MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 29, 2020

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2020-0260-A - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced cases expired on December 24, 2020. There being no appeal filed, the subject file is ready for return to the Zoning Review Office and is placed in the 'pick up box.'

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Office of Administrative Hearings

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE

(67 Cinder Road)

8th Election District

3rd Council District

William A. Martin, IV & Jennifer L. Martin *

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2020-0260-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owners of the property, William A. Martin, IV and Jennifer L. Martin ("Petitioners"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief from § 100.6 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), to permit the raising of fowl or poultry (chickens) with 0.33 acres in lieu of the minimum required one (1) acre of property. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1. A letter and accompanying photos and descriptions was also admitted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. There were no adverse ZAC comments received from any of the County reviewing agencies. A letter in opposition was submitted by Bill Robinson, the President of the Yorkshire Haverford Community Association (YHCA), and was admitted as Protestants' Exhibit 1.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on November 1, 2020, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

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The Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavits as required by § 32-3-303 of the Baltimore County Code ("BCC"). They have also submitted a thoughtful letter explaining the many reasons they wish to raise chickens on their property. (Petitioners' Exhibit 2. However, I must also consider the many valid objections raised by the YHCA in their submission. (Protestants' Exhibit 1). And I am also bound by the controlling law, which holds that "the authority to grant a variance should be exercised sparingly and only under exceptional circumstances." *Mueller v. People's Counsel for Baltimore* County, 177 Md. App. 43, 71(2007). This is because "a variance is an authorization for that which is prohibited by a zoning ordinance." *Cromwell v. Ward*, 102 Md. App. 691, 699 (1995). And because "citizens [of a given county or municipality] are entitled to strict enforcement of the existing zoning regulations." *Salisbury Bd. Of Zoning Appeals v. Bounds*, 240 Md. 547, 555-56 (1965). Therefore, "[t]he burden is on the applicant to show facts to warrant a variance," and "the specific need for the variance must be substantial and urgent and not merely for the convenience of the applicant." *Mueller v. People's Counsel for Baltimore* County, 177 Md. App. at 70.

Under BCZR Sec. 307, and Maryland common law, in order to be entitled to variance relief the Petitioners must satisfy a two-step legal analysis, summarized as follows:

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

Cromwell v. Ward, supra. Finally, "unless there is a finding that the property is unique, unusual, or different, the process stops here and the variance is denied without any consideration of practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship." *Mueller, supra,* 177 Md. App. at 70.

In the instant case, the Site Plan, photographs, and testimony fail to show that there is ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

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anything unique about this property. The Petitioners have therefore failed to meet the first prong of the legal analysis. Further, even if I were to reach the second prong, the record evidence does not support a finding that Petitioners' need for this variance is "substantial and urgent." *Mueller, supra,* 177 Md. App. at 70. I understand that the Martins have many good reasons for wanting to raise chickens on their property. However, I must also consider the rights of their neighbors, who are entitled to "strict enforcement of the existing zoning regulations." *Salisbury Bd. Of Zoning Appeals v. Bounds,* 240 Md. 547, 555-56 (1965). The existing zoning regulations require an acre of property to raise chickens, and in this case the Martin's lot is only a third of an acre.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>24rd</u> day of **November**, **2020**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance from § 100.6 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") to permit the raising of Fowl or Poultry (chickens) with 0.33 acres in lieu of the minimum required 1 acres, be and is hereby DENIED.

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

PAUL M. MAYHEW

Managing Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

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Date N-20
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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 Hearing Address 67 Cinder Road, Timoni	ium, MD 21093 Currently zoned DR 5.5
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Affidavit in Support of Administrative Variance

(THIS AFFIDAVIT IS NOT REQUIRED FOR AN HISTORIC ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING)

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

Address: 67 Cinder Road, Timonium, MD 21093					
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Based upon personal knowledge, the following are the facts upon which I/we base the request for a	n				
Administrative Variance at the above address. (Clearly state practical difficulty or hardship here)					
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Strict adherence to the 1 acre minimum required by Baltimore County Zoning to house or maintain fowl on residential property					
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If this variance is granted, the animals will be contained within an existing area, with little to no change in visual impact.					
Careful consideration has been put towards placement and appearance of the proposed coop as well as processes to clean and					
maintain the flock on a daily basis. Concentration placed heavily on rodent prevention and predator access to the area.					
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STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF BALTIMORE, to wit:					
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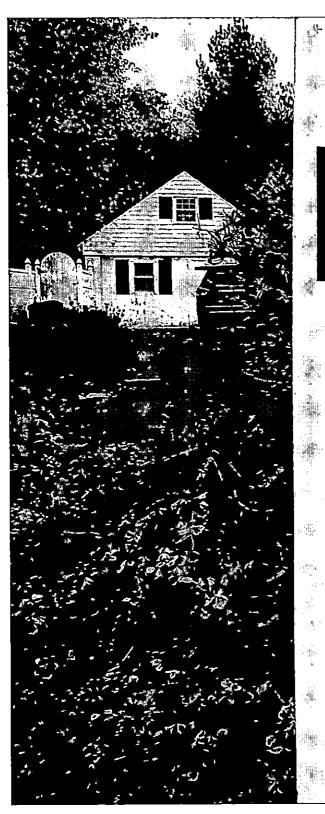
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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

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Petitioner/Developer: Marta	
Date of Hearing/Closing: 11-1	6-20
This is to certify under the penalties by law were posted conspicuously on the	of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required property located at 67 Cinder Rd
The signs(s) were posted on	- - 20 (Month, Day, Year)
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	Signature of Sign Poster)
	(Signature of Sign Poster)
	J. LAWRENCE PILSON (Printed Name of Sign Poster)
ATTACH PHOTGRAPH	1015 Old Barn Road
	(Street Address of Sign Poster)
	Parkton, MD 21120
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ADMINISTRATIVE

CASE # 2020-0260-A

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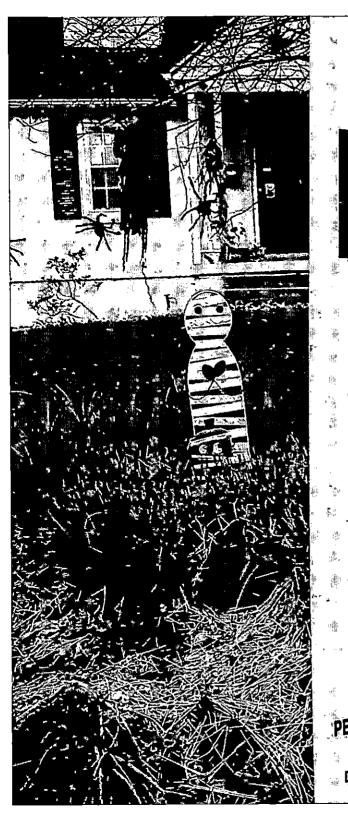
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	Petitioner/Developer: Martin		
	Date of Hearing/Closing: 11-16-20	•	

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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.
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ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the legal owner/petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least twenty (20) days before the hearing.

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

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November 16, 2020

Jennifer Martin, 67 Cinder Road Timonium MD 21093

RE: Case Number: 2020-0260-A, 67 Cinder Road

To Whom It May Concern:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on October 21, 2020. 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.

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence



TO:

Hon. Paul M. Mayhew; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

October 29, 2020

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

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2020-0260-A

67 Cinder Road

(Martin Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of November 2, 2020.

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Reviewer:

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Case Number: 2020-0259-A

Reviewer: Gary Hucik

Existng Use: RESIDENTIAL Proposed Use: RESIDENTIAL

Type: ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE Legal Owner: Jeffrey & Charlotte Radcliffe, Bonifacio R. Fernando Jr

Contract Purchaser: No Contract Purchaser was set.

Critical Area: No Flood Plain: No Historic: No Election Dist: 6 Council Dist: 3

Property Address: 2016 FREELAND RD

Location: West side of Freeland Road North 2,380 feet to the center line of Middletown Road.

Existing Zoning: RC 2

Area: 4.06 AC

Proposed Zoning:

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE:

431.1.B.3.b and 415.3.C.1 of BCZR To permit the display of advertising around the commercial vehicle & commercial

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To permit two (2) commercial vehicles (truck & trailer) in lieu of the required one (1) commercial vehicle.

To permit three (3) trailers to be stored or parked on a residential lot in lieu of the required one (1) trailer.

Attorney: Not Available Prior Zoning Cases: None Concurrent Cases: None Violation Cases: None Closing Date: 11/16/2020

Miscellaneous Notes:

Reviewer: Gary Hucik Case Number: 2020-0260-A Existing Use: RESIDENTIAL Proposed Use: RESIDENTIAL

Type: ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE Legal Owner: Jennifer & William Martin

Contract Purchaser: No Contract Purchaser was set.

Election Dist: 8 Council Dist: 3 Critical Area: No Flood Plain: No Historic: No

Property Address: 67 CINDER RD

Location: South side of Cinder Road East 160 feet to the center line of Free Lane.

Existing Zoning: DR 5.5

Area: .33 AC

Proposed Zoning:

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE:

100.6 BCZR To permit the raising of Fowl or Poultry (chickens) with 0.33 acres in lieu of the minimum required 1 acres.

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Miscellaneous Notes:

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16 May 2017 (over 3 years ago)

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CORPORATION

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Maryland (US)

Registered Address

- 104 BELFAST RD. **LUTHERVILLE MD 21093**
- United States

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Agent Address

104 BELFAST RD. LUTHERVILLE MD 21093

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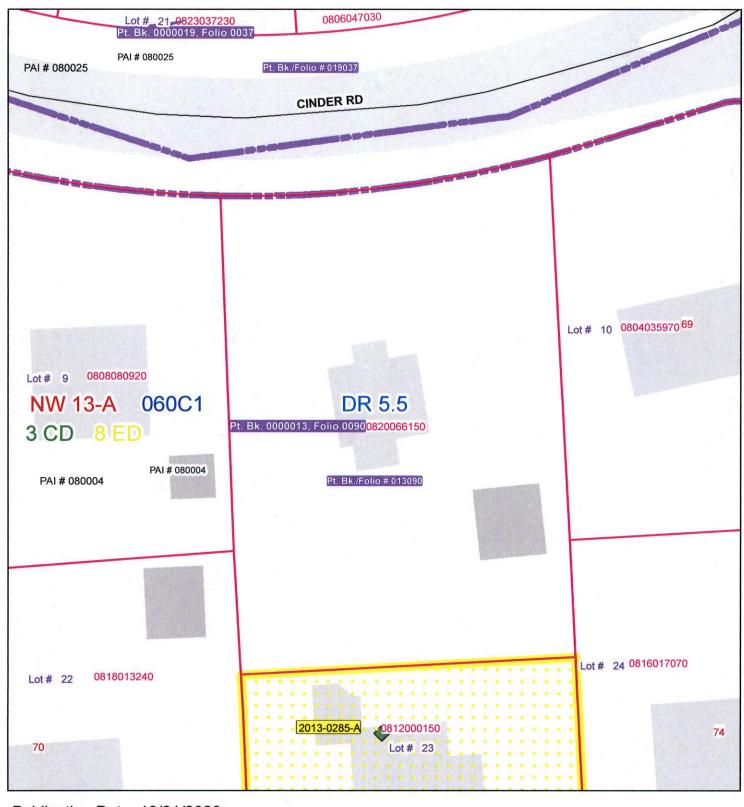
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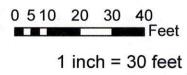


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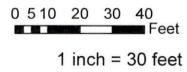


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Baltimore County Zoning Review Office 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Room 111 Towson, MD 21204

10/15/2020

Attention Zoning Review,

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ZONING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR 67 CINDER ROAD, TIMONIUM, MARYLAND 21093

Beginning in the center of Cinder Road at the distance of 758 feet Easterly from the end of the first line running thence South 1 degree South 30 minutes West 1699 feet thence South 88 degrees 30 minutes East 100 feet thence North 1 degree 30 minutes East 171 feet to the center of Cinder Road thence on said road 102 feet to the place of beginning as recoded in Baltimore County Deed Liber #35379, Folio #382, containing 14,500 square feet. Located in Election District #8 and Council District #3.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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From:

Cheryl Eisenhauer <cleisenhauer@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, November 19, 2020 10:02 AM

To:

Administrative Hearings

Subject:

Case#2020-0260A Input from community association

Attachments:

Map of Yorkshire-Haverford.jpg; List of Pros and Cons of Backyard Chickens, docx;

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Variance Sign wording.jpg; Diagram of # 67 Cinder Road.jpg

CAUTION: This message from cleisenhauer@gmail.com originated from a non Baltimore County Government or non BCPL email system. Hover over any links before clicking and use caution opening attachments.

Subject: Zoning Variance case #2020-0260A

November 18, 2020

Dear Administrative Law Judge,

As president of the Yorkshire-Haverford Community Association (YHCA) in Timonium, I am writing to you on behalf of our association. We are a volunteer community association, not a Home Owners Association. We have 950 plus residences within our boundaries (Community map attached)

We are requesting that you give careful consideration to the pros and cons of the variance request case #2020-0260A which would allow the residents at #67 Cinder Road to keep chickens in their backyard. (List pros and cons considered by YHCA attached). YHCA officers and board of directors held a virtual meeting on November 15th to discuss concerns brought to our attention by some of our members. The majority of our board voted in opposition to this requested variance that would allow chickens on a lot smaller that allowed by County code.

YHCA had hoped to meet with you in person at a public hearing in order to be able to both ask and answer questions, but due to a misunderstanding of the posted variance sign wording, we missed this opportunity. When we called on November 16, 2020 to request that a public hearing be held as directed on the sign, we learned for the first time that we needed to submit the County's formal demand form along with a \$60 fee by 5pm that afternoon. We were informed that we could not pay this fee electronically and would need to deliver it in person that afternoon. There was no way that we could accomplish this in person delivery on such short notice. Therefore we are writing to you now so that you will be aware of YHCA's concerns when you make your decision regarding this variance request. (Photo of variance sign wording attached)

The Backyard Chicken request is a difficult issue for our community as it is proving to be throughout Baltimore County. Urban farming, organic/homegrown food, and sustainable food sources are of growing interest, and backyard chickens are often highly promoted on social media sites. There are some of our community members that respect the wishes of residents who want to raise a small group of chickens on their property. But there are a significant number of others, including a majority of our board that are concerned and think the county code which requires a minimum of 1 acre to keep fowl, poultry, and small livestock should be upheld. (YHCA's compiled list of pros and cons attached).

The lot in question at #67 Cinder Road is .33 of an acre, but once the space occupied by the house and detached backyard garage is in taken into account, the actual space for a chicken coop and chicken run of course becomes smaller. Additionally, as you will see from the property layout diagram we have attached, 5

residences abut the property at # 67 Cinder and would be directly affected by your decision. This is particularly true of the #72 Oakway Road property that sits directly behind #67 Cinder. And due to the higher elevation of Oakway Road compared to Cinder Road, if one is standing in the backyard of #72 Oakway Road, the view looks directly down at the proposed backyard chicken site.

Concerned residents worry about the precedent. Are we soon to hear similar requests to raise chickens throughout the community? Will people start to request to raise ducks and other small livestock such as sheep and donkeys? Will it hurt the resale value of our homes? Others are concerned that some backyard chicken farmers may not be responsible caretakers, tiring of the constant upkeep required. We would then be faced with chicken pens filthy with unkempt waste, noxious odors, increased rodents, and foxes. Worse, neighbors are concerned that chickens might bear disease. Others worry that the county may not have the resources to provide the necessary inspectors to avoid such abuses.

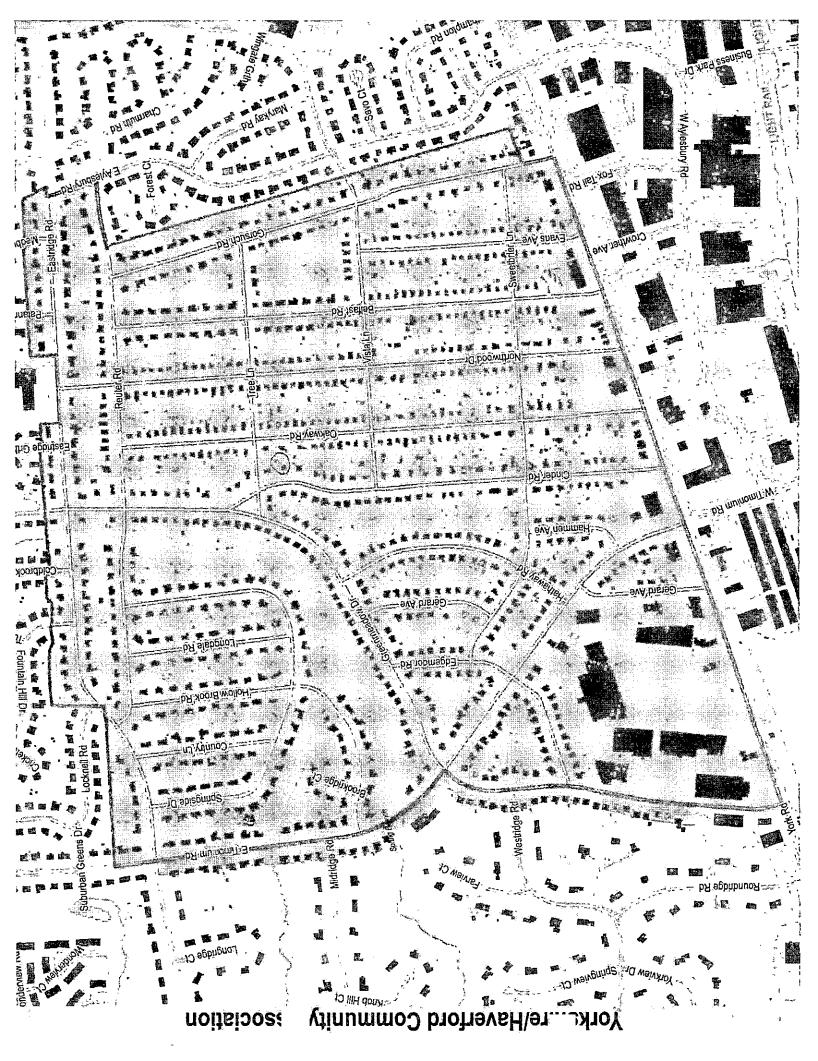
This last point we think should be of major concern to Baltimore County. If the County begins to grant variances for backyard chickens in neighborhoods such as ours where lots are far less than an acre, who is going to do all of the inspections needed to insure the safety of the animals, and address the concerns of neighboring residents? Does the county have the necessary regulations in place to responsibly manage chicken farming on small suburban lots? (i.e. property line setbacks, distance from neighbor's house, specifications for coop and chicken run installations, fencing type and height, sanitation rules, manure control and removal, animal registration, and veterinarian checks.)

In 2014/15 when Baltimore County was considering a possible change to the existing code, Councilman Marks, though he was leaning in favor of backyard chickens on less than an acre, pointed out that the money, time, and effort the County would need to spend to enforce responsible management of backyard chickens would be extensive and not feasible at the time. This would seem particularly true right now due to all of the challenges and financial needs the County is facing due to COVID-19.

Given these concerns and unanswered questions, our YHCA board recommends that you decide against this case. We encourage you to support the existing code, and help us maintain the residential/suburban character of our community where our lots are under an acre, with many being small narrow ¼ acre lots, not at all suited to keeping farm animals.

If you have questions that have not been addressed by this letter, or its attachments, we encourage you to withhold your decision until all issues are addressed. Please feel free to contact me if you feel additional input from YHCA would be helpful. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter before you. Please forward us a copy of the order.

Best regards,
Bill Robinson
YHCA President
(bill-robinson@comcast.net or 443-934-4224)



Case #2020-0260A

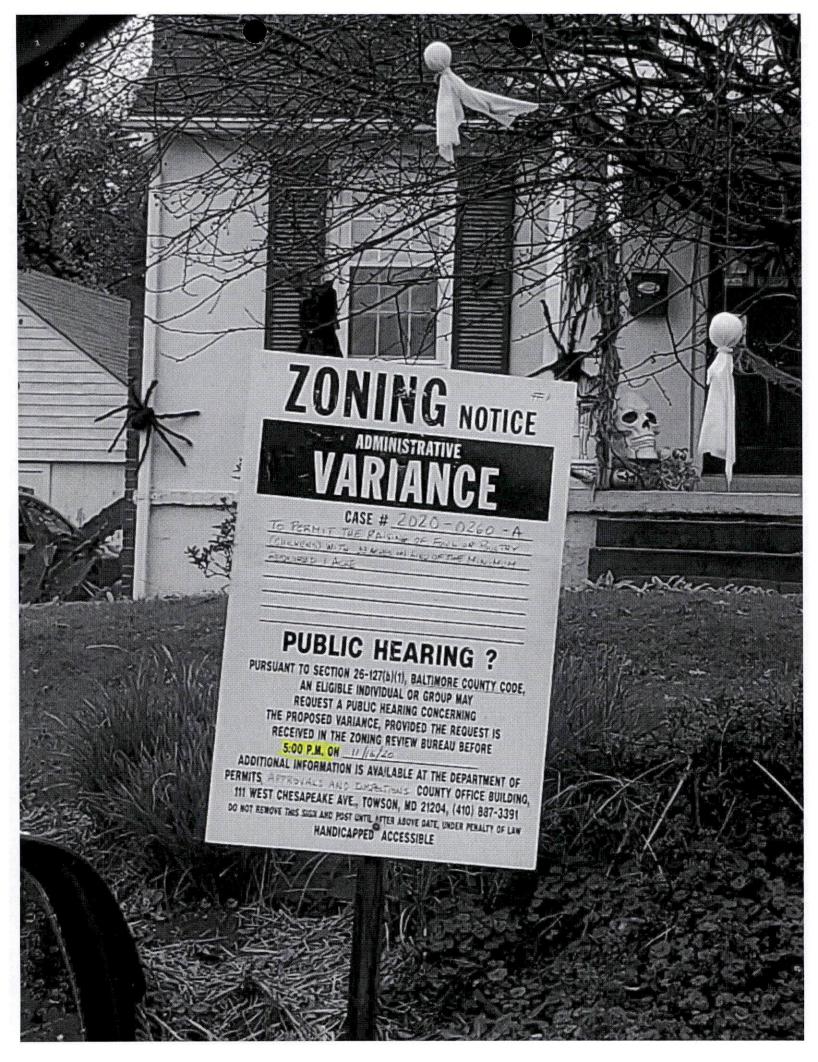
A compilation of some of the of the reasons given for and against backyard chickens in residential neighborhoods as discussed by YHCA Board

Pros

- · Chickens have been raised in backyards for generations
- Do not require a lot of space
- Cost effective and sustainable food secure
- Fresh, natural organic food product
- Backyard pest management since chickens eat mosquitos, and other insects.
- Free source of organic fertilizer for residents' vegetable gardens
- Chickens do make some noise but it is a soft clucking sound, nothing at a nuisance level
- Good way for children to understand nature and food chain
- Working together raising and maintaining chickens bonds families

Cons

- · Did not buy a house in the suburbs to find themselves living next to an agriculture venue
- Chickens need to have a run space, so will not always remain in a chicken house
- Objection to noise and smell, especially when lots are small
- Possibility of spreading salmonella through chicken waste
- · Concern over avian flu
- Attract wildlife such as fox, raccoons, and weasels that feed on chickens
- Chicken food and chicken waste attracts rodents
- Not all those who have chickens will be responsible owners, or respectful of neighbors
- Increased cost to county (permits, inspections, etc. related to responsibly managing backyard chickens)





Baltimore County Zoning Review Office 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Room 111 Towson, MD 21204

10/15/2020

Attention Zoning Review,

We are submitting the documentation required to acquire a variance that will allow us to legally house 4-5 hens on our property at 67 Cinder Road, Timonium, MD 21093.

Our property is 14,500 square feet which is under the 1 acre minimum required by Baltimore County, but we believe we are able to incorporate hens into our backyard without making any unsightly alterations and while maintaining a level of cleanliness that will discourage rodent and predator populations.

We believe the placement and design of the coop will blend well within an existing fenced garden area. This plot has been in our backyard for 3 years with no issues and the location for the proposed coop is out of the main sightline of our neighbors. Per USDA's recommendation of 6 square feet per hen (2 for roosting, 4 for free range), this fenced 24' x 8' (192 square foot) area provides ample space for the quantity of hens we are hoping to keep.

Our household strives to keep our carbon footprint small and we believe the eggs produced by these hens will make us less dependent on factory eggs, which are not nearly as environmentally responsible as what we can provide on our own. Chicken waste will be composted in existing composters which will help our vegetables and plants thrive, year after year. In addition to providing eggs, chickens are excellent at controlling insects such as ticks, slugs, termites and other garden/yard pests.

We are familiar with chickens and the care needed to keep them healthy and the steps necessary to make sure predators and pests keep their distance from the flock and property. In the same spirit as we take care of our dog and cats, we plan to clean the chicken coop on a daily basis with a strong emphasis on making sure their waste is properly contained in our tightly sealed compost bins. Chicken feed will be served from a "treadle" style feeder that cuts down on waste as well as unwanted visits from mice, rats, chipmunks and other small animals. Currently we secure all dog, cat, and bird food in plastic bins in our shed and basement to deter mice and rodents from our home. This simple, yet effective storage solution has kept us rodent-free every year. We plan to continue doing the same thing with chicken feed. The birds will be locked in their coop in the evenings which will keep predatory interest down.

As a parent, we try to offer our children a wide range of experiences so they can grow into intelligent and caring adults. Our children are well-educated on animal welfare and nature and I believe raising chickens will help to further solidify the kids' love of animals, the environment, and nature.

We hope our documents provide the support we need to have this variance approved. We truly feel chickens are a true benefit to a backyard's ecosystem as well as great additions to a family!

Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you.

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We are filing for a variance that would allow us to place a chicken coop and 4-5 hens inside an existing fenced-in garden area on our property. The fencing will provide boundaries and protection while the birds graze. The USDA recommends nearly 4 sq feet of area per chicken. Our 24' x 8' fenced-in enclosure exceeds this recommendation.

Hens provide nutrient-rich eggs while also aiding the yard and environment by eating ticks and various garden nuisances like slugs, grubs and more.

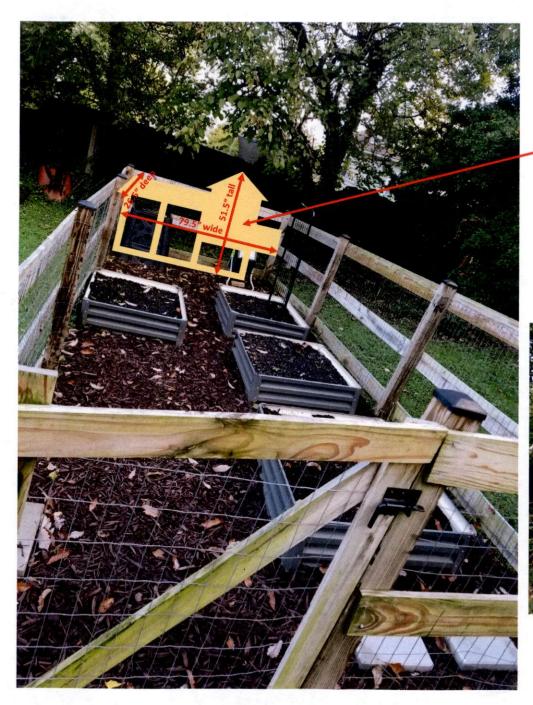
Chickens have the reputation of being dirty and smelly, but with proper maintenance, they are a clean and peaceful addition to a backyard. Chicken waste will be composted before being mixed back into the gardens' soil and there will be no loud roosters in our flock. Just as we clean our cats' litter boxes and pick up after our dog, the coop will be cleaned on a daily basis. Cleanliness is of the utmost importance to us as we have 2 young children that play in the yard.

The proposed coop area is blocked by space, privacy fencing, and thick brush... It is truly a "blind" portion of our yard. We have spoken to our neighbors and they support our decision to file for this variance. We feel that chickens will help us progress further into a more sustainable way of life with less dependence on factory farming.







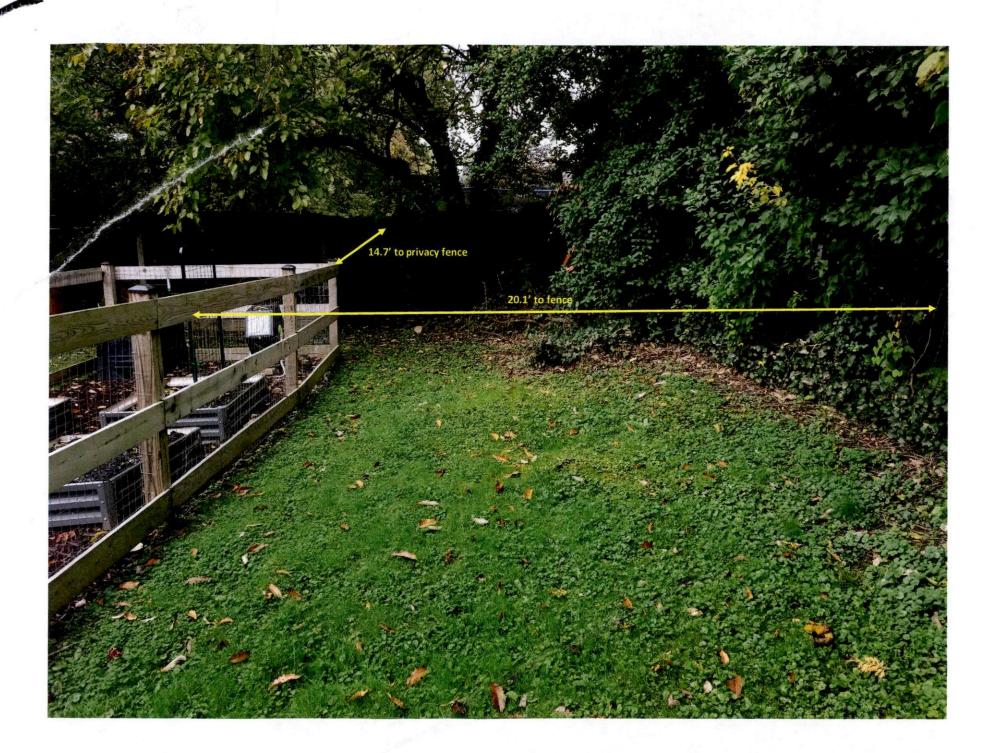


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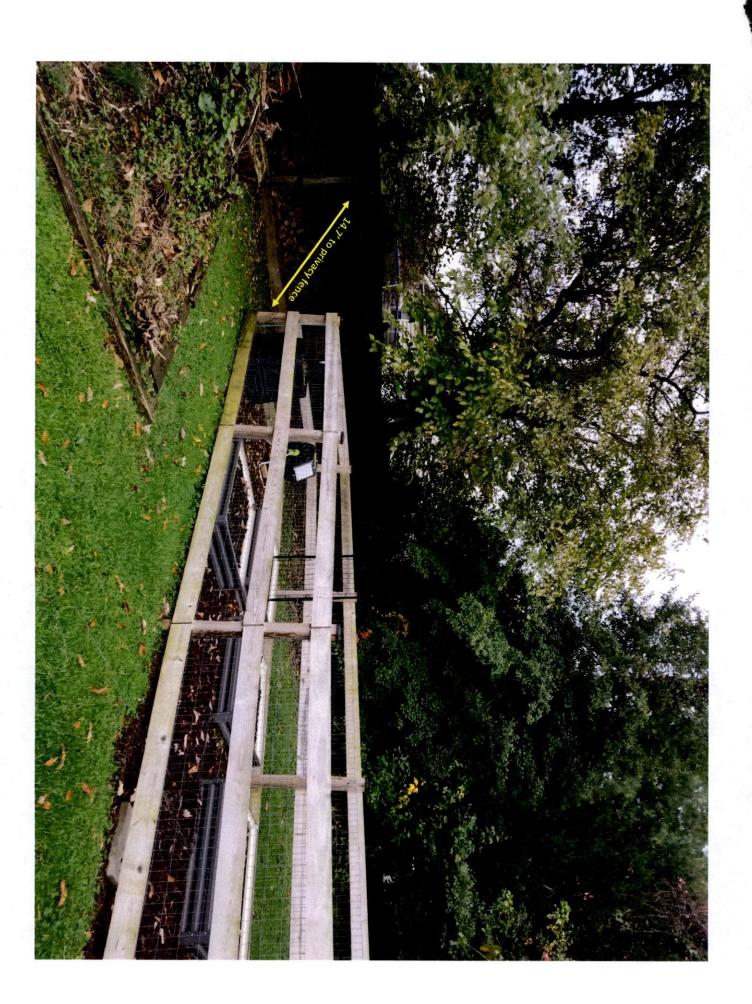
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Composters to be moved to back of fence, behind coop area for easy access.



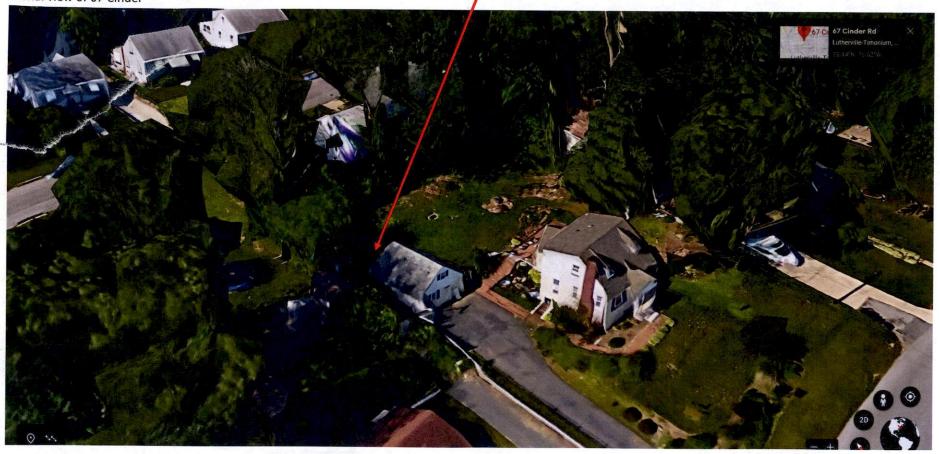






Location of proposal

Aerial view of 67 Cinder



PROPOSED COOP OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 79.5"(L) x 26.5"(W) x 51.5"(H)

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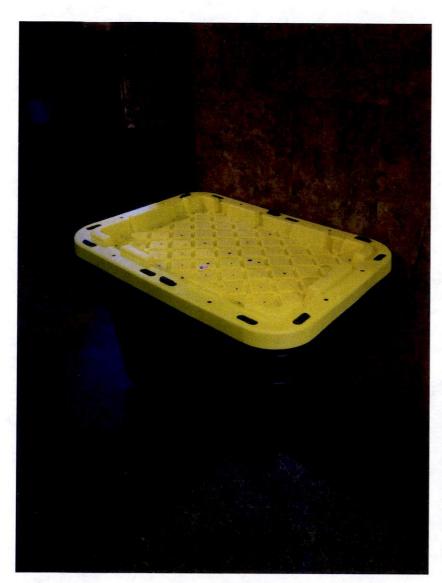
- Overall Dimensions: 79.5"(L) x 26.5"(W) x 51.5"(H)
- Raised Housing: 24.5"(L) x 23"(W) x 33"(H)
- Nesting Box: 20.5"(L) x 12.5"(W) x 15.25"(H)
- Cage: 62.5"(L) x 22.75"(W) x 39"(H)
- Ramp: 31"(L) x 7"(W)
- Slide-Out Tray: 22"(L) x 22"(W) x 1"(H)
- Raised Housing Door: 10.5"(W) x 15.75"(H)
- Cage Door: 16.5"(W) x 29.5"(H)
 Slide Window Opening: 3.5"(L) x 5"(H)

To prevent unwanted visits from rodents, we will be storing chicken feed in similar plastic bins that we currently store dog and cat food in. This method has kept us mouse/rodent free for years.

The photos below are examples of the treadle feeder we plan to use. Food is tightly covered in a metal container until a bird puts its weight on the step which triggers the top of the bin to open. The metal bars running from the front to back of the bin deter chickens from scratching and spilling grain. The spillage from typical OPEN feeders attracts rodents. These treadle feeders are designed to be keep feed inside of the feeder and off of the ground.



- Hinged lid prevents access by sparrows, rats, mice, and other pests.
- Easy-access lid prevents rain ruining your feed.
- Sturdy metal construction provides trouble-free operation for years.
- Large storage area holds approx 9kg/20lb (standard feeder) or 18kg/40lb (large feeder) of poultry feed.
- Aluminium, textured tread plate.
- High quality galvanized finish built to last in tough, outdoor conditions.



Our household takes sustainability very seriously. On a daily basis, we recycle, we compost, and we conserve energy and water.

In addition to a rain barrel and 2 outdoor composters, we also vermicompost veggies, fruit, egg shells, brown paper and other scraps in our worm bin.

We started this bin 3 years ago, and our worms have thrived! Surprisingly, there is no odor from this process and we are able to put our leftover food and scraps to good use. We use the worm waste in the gardens every year as a natural fertilizer.



Our children have always had an interest in anything related to nature and the world around them, but life during the Covid-19 pandemic seems to have strengthened their bond with nature and with each other.

As a family, our love of hiking, fishing, and the great outdoors has grown more than I ever imagined possible.

Beaches, lakes, and our own backyard offer endless opportunities for learning and adventure, whether it's studying the small fish swimming in Loch Raven and Prettyboy Reservoirs, finding tiny crabs at Cape Henlopen, or growing 20' tall sunflowers in our garden.

An appreciation for all living things (no matter how small, or creepy) has been instilled in my children and we continue to foster that love through our daily interactions with our pets, and any animals we meet along the way—including chickens! Our extended family raises chickens and we've experienced firsthand both the hard work that goes into raising hens, and the reward and satisfaction that comes from not only raising chicks to adulthood, but also guiding them to be sweet, friendly additions to the family.









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