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Managing Administrative Law Judge

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Administrative Law Judge

May 26, 2023

Meir and Danielle Goetz – meirg6@gmail.com 7929 Stevenson Road Pikesville, MD 21208

RE:

Petition for Administrative Variance

Case No. 2023-0073-A

Property: 7929 Stevenson Road

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Goetz:

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

Pursuant to Baltimore County Code § 32-3-401(a), "a person aggrieved or feeling aggrieved" by this Decision and Order 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

PAUL M. MAYHEW

Managing Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

PMM:dlw Enclosure

e: Donny Ankri – <u>da@donnyankri.com</u>

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE * BEFORE THE

(7929 Stevenson Road)

3rd Election District * OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

2nd Council District * HEARINGS FOR

Meir & Danielle Goetz * BALTIMORE COUNTY

Petitioners * CASE NO. 2023-0073-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for Baltimore County for consideration of a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Meir and Danielle Goetz ("Petitioners"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief pursuant to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") § 1B02.3.B (§§ 205.2, 205.3, 301.1, R.20, 1957) to permit a 31 ft. front setback in lieu of the 48 ft. front average setback and 11 ft. (proposed) and 14 ft. (existing) side setbacks in lieu of 15 ft. for a one-story addition. The subject property and requested relief are more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

The Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. There were no adverse ZAC comments received by any of the County reviewing agencies.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on May 7, 2023 and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavits as required by § 32-3-303 of the Baltimore County Code ("BCC"). Based upon the information available, there is no evidence in the file to indicate that the requested variance would adversely affect the health, safety or general

welfare of the public and should therefore be granted. In the opinion of the Administrative Law Judge, the information, photographs, and affidavits submitted provide sufficient facts to satisfy the requirements of § 307.1 of the BCZR. Furthermore, strict compliance with the BCZR would cause practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship for the Petitioners.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>26th</u> day of **May**, **2023**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from the § 1B02.3.B (§§ 205.2, 205.3, 301.1, R.20, 1957) to permit a 31 ft. front setback in lieu of the 48 ft. front average setback and 11 ft. (proposed) and 14 ft. (existing) side setbacks in lieu of 15 ft. for a one-story addition, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

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

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

PMM:dlw

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: April 20, 2023

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2023-0073-A

Address: 7929 Stevenson Rd Legal Owner: Meir and Danielle Goetz

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of April 17, 2023.

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

Additional Comments:

Reviewer: Earl D. Wrenn

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: April 25, 2023

TO:

Peter Gutwald, Director

Department of Permits, Approvals

FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For April 17, 2023

Item No. 2023-0070-SPH

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have the following comments.

DPW&T Response:

The proposed 30' x 60' utility shed is located in a tidal Zone AE special hazard area per FEMA FIRM 2400100465F dated 9/26/08. The proposed utility shed is 1800 square feet. Baltimore County Building Code dated 2015 Part 124.3 (3) prohibits accessory structures greater than 900 square feet. The Administrative Variance must be denied unless the structure size is reduced.

VKD: cen cc: file

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: April 25, 2023

TO:

Peter Gutwald, Director

Department of Permits, Approvals

FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For April 17, 2023 Item No. 2023-0076-A

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have the following comments.

Prior to building permit application, the petitioner shall contact the Office of DPW&T, to determine the Flood Protection Elevation so that the floor elevation can be set

VKD: cen cc: file

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Peter Gutwald, Director

DATE: April 25, 2023

Department of Permits, Approvals

FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For April 17, 2023

Item No. 2023-0071-A, 0073-A, 0074-A, 0077-A & 0078-A

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

VKD: cen cc: file