case No: 19	-098-A Case Name: Nasir Hamidy
	Exhibit List
Party: Petit	oner-Hamily Date: 4/18/19
Exhibit No:	Description:
1	House addition plan for 6302 Chesworth Rd.
2	Proposed addition- Front elevation 10/29/18
3	CV of Mischell Kellman
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ZONING HEARING PLAN FOR VARIANCE X SPECIAL HEARING  ADDRESS 6302 CHESWORTH RD. CATONSVILLE MD 21228  SUBDIVISION NAME WOODBRIDGE VALLEY  PLAT BOOK# 33 FOLIO# -0105 10 DIGIT TAX# 0107410548  DEED REF.# 40314/90024  40675/0014	SCALE: 1" = 40'  DATE: 6/15/18  SHEET NO: C-1
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### MITCHELL J. KELLMAN

#### VICE PRESIDENT | DIRECTOR OF ZONING SERVICES

#### Education

Towson University, BA, Geography and Environmental Planning, Urban Planning Towson University, Masters, Geography and Environmental Planning, Urban Planning

#### **Professional Summary**

Mr. Kellman has over 30 years of experience working in zoning, subdivision, and development regulations for the public and private sector; 15 of those years were with the Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning. His responsibilities included review, approval and signatory powers on behalf of the Director of Final Development Plans and Record Plats. He represented the Zoning Office on the County Development Review Committee, a body reviewing the procedural compliance of all development submissions. Review of petitions and site plans filed for zoning hearing approvals were within his authority. Additionally, he supervised county review staff, met with professionals and the public on development project matters, and made determinations regarding developments and their compliance with county regulations. In working for DMW, he has extensive experience in testifying before the Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner, Hearing Officer, Administrative Law Judges, and Board of Appeals. He also regularly represents the company at the Baltimore County Development Review Committee meetings. He is also a member of Baltimore County's Design Review Panel, which formulates design recommendations to the Planning staff and Administrative Law Judges, and the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

#### **Partial List of Projects**

Delight Quarry, Baltimore County, MD
Hunt Valley Towne Centre, Baltimore County, MD
Charlestown Retirement Community, Baltimore County, MD
Goucher College, Baltimore County, MD
Greenspring Quarry, Baltimore County, MD
Loveton Business Center, Baltimore County, MD
Oakcrest Village Retirement Community, Baltimore County, MD
Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital, Baltimore County, MD
Sparks Corporate Center, Baltimore County, MD
Towson Town Center, Baltimore County, MD

#### **Memberships and Associations**

Baltimore County Landmarks Commission, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Baltimore County Design Review Panel, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Greater Towson Committee, Planning & Development Sub-Committee, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Greater Towson Committee, Government Relations Sub-Committee Chair, 2013, 2014, 2015
Greater Towson Committee Board of Directors - Secretary, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
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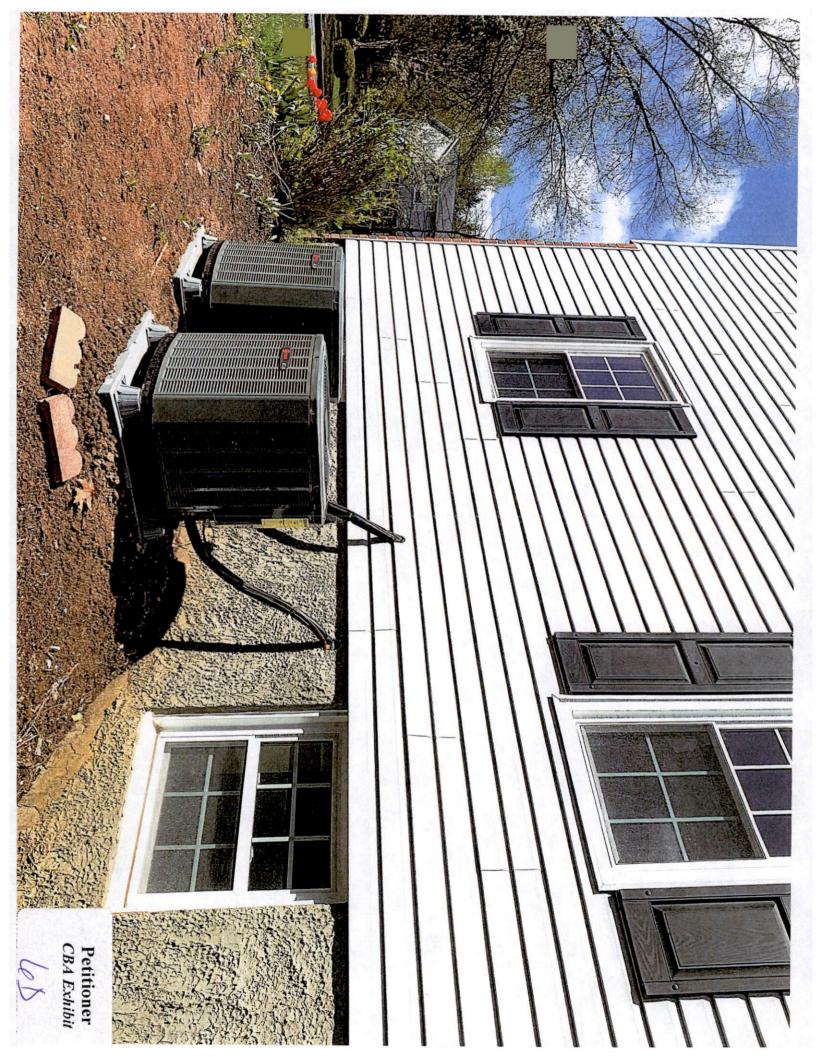
#### **Professional Experience**

Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc., Towson, MD: 2000-Present Baltimore County Zoning Review Office, Towson, MD: 1985-2000









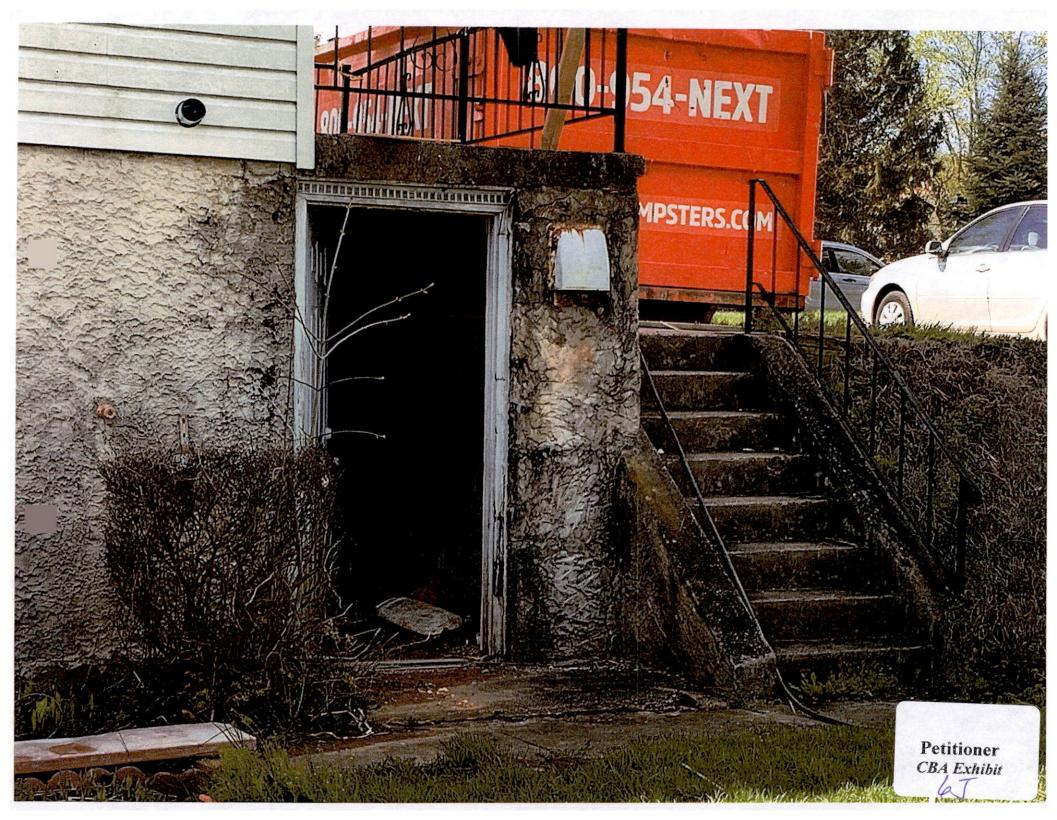


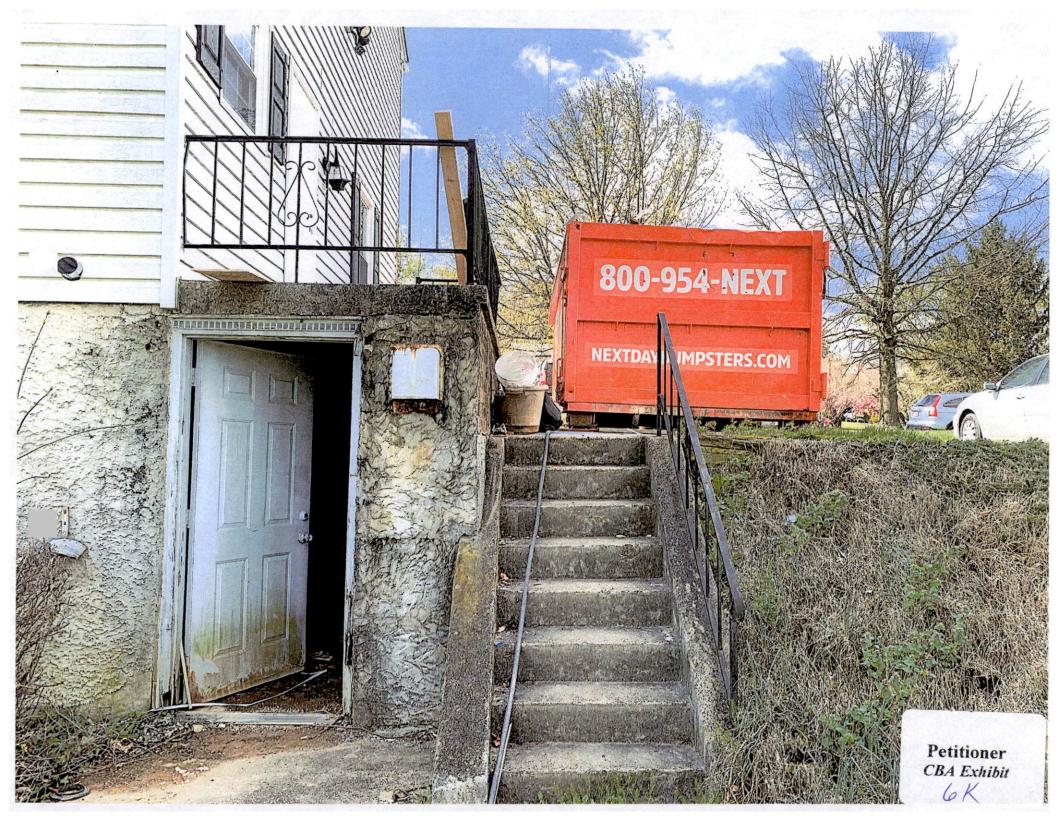


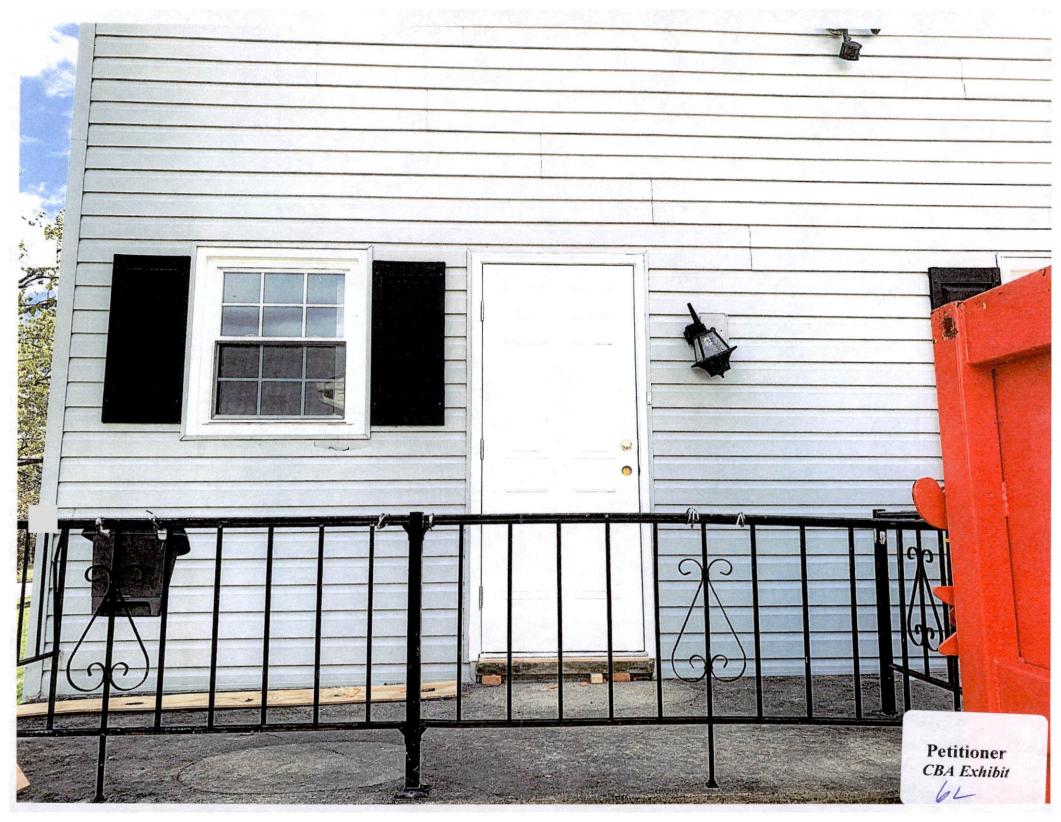












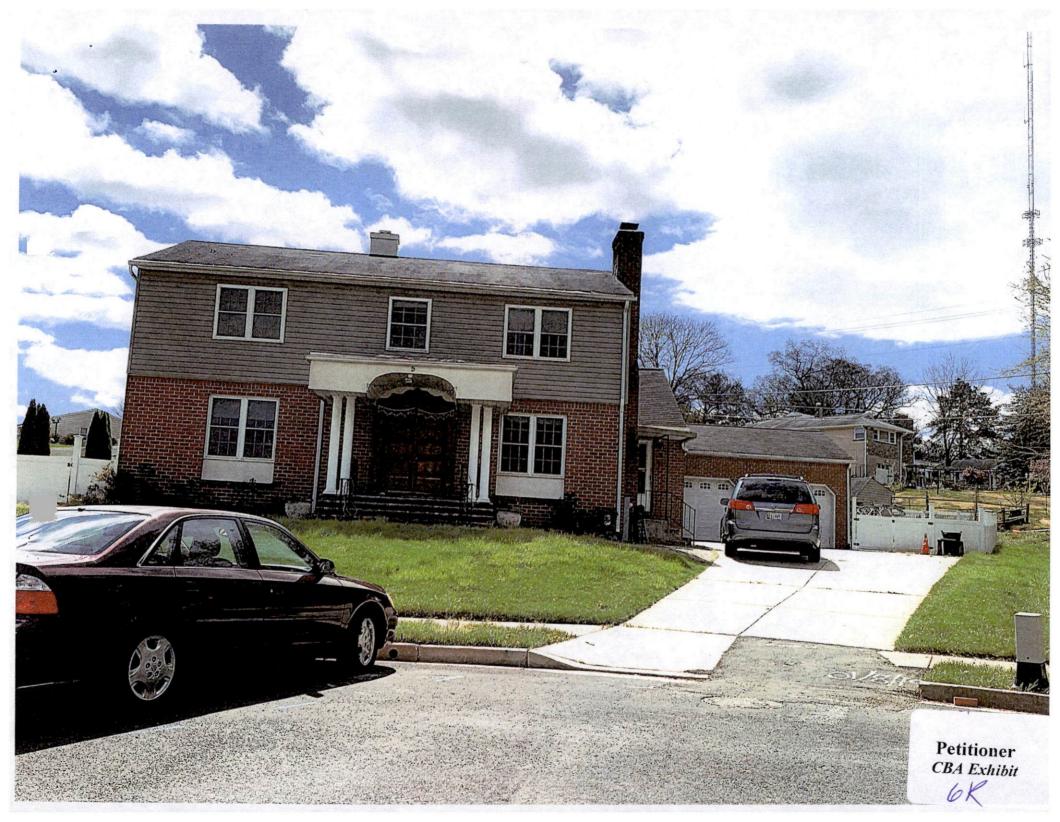






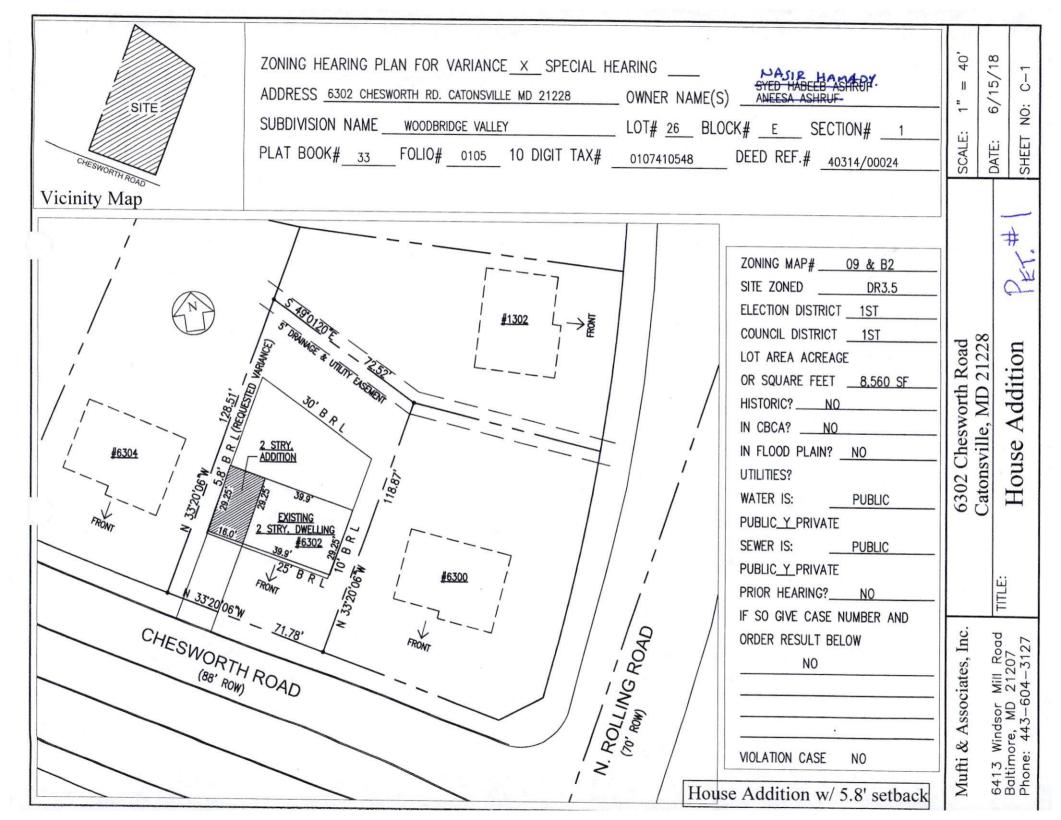








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# Google Maps 6302 Chesworth Rd



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# **Board of Appeals**

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Entry of Appearance by People's Counsel (None)

Petitioner(s) Sign-in Sheet – None Citizen(s) Sign-in Sheet – None

**Zoning Advisory Committee Comments** 

Petitioner(s) Exhibits -

1. Site Plan

Protestants' Exhibits - None

Miscellaneous

Administrative Law Judge Order and Letter (DENIED December 7, 2018)

Notice of Appeal -Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq on January 4, 2019



JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR. County Executive

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE Office of Administrative Hearings

January 4, 2019

Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esq. Smith, Gildea & Schmidt 600 Washington Ave, Suite 200 Towson, MD 21204-1301

RE: APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEALS

Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance

Case No. 2019-0098-A

Property: 6302 Chesworth Road

JAN 4 2019

BALTIMORE COUNTY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this Office on January 4, 2019. All materials relative to the case have been forwarded to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals ("Board").

If you are the person or party taking the appeal, you should notify other similarly interested parties or persons known to you of the appeal. If you are an attorney of record, it is your responsibility to notify your client.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not he sitate to contact the Board at 410-887-3180.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB/dlw

c: Henry & Nancy Miller, 6304 Chesworth Road, Baltimore, MD 21228
Baltimore County Board of Appeals
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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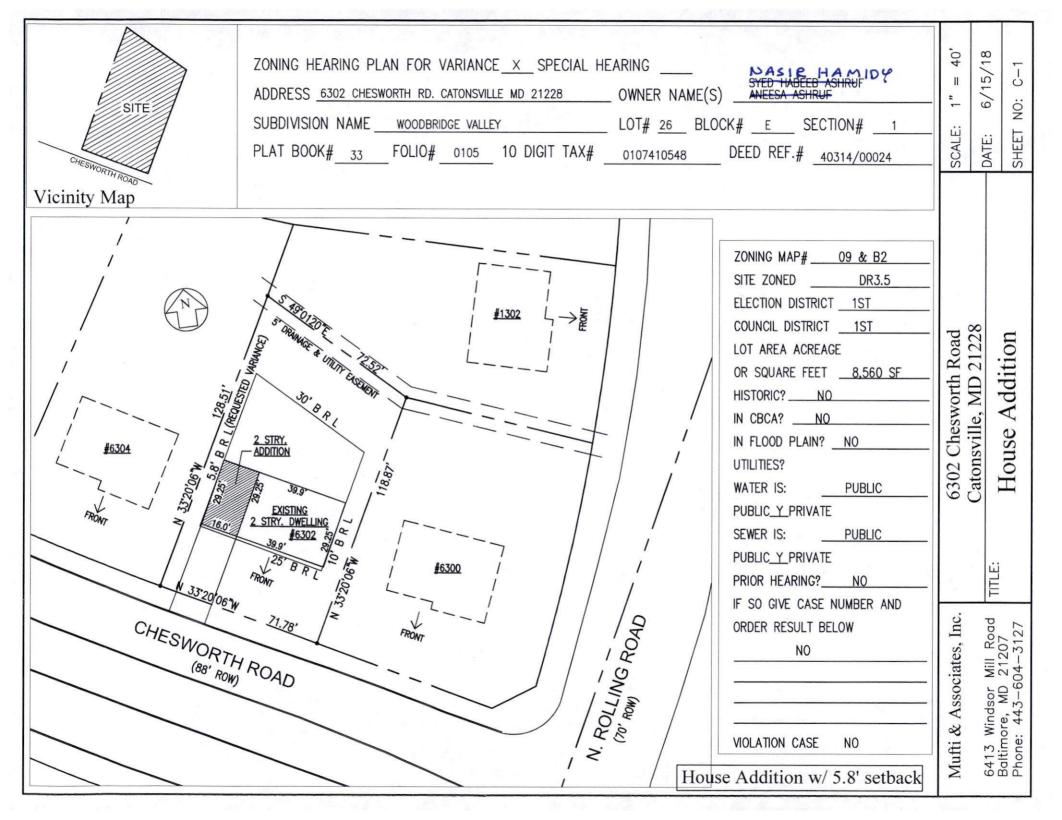
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# BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPA LIENT OF PERMITS, APPROVAL ND INSPECTIONS LUNING REVIEW OFFICE

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES
Case Number 2019- 0098 -A Address 6302 CHESWORTH ROAD, 21228
Contact Person: JASON SEIDELMAN Phone Number: 410-887-3391
Filing Date: 9/27/18 Posting Date: 10/7/18 Closing Date: 10/22/18
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. <a href="POSTING/COST">POSTING/COST</a> : The petitioner must use one of the sign posters on the approved list 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. <u>DEADLINE:</u> The closing date is the deadline for a neighbor (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.
3. ORDER: After the closing date, the file will be reviewed by the Administrative Law Judge The judge may: (a) grant the requested relief; (b) deny the requested relief; or (c) order that the matter be set in for a public hearing. If all County/State agencies' comments are received you will receive written notification as to whether the petition has been granted, denied, or will proceed to a public hearing. This decision is usually made within 10 days of the closing date. The written 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 Administrative Law Judge) 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 2019- 0098 -A Address 6302 CHESWORTH RUAD, 21228
Petitioner's Name HAM 18Y Telephone 443-803-2820
Posting Date: 10 7/18 Closing Date: 10 22/18
Wording for Sign: To Permit A SIDE YARD ABOUTION WITH A SIDE SET BACK OF  5.8 FEET IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRES 10 FEET.

Revised 6/30/2019





## **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	or Baltimore County for the property located at:
Address 6302 CHESWORTH RDAD	Currently zoned DR 3.5
Deed Reference 40314 / D0024 Owner(s) Printed Name(s) NASIR HAMIDY	10 Digit Tax Account # <u>0 1 0 7 4 1 0 5 4 8</u>
Owner(s) Printed Name(s)	
(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING $\overline{\mathbf{X}}$ AT THE APPROP	PRIATE SELECTION(S) AND ADDING THE PETITION REQUEST)
For Administrative Variances, the Affidavit on the re	verse of this Petition form must be completed and notarized.
The undersigned, who own and occupy the property situate in attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a	
1. ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE from Section(s)	
BCZR: 1B01.2.C.1.b $\rightarrow$ To permit a side yard add required 10 feet.	lition with a side setback of 5.8 feet in lieu of the
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of the Baltimore County Code, to the development law of Baltimore Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulation. If we agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), advertising, posting, etc. and Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.	ons.
TOR FILING	Owner(s)/Petitioner(s):
ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING	Name #1 - Type or Print  Name #2 - Type or Print  Signature #1  Signature #2
Date	G302 CHESWORTH RD. CATONIVILLE, AD Mailing Address City State
ВУ	21228 1 443-803-2820 1HAM2A 7868 3mail c Zip Code Telephone # Email Address
Attorney for Owner(s)/Petitioner(s):	Representative to be contacted:
	MOHAMMED MUFTI
Name- Type or Print	Name – Type or Print
Signature	Signature
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County, thisday of, that the subject n required by the zoning regulations of Baltimore County.	e required, it is ordered by the Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore natter of this petition be set for a public hearing, advertised, and re-posted as ative Law Judge for Baltimore County

CASE NUMBER 2019-0098-A Filing Date 9,2718 Estimated Posting Date 10,7,18 Reviewer\_

## Affidavit in Support of Administrative Variance

Address: 6302 CHESWORTH RD
Print or Type Address of property

(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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Based upon personal knowledge, the following are the Administrative Variance at the above address. (Clear		
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Signature of Owner (Affiant)	Signature of Owner (Affiant)	
Nasir Hamidy Name-Print or Type	Name- Print or Type	
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I HEREBY CERTIFY, this day of and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared:  Print name(s) here:	,, before me a Notary	of Maryland, in
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Zip Code

## **ZONING PETITION PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

## **PART A**

Zoning Property Description for 6302 Chesworth Road, Baltimore, MD 21228. Beginning at a point on the North side of Chesworth Road which is 88 Feet wide at a distance of 110 feet Southeast of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street N. Rolling Road which is 70 feet wide.

### PART B

Being Lot #(26), Block (E), Section #(1) in the subdivision of Woodbridge Valley in Baltimore County Plat Book #(33), Folio #(105), containing 8,560 Sq. Ft. Located in the (1st) Election District and (1st) Council District.

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# DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

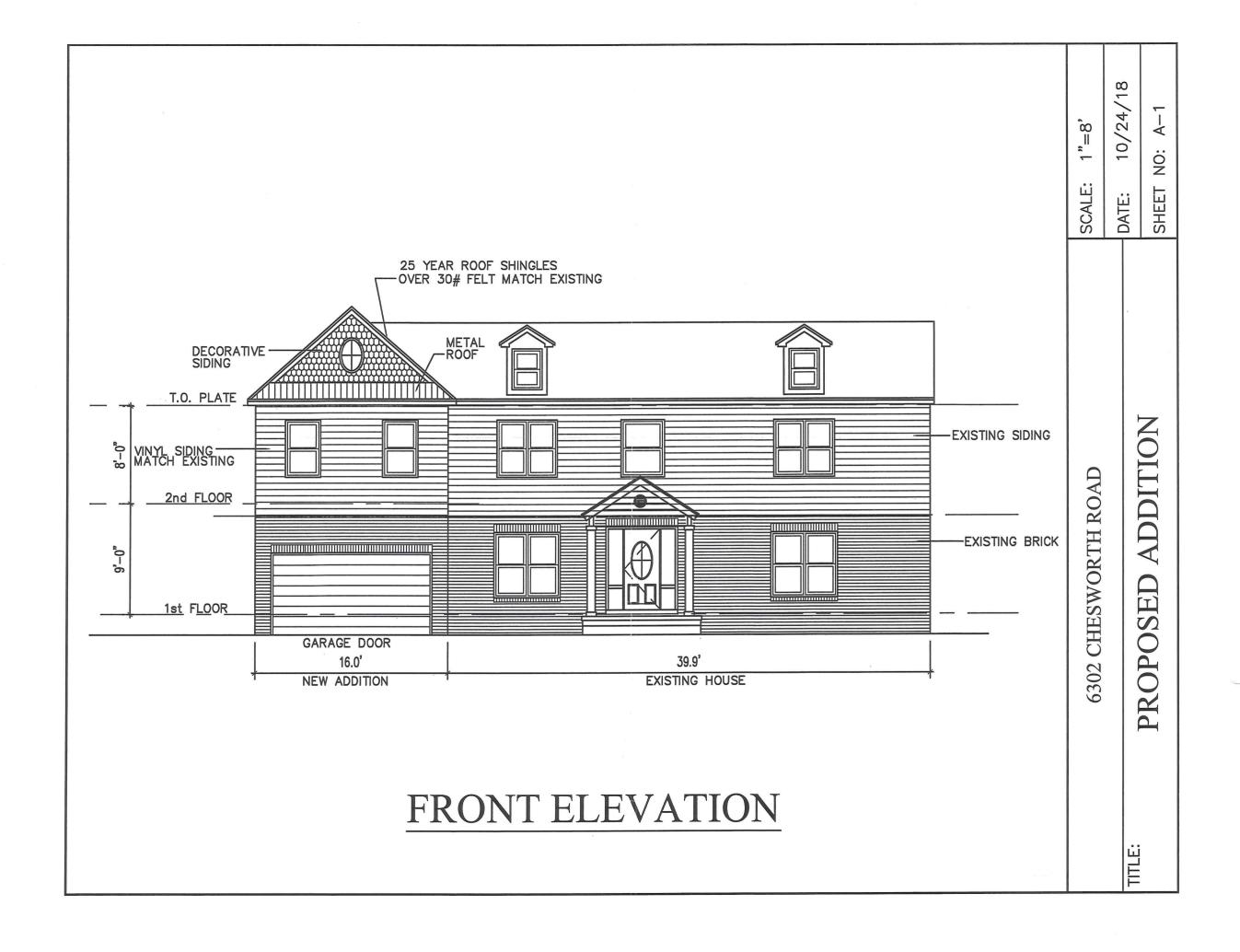
### ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS.

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.

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

Case Number: 2019 - 0098 - A
Property Address: 6302 Crissworth Road, 21228
Property Description:
egal Owners (Petitioners):
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Company/Firm (if applicable):
Address: 12440 FREDERICK RD
W. FRIENDSHIP, MD 21794
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