

JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR. County Executive

PAUL M. MAYHEW
Managing Administrative Law Judge
MAUREEN E. MURPHY
Administrative Law Judge

October 16, 2023

Ioaniss Chalkias and Sofia Kouroublakis 9130 Cowenton Avenue Perry Hall, MD 21128

RE:

Petition for Administrative Variance

Case No. 2023-0188-A

Property: 9130 Cowenton Avenue

Dear Petitioners:

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

c: Bruce Doak - bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE * BEFORE THE

(9130 Cowenton Avenue)

11th Election District * OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

5th Council District * HEARINGS FOR

Ioaniss Chalkias &
Sofia Kouroublakis * BALTIMORE COUNTY

Petitioners * CASE NO. 2023-0188-A

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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, Ioaniss Chalkias and Sofia Kouroublakis ("Petitioners"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief pursuant to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") § 400.3: To permit an accessory building (garage) to have a height of 22 ft. in lieu of the required maximum height of 15 ft. per the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"). 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 September 23, 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.

Although the Department of Planning did not make any recommendations related to the proposed accessory building (garage) height and usage, I will impose conditions that if the proposed garage is detached, it shall not be converted into a dwelling unit or apartment, not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, kitchen or bathroom facilities, or used for commercial purposes.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>16th</u> day of **October**, **2023**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") § 400.3: To permit an accessory building (garage) to have a height of 22 ft. in lieu of the required maximum height of 15 ft. per the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), 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.
- Petitioners or subsequent owners shall not convert the proposed garage, if detached, into a dwelling unit or apartment. The proposed garage, if detached, shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, or kitchen or bathroom facilities.
- The proposed garage, if detached, shall not be used for commercial purposes.

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

Managing Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

PMM:dlw



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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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.

Zip Code

Address: 9/30 Cowarton Availe

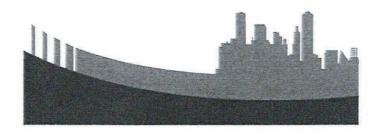
Print or Type Address of Property

Based upon personal knowledge, the following are the facts upon which I/we base the request for an Administrative Variance at the above address. (Clearly state practical difficulty or hardship here)
Uniqueness of the Subject Property
The subject property is narrow in width and very deep.
Hardship & Practical Difficulty
We have a modest house which was originally built in 1945 and updated since. We have very little storage space in the house and wish to have more. We also don't have a garage to store our cars in. Therefore, we decided to build a garage to solve both problems. It has been determined that it will be cheaper and easier to build a detached garage then to tie it into the house somehow. If we did tie the garage into the house, we would lose our only patio, which we use quite often. The 22 foot height of the proposed garage is the lowest we can make it and have head room for storage on the second floor.
The houses that surround us are all modern and have large garages that provide storage above them. We feel that our proposed garage will be in keeping with them.
This garage will not be converted into a dwelling unit or apartment. The proposed garage shall not contain any sleeping quarters, bathroom, living area or kitchen facilities.
(If additional space for the petition request or the above statement is needed, label and attach it to this Form) Signature of Owner (Affiant) Signature of Owner (Affiant)
Name - Print or Type Soria Kouroublakis Name - Print or Type
The following information is to be completed by a Notary Public of the State of Maryland
STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF BALTIMORE, to wit: I HEREBY CERTIFY, this day of day of day of
Print name(s) here: 10ANIS CHALKIAS SOGA KOUROURIAKIS
the Affiant(s) herein, personally known or satisfactorily identified to me as such Affiant(s). AS WITNESS my hand and Notaries Seal LARSON SUING
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Zoning Hearing Petitions Being Requested

Variance to permit an accessory building (garage) to have height of 22 feet in lieu of the required maximum height of 15 feet per Section 400.3 BCZR



ZONING DESCRIPTION #9130 Cowenton Avenue

Beginning for the same on the west side of Cowenton Avenue, 953 feet, more or less, north of the center line extension of Panorama Drive, thence binding on the west side of Cowenton Avenue and binding on the outlines of the subject property, the following course and distance, viz. 1) South 07 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds West 100.00 feet, thence leaving said west side of Cowenton Avenue and continuing to bind on the outlines of the subject property, the four following courses and distances, viz. 2) North 82 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds West 703.60 feet, 3) North 45 degrees 45 minutes 00 second East 60.64 feet, 4) North 32 degrees 36 minutes 00 seconds East 58.00 feet and 5) South 82 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds East 641.39 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 1.000 acre, more or less.

This description only satisfies the requirements of the Office of Zoning and should not be used for conveyance purposes.



Bruce E. Doak Consulting, LLC 3801 Baker Schoolhouse Road Freeland, MD 21053 410-419-4906 cell / 443-900-5535 office bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com

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BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES

Case Number: 2023 -0188 - A Address 9130 Convention Are
Contact Person: Planner, Please Print Your Name Phone Number: 410-887-3391
Filing Date: 9-15-2023 Posting Date: 9-24-2023 Closing Date: 10-9-2023
Any contact made with this office regarding the status of the administrative variance should be through the contact person (planner) using the case number.
 POSTING/COST: 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.
 <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.
Petitioner: This Part of the Form is for the Sign Poster Only (Detach Along Dotted Line)
USE THE ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE SIGN FORMAT
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Petitioner's Name: Chalkins IOAniss & Sidie Kanenblak: STelephone (Cell) 943-653-5002
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OFFICE OF BUDGET AND FINANCE MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT

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: September 28, 2023

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2023-0188-A

Address: 9130 COWENTON AVE.

Legal Owner: Ioaniss Chalkias, Sofia Kouroublakis

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 2, 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



CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

September 25, 2023
amended for second inspection
Re: Zoning Case No. 2023-0188-A Legal Owner: Ioaniss Chalkias Closing date: October 09, 2023
Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204
Attention: Jeff Perlow
Ladies and Gentlemen,
This letter is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the two necessary signs required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at 9130 Cowenton Avenue .
The signs were initially posted on September 23, 2023.
The subject property was also inspected on
Sincerely,

See the attached sheets for the photos of the posted signs

Bruce E. Doak

MD Property Line Surveyor #531

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KEY SHEET FOR SITE PHOTOS

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Site Photos to accompany Administrative Variance Petition













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Real Property Data Search ()
Search Result for BALTIMORE COUNTY

View Map View GroundRent Redemption View GroundRent Registration Special Tax Recapture: None Account Identifier: District - (11 Account Number - 1102066302 Owner Information Owner Name: CHALKIAS IOANISS RESIDENTIAL KOUROUBLAKIS SOFIA Principal Residence: YES Mailing Address: /39363/ 00249 9130 COWENTON RD Deed Reference: PERRY HALL MD 21128-9625 Location & Structure Information Premises Address: 9130 COWENTON AVE Legal Description: PERRY HALL 21128-9625 9130 COWENTON AVE HERMAN KOCH PLAT Map: Grid: Parcel: Neighborhood: Subdivision: Section: Block: Lot: Assessment Year: Plat No: 0072 0011 0344 11090084.04 Plat Ref: 0013/0001 Town: None Primary Structure Built Above Grade Living Area Finished Basement Area Property Land Area County Use 2.019 SF 1.0000 AC StoriesBasementType ExteriorQualityFull/Half BathGarageLast Notice of Major Improvements NO STANDARD UNITSIDING/3 2 full Value Information Base Value Value Phase-in Assessments 01/01/2021 07/01/2023 07/01/2024 Land: 100,000 100,000 Improvements 102,900 102,900 Total: 202.900 202,900 202,900 Preferential Land: Transfer Information Seller: BEHN JON C Date: 09/07/2017 Price: \$261,000 Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER Deed1: /39363/ 00249 Deed2: Seller: EIKENBERG GARY L Date: 01/27/1997 Price: \$147,900 Type: ARMS LENGTH MULTIPLE Deed1: /12006/ 00165 Deed2: Seller: BRAUN EMMA W Date: 08/05/1982 Price: \$0 Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER Deed1: /06418/ 00346 Deed2: **Exemption Information** Partial Exempt Assessments: Class 07/01/2023 07/01/2024 County: 000 0.00 State: 000 0.00 Municipal: 0.00 0.00 Special Tax Recapture: None Homestead Application Information Homestead Application Status: Approved 10/20/2017 Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Information Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Status: No Application Date:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. Ownership: Ioaniss Chalkias & Sofia Kouroublakis
- 9130 Cowenton Avenue Perry Hall, MD 21128 443-653-5002
- 2. Address: 9130 Cowenton Avenue
- 3. Deed references: JLE 39363/249
- 4. Area: 1.000 acre (per SDAT)
- 5. Tax Map / Parcel / Tax account #: 72 / 344 / 11-02-066302
- 6. Election District: 11 Councilmanic District: 5
 - ADC Map: GIS tile: 072C2 Position sheet: 38NE33
 Census tract: 411308 Census block: 240054113081003
 - Census tract: 411308 Census block: 240054113081003
- Schools: Chapel Hill ES Perry Hall MS Perry Hall HS
 7. The boundary shown hereon is from the deed recorded in the Land Records of Baltimore County.
- All other information shown hereon was taken from Baltimore County GIS tile 072C2 and the information provided by Baltimore County on the internet.

Improvements: 1 story dwelling, pool & garage. All of the improvements will remain.

OFFICE OF ZONING

Zoning: DR 3.5 H There are no previous zoning cases on the subject parcels.

DR 3.5 H Setbacks for Dwellings

Front: 30 feet from the property line or street right of way

Side: 10 feet from a property line /sum of 25 feet

Rear: 30 feet from a property line

DR 3.5 H Setbacks for Accessory Structures: 2.5 feet from a property line

ENVIRONMENTAL

Watershed: Bird River URDL land type: 1

- 1. The subject property is served by public water and sewer
- 2. There are no underground storage tanks on the subject property.
- 3. The subject property is not in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.4. The subject property is not located within a 100 year flood plain.
- .. The subject property is not located within a 100 year nood plan

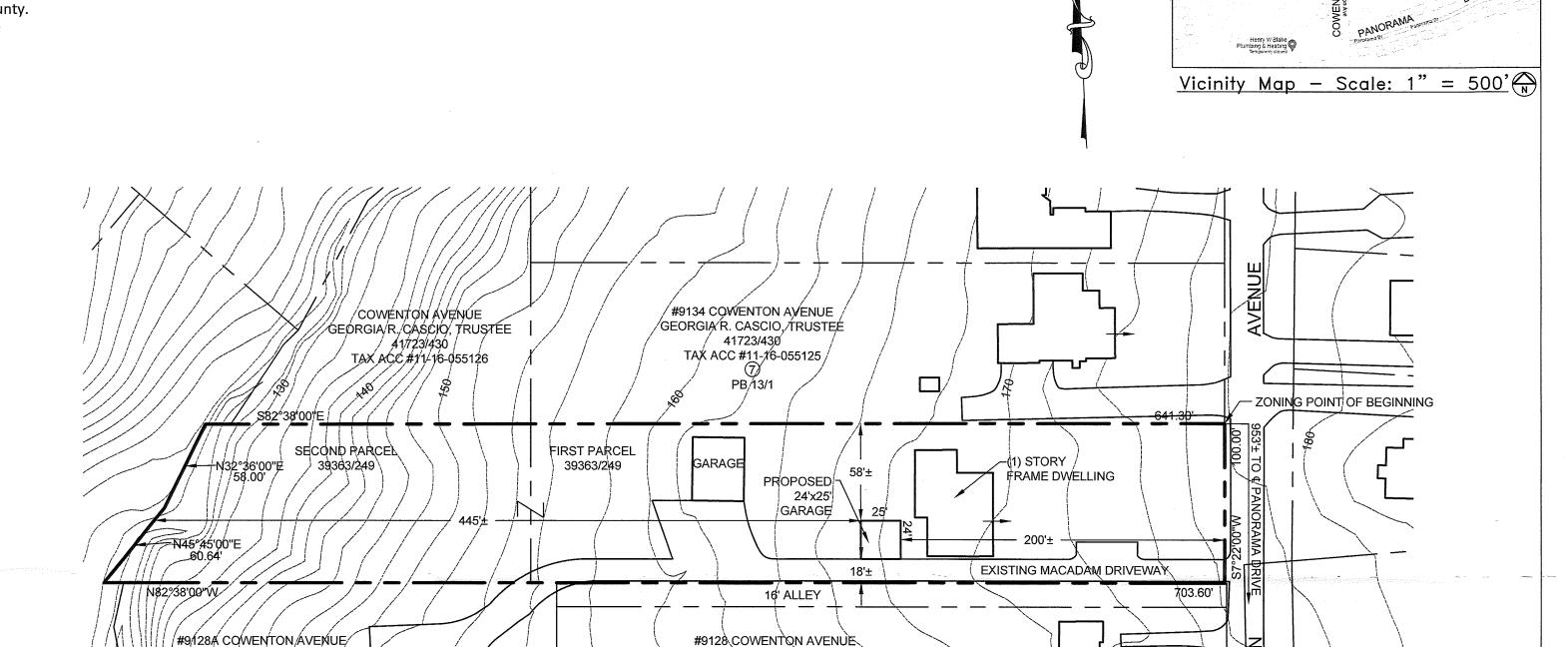
OFFICE OF PLANNING

Regional Planning District: Perry Hall / White Marsh District Code: 317

1. The subject property is not in a National Register Historic District

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

To construct a garage for residential use only.

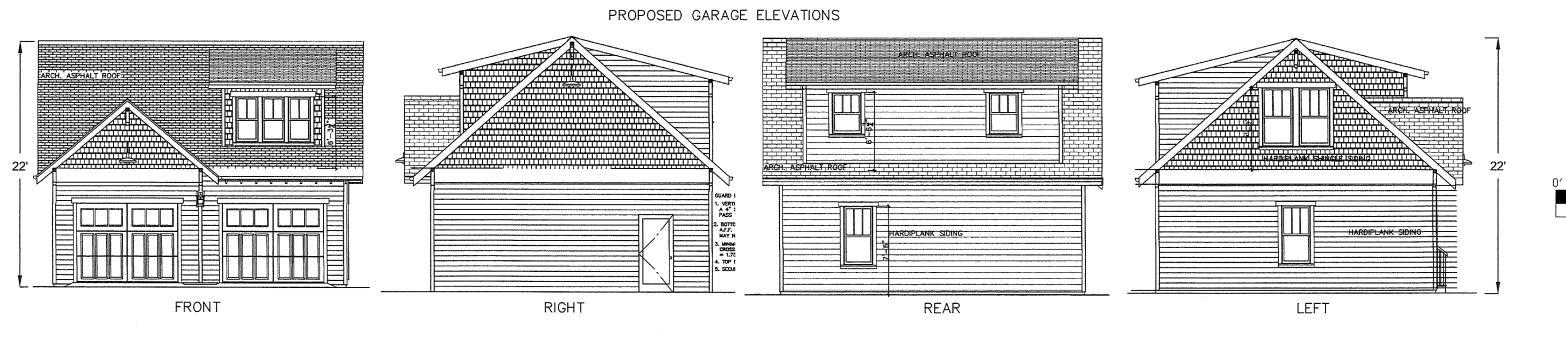


BRÈTT A. MORRISON

LAURA MAY MORRISON

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TAX ACC #16-00-000272



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PLAN TO ACCOMPANY
A ZONING PETITION
FOR
#9130 COWENTON AVENUE

Bruce E. Doak Consulting, LLC

Land Use Expert and Surveyor 3801 Baker Schoolhouse Road Freeland, MD 21053

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND 11th ELECTION DISTRICT 5th COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

Date: 9/12/23 Scale: 1"=100'