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MAUREEN E. MURPHY
Chief Administrative Law Judge
ANDREW M. BELT
Administrative Law Judge
DEREK J. BAUMGARDNER
Administrative Law Judge

April 8, 2024

Rivera Marisol – <u>maryrv123@yahoo.com</u> 732 Mansfield Road Baltimore, MD 21221

RE:

Petition for Variance

Case No. 2024-0007-A

Property: 732 Mansfield Road

Dear Petitioner:

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,

ANDREW M. BELT Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

AMB:dlm Enclosure

c: Juan Garzon – <u>projects@ideatellc.net</u> Emilie – <u>campos717@yahoo.com</u>

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Code Enforcement -paienforce@baltimorecountymd.gov

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
(732 Mansfield Road)
15th Election District
7th Council District
Marisol Rivera

Legal Owner

Petitioner

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

* HEARINGS OF

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

* CASE NO. 2024-0007-A

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") as a Petition for Variance filed by Marisol Rivera ("Petitioner") for property located at 732 Mansfield Road, Essex (the "Property"). Petitioner is requesting variance relief from Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), §§103.1 and 1B02.3.B, (§§ 214.1.b and 301.1 of the 1959 Zoning Regulations), to permit an existing dwelling addition with a side yard setback of 5.3 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 15 ft. and to permit an open projection (carport) with a rear yard setback of 27.8 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 37.5 ft.

A public WebEx hearing was conducted virtually in lieu of an in-person hearing on April 3, 2024. The Petition was properly advertised and posted. The Petitioner attended the hearing in support of the requested relief with the assistance of Spanish Interpreter, Julieta Fellner. Juan Garzon also was present, who prepared the site plan and assisted the Petitioner. There were no Protestants or other interested persons in attendance.

A Code Violation was issued on January 11, 2023, case number CB230006, for a structure being built on the side of the house without a permit.

A Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comment was received from the Department of Planning ("DOP") and the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability ("DEPS"),

Which agencies did not oppose the requested relief.

As shown on a site plan (the "Site Plan"), the Property is 3,795 sf +/- located in the Essex area of Baltimore County. (Pet. Ex. 1) The property is part of a townhome development located along Mansfield Road. Petitioner has constructed without permits, a side-yard, one story addition to their townhome with a side-yard set-back of 5.3 ft. The original dwelling is 15 ft. from the property line, causing any side addition to require variance relief. The subject property is an end-of-group and the neighboring dwelling on the side of the constructed addition is 15 ft. from the property line. The Petitioner has also constructed an open projection ("carport") with a rear yard setback of 27.8 ft. in lieu of the required 37.5 ft. Such carports are not uncommon in the community. Petitioner's site plan reflects that the basement steps run along the rear of the dwelling, necessitating the carport to extend somewhat to accommodate the parking of longer vehicles. Photographs offered as Pet. Exhibit 2 reflects that the carport is the length of a pick-up truck.

Petitioner, Marisol Rivera, testified that she lives at the property with her boyfriend and three children. She explained that the addition was built when she was expecting her third child in order to provide an additional bedroom for their expanding family. She further explained that the addition was built by a friend and that she was unaware that a permit was required. She noted that she has yet to make use of the addition pending zoning approval. No persons attended the hearing in opposition to the Petitioner's proposed relief. The case was originally scheduled for February 26, 2024 and was postponed once the hearing commenced when it was determined that an interpreter was required. It is noteworthy that no protestant appeared during that hearing as well. Finally, the source of the citizen complaint for the Code Enforcement matter was not a direct neighbor or a resident living the Petitioner's Street.

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 or peculiarity must necessitate variance relief; and
- (2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

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

As explained above, it can be inferred that the Property is unique due its end of group location which allows for greater distance between the Petitioners' dwelling and the neighboring dwelling. The Petitioner stated the need for additional space for a growing family is warranted, and the Petitioner would obviously experience a practical difficulty or hardship if relief is denied. Additionally, the Petitioner would experience a practical difficulty if variance relief were not granted to allow the extension of their carport, in that a smaller carport would not cover their vehicles.

The decision in this matter to grant the Petitioner's requested variance relief is somewhat swayed by the lack of community opposition, and is not meant to create precedent involving such construction projects performed without first obtaining proper permitting. While it is not in the public's interest to require the demolition of Petitioner's addition in this instance, this opinion should not be interpreted to infer that the Petitioner should escape sanction for the construction of such an addition. Consequently, while this opinion may preclude Code Enforcement actions in the future as to this zoning issue, the adjudication of the previous Code Violation may proceed, with any sanction imposed as a result being within the discretion of the Administrative Law Judge.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>8th</u> day of **April**, **2024**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance pursuant to BCZR, §§103.1 and 1B02.3.B, (§§ 214.1.b and 301.1 of the 1959 Zoning Regulations), to permit an existing dwelling

addition with a side yard setback of 5.3 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 15 ft. and to permit an open projection (carport) with a rear yard setback of 27.8 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 37.5 ft.be, and it is hereby, **GRANTED**.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- Petitioner may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until 30 days from the date hereof, during which time an appeal can be filed by any party. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.
- Petitioner must comply with the ZAC comments of DOP and DEPS which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

ANDREW M. BELT Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

AMB/dlm

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence



TO:

Hon. Maureen E. Murphy; Chief Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (DEPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

February 1, 2024

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2024-0007-A

Address:

732 MANSFIELD RD

Legal Owner: Marisol Rivera

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of January 26, 2024.

Baltimore County Code.

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Paul Dennis, Environmental Impact Review January 30, 2024

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

C. Pete Gutwald

DATE: 1/30/2024

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2024-0007

INFORMATION:

Property Address:

732 Mansfield Road

Petitioner:

Rivera Marisol

Zoning:

DR 10.5

Requested Action: Variance

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for the following:

Variance - From Section 103.1 & 1B02.3.B, BCZR (Section 214.1.6 & 301.1. of the 1957 Zoning Regulation) to permit an existing dwelling addition with a side yard setback of 5.3 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 15 ft. and to permit an open projection (carport) with a rear yard setback of 27.8 ft in lieu of the minimum required 37.5 ft.

The subject property consists of 3,795-sf. located in the Essex area of Baltimore County. The property is part of a townhome development located along Mansfield Road. Other townhomes, Deep Creek and forests surround the property.

The proposed extension, which is already constructed is located on the west side of the property indicated in green (in the image below). The orange line indicates the location of the proposed carport in the rear. Baltimore County Code Enforcement issued a citation for the violation to build an extension without permit. According to Case CB2300006 an addition was built without permit as indicated in the photo below. According to Code Enforcement, the citation did not include the proposed carport to the rear and it is also unknow if the proposed car port is also built.

The petitioner has indicated that they intend to present a demonstration of unreasonable hardship or practical difficulty as required to grant this variance at the hearing for this request. No such unreasonable hardship or practical difficulty is readily identifiable through provided documents or accessible information. Yet, the information gathered through the review of potentially relevant guidance, such as community plans, does not require that the requested variance be denied. It is worth noting that the proposed addition is consistent with similar additions specifically on 730 and 750 Mansfield Road. Also, other nearby townhomes are using the rear of their property for parking purposes similar to what the applicant is proposing.

The Department of Planning does not object to the requested relief and defer all decision making to the Administrative Law Judge. The Department requests that an approval to the requested relief for side and rear yard setback must include the following conditions:

1. A sufficient demonstration of unreasonable hardship or practical difficulty is presented as determined by the Administrative Law Judge.

2. The Petitioners or subsequent owners shall not convert the subject extension into a dwelling unit or apartment. The structure shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area or kitchen facilities.

3. The accessory structure shall not be used for commercial or industrial purposes.





Jenifer G. Nugent

For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Henry Ayakwah at 410-887-3482.

Division Chief:

Prepared by:

Krystle Patchak

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c: Juan Garzon
Ainsley Pressl, Community Planner
Jeff Perlow, Zoning Review
Kristen Lewis, Zoning Review
Office of Administrative Hearings
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

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THE ZONING PETITION PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

PART A (START DESCRIPTION WITH THE FOLLOWING):

ZONING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR 732 MANSFIELD ROAD, BALTIMORE MD, 21221

Beginning at a point on the east side of MANSFIELD ROAD which is 80 feet wide (Right of way) at a distance of 300 feet North East of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street SEAWALL ROAD which is 60 feet wide.

PART B (CONTINUE DESCRIPTION WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING 3 OPTIONS):

OPTION 2 (Subdivision Lot – lot is part of record plat):

Being Lot # (17), Block (H), Section # (3) in the subdivision of COUNTRY RIDGE as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book # (26 @ 83), Folio # (\$3), containing 3795 SQUARE FEET. Located in the (15) Election District and (7) Council District.

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (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.*

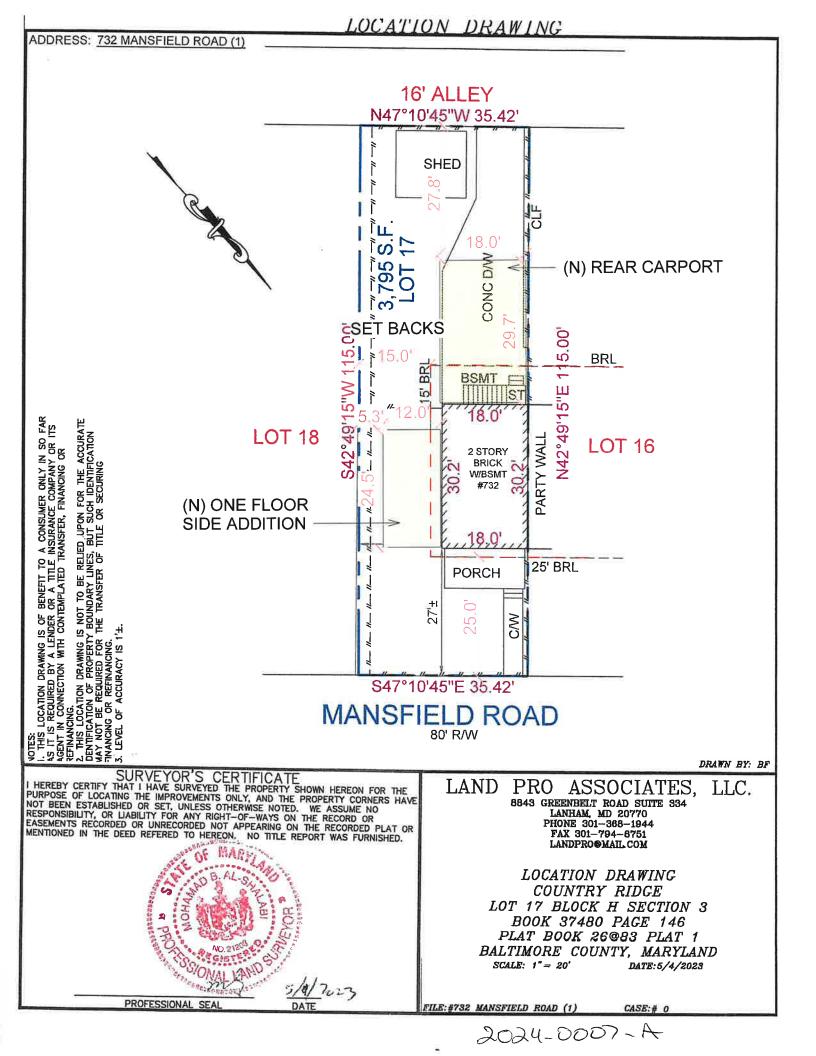
Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the legal owner/petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should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

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Baltimore County Building Inspection 410-887-4638

Please Call me

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Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals And Inspections Code Inspections and Enforcement County Office Building 111 West Chesapcake Avenue OFFICE HOURS 7:30 am - 3:30 pm Towson, MD 21204 Building Inspection: 410-887-3953 Plumbing Inspection: 410-887-3620 BALTIMORE COUNTY UNIFORM CODE ENFORCEMENT CORRECTION NOTICE 3 90 0 Citation Case No. CB230000 Property No. 260000217 Violation Location: DID UNLAWFULLY VIOLATE THE FOLLOWING BALTIMORE COUNTY LAWS: t: 410-887-3953 YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO CORRECT THESE VIOLATION(S) ON OR BEFORE: ON OR BEFORE: DATE ISSUED: 2-28-23 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE DEADLINE STATED IS A MISDEMEANOR. A CONVICTION FOR EACH VIOLATION SUBJECTS YOU TO POTENTIAL FINES OF SOOR AS A MISDEMEANOR. A CONVICTION FOR EACH VIOLATION ON VIOLATION OF SOOR AS A MISDEMEANOR. SUBJECTS YOU TO POTENTIAL FINES OF \$200, \$500, OR \$1,000 PER DAY, PER VIOLATION, DEPENDING ON VIOLATION, OR 90 DAYS IN JAIL, OR BOTH. INSPECTOR: PRINT NAME: Scott Kill PURSUANT TO INSEPCTION OF THE FOREGOING VIOLATIONS ARE CORRECTED AND/OR PROPER PERMITS OBTAINED. WORK NOTICE
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence



TO: Hon. Maureen E. Murphy; Chief Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM: Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (DEPS) - Development Coordination

DATE: February 1, 2024

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Paul Dennis, Environmental Impact Review January 30, 2024

The Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) Bureau of Engineering and Construction offers the following comments following the review of the ZAC Agenda for the distribution meeting of January 19, 2024 and comments due January 26, 2024:

2024-0007-A, 732 Mansfield Rd.: No Exception taken



CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

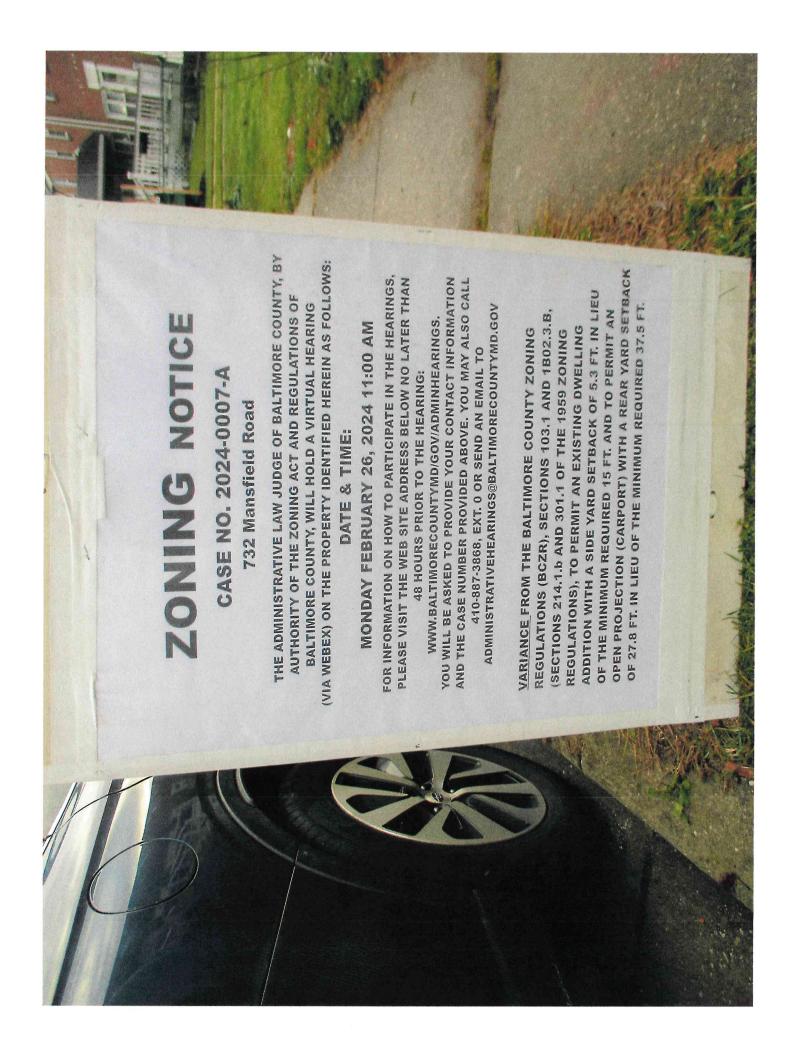
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amended for second inspection
Re: Zoning Case No. 2024-0007-A Legal Owner: Marisol Rivera Hearing date: February 26, 2024
Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 111 111 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 732 Mansfield Road.
The signs were initially posted on January 27, 2024.
The subject property was also inspected on
Sincerely,

See the attached sheets for the photos of the posted signs

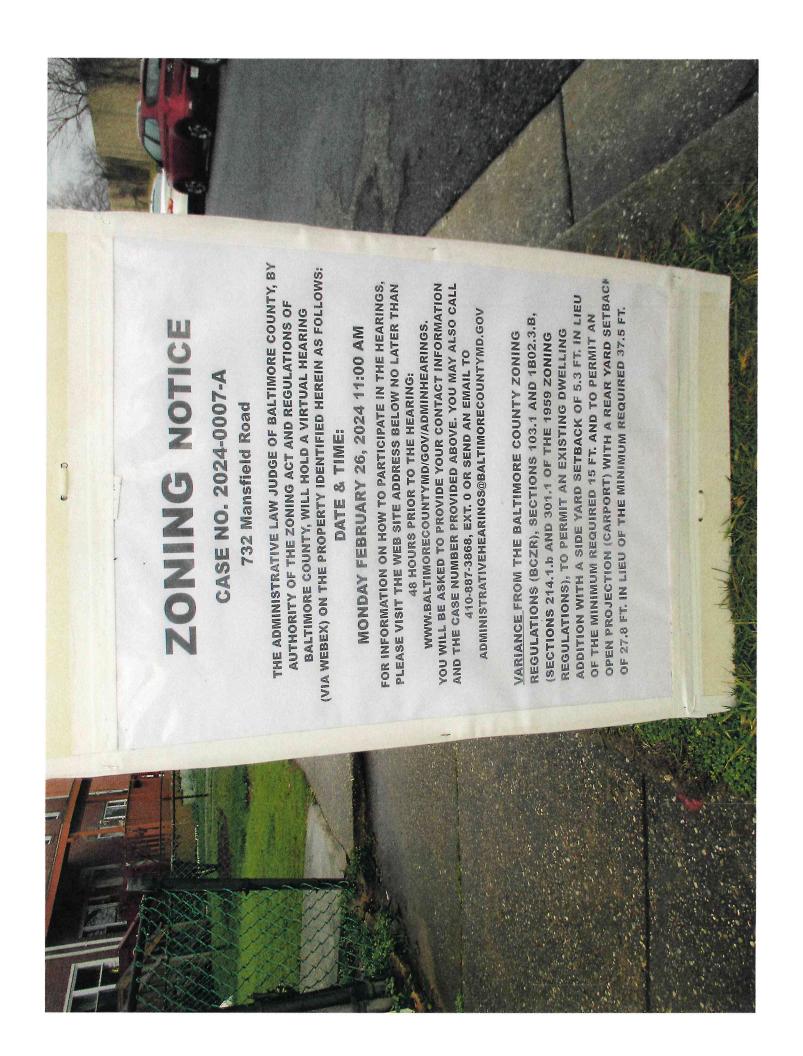
Bruce E. Doak

MD Property Line Surveyor #531

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ZAC AGENDA

Case Number: 2024-0007-A

Reviewer:

Existng Use: RESIDENTIAL

Proposed Use: RESIDENTIAL

Type: VARIANCE

Legal Owner: Marisol Rivera

Contract Purchaser: No Contract Purchaser was set.

Critical Area: No Flood Plain: No Historic: No Election Dist: 15 Council Dist: 7

Property Address: 732 MANSFIELD RD

Location: Eastside of Mansfield Rd., 300 ft. northeast of Seawall Rd.

Existing Zoning: DR 10.5 (VESTED R-G)

Area: 3795 SQ. FT.

Proposed Zoning:

VARIANCE:

Section 103.1 & 1802.3.8, BCZR (Sections 214.1.b & 301.1 of the 1959 Zoning Regulations) to permit an existing dwelling addition with a side yard setback of 5.3 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 15 ft. and to permit an open projection (carport) with a rear yard setback of 27.8 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 37.5 ft.

Attorney: Not Available
Prior Zoning Cases: None
Concurrent Cases: None
Violation Cases: None

No Greenways affected.

Landscape: N/C.

Miscellaneous Notes:

Closing Date:

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Case Number: 2024-0008-A Reviewer:

Existng Use: RESIDENTIAL Proposed Use: RESIDENTIAL

Type: ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE

Legal Owner: Jay Hammond, Susan Schulze

Contract Purchaser: No Contract Purchaser was set.

Critical Area: Yes Flood Plain: Yes Historic: No Election Dist: 15 Council Dist: 5

Property Address: 726 NOLLMEYER RD

Location: Southwest side of Nollmeyer Rd., 904 ft. southeast of Tidewood Rd.

Existing Zoning: DR 3.5

Area: 21, 460 SQ. FT.

Proposed Zoning:

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE: * :

BCZR, Section 400.3 to permit an accessory building (garage) (streetside) with a height of 19 ft. in lieu of the maximum

allowed 15 ft.

Attorney: Not Available
Prior Zoning Cases: None
Concurrent Cases: None
Violation Cases: None

Closing Date: 02/05/2024

No Greenways affected.

Landscape: N/C.

Miscellaneous Notes:

Ree of Parks - NC ? No Greening Affected

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: C. Pete Gutwald DATE: 1/30/2024

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM: Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2024-0007

INFORMATION:

Property Address: 732 Mansfield Road Petitioner: Rivera Marisol Zoning: DR 10.5 Requested Action: Variance

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for the following:

Variance - From Section 103.1 & 1B02.3.B, BCZR (Section 214.1.6 & 301.1. of the 1957 Zoning Regulation) to permit an existing dwelling addition with a side yard setback of 5.3 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 15 ft. and to permit an open projection (carport) with a rear yard setback of 27.8 ft in lieu of the minimum required 37.5 ft.

The subject property consists of 3,795-sf. located in the Essex area of Baltimore County. The property is part of a townhome development located along Mansfield Road. Other townhomes, Deep Creek and forests surround the property.

The proposed extension, which is already constructed is located on the west side of the property indicated in green (in the image below). The orange line indicates the location of the proposed carport in the rear. Baltimore County Code Enforcement issued a citation for the violation to build an extension without permit. According to Case CB2300006 an addition was built without permit as indicated in the photo below. According to Code Enforcement, the citation did not include the proposed carport to the rear and it is also unknow if the proposed car port is also built.

The petitioner has indicated that they intend to present a demonstration of unreasonable hardship or practical difficulty as required to grant this variance at the hearing for this request. No such unreasonable hardship or practical difficulty is readily identifiable through provided documents or accessible information. Yet, the information gathered through the review of potentially relevant guidance, such as community plans, does not require that the requested variance be denied. It is worth noting that the proposed addition is consistent with similar additions specifically on 730 and 750 Mansfield Road. Also, other nearby townhomes are using the rear of their property for parking purposes similar to what the applicant is proposing.

The Department of Planning does not object to the requested relief and defer all decision making to the Administrative Law Judge. The Department requests that an approval to the requested relief for side and rear yard setback must include the following conditions:

- 1. A sufficient demonstration of unreasonable hardship or practical difficulty is presented as determined by the Administrative Law Judge.
- 2. The Petitioners or subsequent owners shall not convert the subject extension into a dwelling unit or apartment. The structure shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area or kitchen facilities.
- 3. The accessory structure shall not be used for commercial or industrial purposes.



For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Henry Ayakwah at 410-887-3482.

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