IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (1540-1542 S. Rolling Road) 13th Election District 1st Council District John and Elisabeth Martin Legal Owner Petitioners	* * * * * *	BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Case No.: 21-166-A

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ORDER

This matter comes before the Baltimore County Board of Appeals as an appeal from the September 22, 2021 Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge denying a Petition for Variance pursuant to BCZR § 100.6. to approve fowl or poultry on 0.93 acres of land in lieu of the required one acre of land at 1540-1542 South Rolling Road.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a public Webex hearing was conducted virtually in lieu of an in-person hearing. Both Petitioners and the Protestant appeared *pro se*. In between the time of the September 22, 2021 Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge, and the March 9, 2022 hearing before this Board, the Baltimore County Council passed Bill 113 -21 amending the law pertaining to the stabling and pasturing of animals, and in particular, fowl and poultry. This new legislation amended provisions found in BCZR § 100.6, as well as BCZR §§ 418.1.-.2. Pursuant to these statutory changes, citizens are now permitted to seek licenses for the backyard housing of certain chickens and other foul on properties occupying land short of 1 acre in size.