

JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR. County Executive

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

April 4, 2024

Olusegun Fagite – <u>fagitesegun@gmail.com</u> 3064 Woodside Avenue Parkville, MD 21234

RE: MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION - Petition for Variance

Case No. 2024-0010-A

Property: 3034 Woodside Avenue

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,

MAUREEN E. MURPHY Chief Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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MEM:dlm Enclosure

c: Bruce E. Doak – <u>bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com</u>
Adetola Fagite- <u>detolafad@gmail.com</u>
Christopher Bardroff – 3031 Woodside Avenue, Parkville, MD 21234
Raymond Burns – 3033 Woodside Avenue, Parkville, MD 21234
Jenny Lee Collins – 3036 Woodside Avenue, Parkville, MD 21234

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
(3034 Woodside Avenue)

14th Election District 6th Council District Olusegun Fagite *Legal Owner*

Petitioner

* BEFORE THE

* OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

* HEARINGS OF

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2024-0010-A

ORDER ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Now pending is a Motion for Reconsideration of the March 4, 2024 Opinion and Order issued in the above captioned case timely filed by neighboring property owner, Chris Burns of 3033 Woodside Avenue ("Mr. Burns"). The Motion contends that the parking Variance should have been denied because, in his view, the Property is not unique. The reasons for the finding of uniqueness were set forth in the Opinion and Order and have not changed. The evidence provided by the Petitioners, and as advocated by Bruce Doak, licensed property line surveyor, supported such findings. Accordingly, the Motion for Reconsideration will be denied.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>4th</u> day of **April**, **2024**, by this Administrative Law Judge that the Motion for Reconsideration is hereby **DENIED**.

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

MAUREEN E. MURPHY

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for Baltimore County

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") as a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owner, Olusegun Fagite ("Petitioner") for property located at 3034 Woodside Avenue, Parkville (the "Property"). Petitioner is requesting Variance relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"):

- (1) §432.A.1.C.1 to permit the parking to be set back 0 ft., from the property line in lieu of the required "at least ten feet";
- (2) §432A.1.C.2 to permit the parking and delivery areas to be located in the side and front in lieu of the required "side and rear only"; and
- (3) §409.4.B to permit 2 usable off-street parking spaces without direct access to an aisle or the public street for residence that are also employees of the business.

A public WebEx hearing was conducted virtually in lieu of an in-person hearing. The Petition was properly advertised and posted. The Petitioner, Olusegun Fagite, and his wife Adetola Fagite, appeared at the hearing, along with Bruce E. Doak, a licensed property line surveyor with Bruce E. Doak Consulting, LLC, who prepared and sealed a site plan (the "Site Plan") and an amended site plan (the "Amended Site Plan"). (Pet. Exs. 1, 2). There were several interested property owners who testified in opposition to the use namely: Christopher and Robin Bardroff, 3031 Woodside Ave.; Jean Mason, 8205 Wilson Ave.; and Jenny Collins, 3036 Woodside Ave.

Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received from the Department of Planning ("DOP"), Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability ("DEPS") and Department Plans Review ("DPR") which agencies did not oppose the requested relief.

The Property is 9,750 sf and is improved with a 1938, 2-story single family dwelling with a 1-story rear addition and rear deck, along with a 12 ft. wide by 90 ft. long paved driveway which extends to the western boundary line with a 0 ft. setback. (Pet. Ex. 2). The shape of the Property is long and narrow but not exactly symmetrical (50 ft. wide by 195 ft., 9 inches on western boundary, and 195 ft., 8 ½ inches on the eastern boundary). The Property is zoned Density Residential (DR 5.5).

By way of background on the requested parking Variance, Mr. Fagite testified that he is a registered nurse and that he intends to file for a Use Permit for an Assisted Living Facility I. Mr. Fagite explained that he and his wife, Adetola, currently live in the home but plan to move to another home when the Use Permit for the Assisted Living Facility is approved. Mr. Fagite will serve as Case Manager and delegating nurse; Mrs. Fagite will also be a manager. As it pertains to the number of vehicles parked at the Property, there will be a total of 5 employees which include Mr. and Mrs. Fagite. They will always have 2 employees on site 24/7. They plan to have 5 residents who will not have vehicles. They did purchase a 7-seat vehicle to transport residents to medical appointments and to be used for all shopping needs of the residents, so no additional vehicles will be coming to the Property. The 7-seat vehicle will be used for all deliveries so no other delivery vehicles are anticipated. The required number of parking spaces for an Assisted Living Facility is 1 space for every 3 beds, and there are 5 beds in this home. Thus, 2 parking spaces are required. The existing 90 ft. long driveway can accommodate 4 vehicles parked one in front of the other.

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).

The Property is unique because it is asymmetrical, the western side is longer than the eastern side. Given that the driveway already sits on the western boundary line and is only 12 ft. wide, if the driveway were required to meet the 10 ft. setback under BCZR, §432A.1.C1, it would not accommodate the width of even a small vehicle. The driveway is also the most appropriate area and least intrusive for parking, delivery and loading because it is currently being used by the Fagite that way. The alternative would be to grade and pave the rear yard which would likely be objectionable to the neighbors. Lastly, the Petitioners would suffer a practical difficulty if 2 of the usable off-street parking spaces stacked one behind the other without direct access to Woodside Ave., could not be backed out of the driveway. As such, given the lack of objection by any County agency, the Variance relief will be granted.

I also find that the requested Variance relief can be granted in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the BCZR and without injury to the health, safety or general welfare. While the Protestants did object to the use of the Property for an Assisted Living Facility, Petitioner is not seeking approval from OAH of this use, but rather will apply for the Use Permit from the Office of Zoning Review ("OZR"). As a result, any objection by the Protestants to this use will need to be directed to OZR and/or PAI. The OZR, through its authorization under Permits, Approvals and Inspections ("PAI"), may issue a Use Permit for an Assisted Living Facility, as that term is defined in the BCZR, §101.1. OZR handles obtaining recommendations from County agencies including

DOP in regard to the Compatibility Study. The following information can be found on the Baltimore County website:

ZONING USE PERMIT

A person desiring to use land for any purpose other than that for which the land is being used must obtain a Use Permit. If such use is permissible, Zoning Review, under authorization of the Director of PAI, may issue a Use Permit.

The number of clients are based on lot size and other factors, not size of dwelling/number of bedrooms in the dwelling. Often times, the client count will not exceed five. Call Zoning if you have questions related to client count. Questions regarding sprinkler requirements should be directed to Building Plans Review by calling 410-887-3985.

- Assisted Living Facility I—A dwelling built at least five years before the date of application and accommodates fewer than eight resident clients.
- Assisted Living Facility II—A dwelling built at least five years before the date of application and accommodates fewer than eight to 15 resident clients.

Below are descriptions on the types of Use Permits Zoning issues and information on how to apply. The fee for all Use Permits is \$100, and some expire annually and biennial. The process for applying varies, so carefully review all information for each specific Use Permit.

Accordingly, the undersigned is <u>not</u> approving or granting a Use Permit for an Assisted Living Facility, but only Variance relief for the parking.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 4th day of March 2024, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance from BCZR, §432.A.1.C.1 to permit the parking to be set back 0 ft, from the property line in lieu of the required "at least ten feet", be, and it is hereby, GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Petition for Variance from BCZR, §432A.1.C2 to

permit the parking and delivery areas to be located in the side and front in lieu of the required "side

and rear only", be, and it is hereby, GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Petition for Variance from BCZR, §409.4.B to

permit 2 usable off-street parking spaces without direct access to an aisle or the public street for

residence that are also employees of the business, be, and it is hereby, **GRANTED**.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

1. 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.

2. The Amended Site Plan (Pet. Ex. 2) is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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

MAUREEN E. MURPE

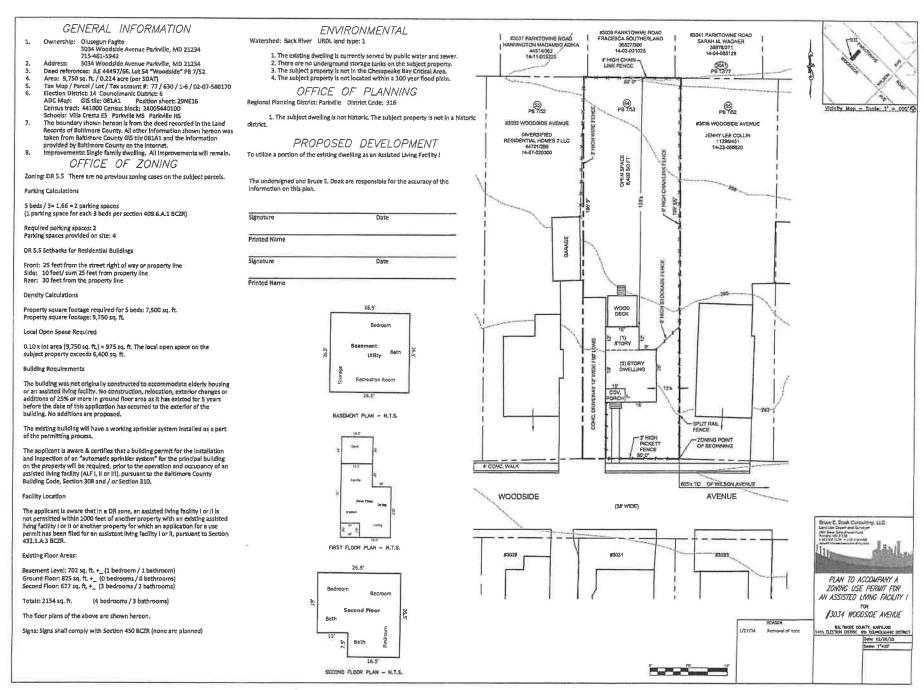
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PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

To the Office of Administrative Law of Baltimore County for the property located at:

Address 3034 Woodside Avenue which is presently zoned 025.5

Deed References: 44497/66 10 Digit Tax Account # 1 2 0 8 4 0 2.5

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	X AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION AND PRINT OR TYPE THE PETITION REQUEST)
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Zoning Hearing Petitions Being Requested

Variance to permit the parking to be set back 0 feet from the property line in lieu of the required "at least ten feet" per Section 432A.1.C1 BCZR

Variance to permit the parking and delivery areas to be located in the side and front in lieu of the required "side and rear only" per Section 432A.1.C2 BCZR

Variance to permit 2 usable off street parking spaces without direct access to an aisle or the public street for residences that are also employees of the business per Section 409.4.B BCZR



Zoning Description

3034 Woodside Avenue
Fourteenth Election District Sixth Councilmanic District
Baltimore County, Maryland

Beginning at a point on the northeast side of Woodside Avenue, 605 feet, more or less, northwesterly from the center line of Wilson Avenue.

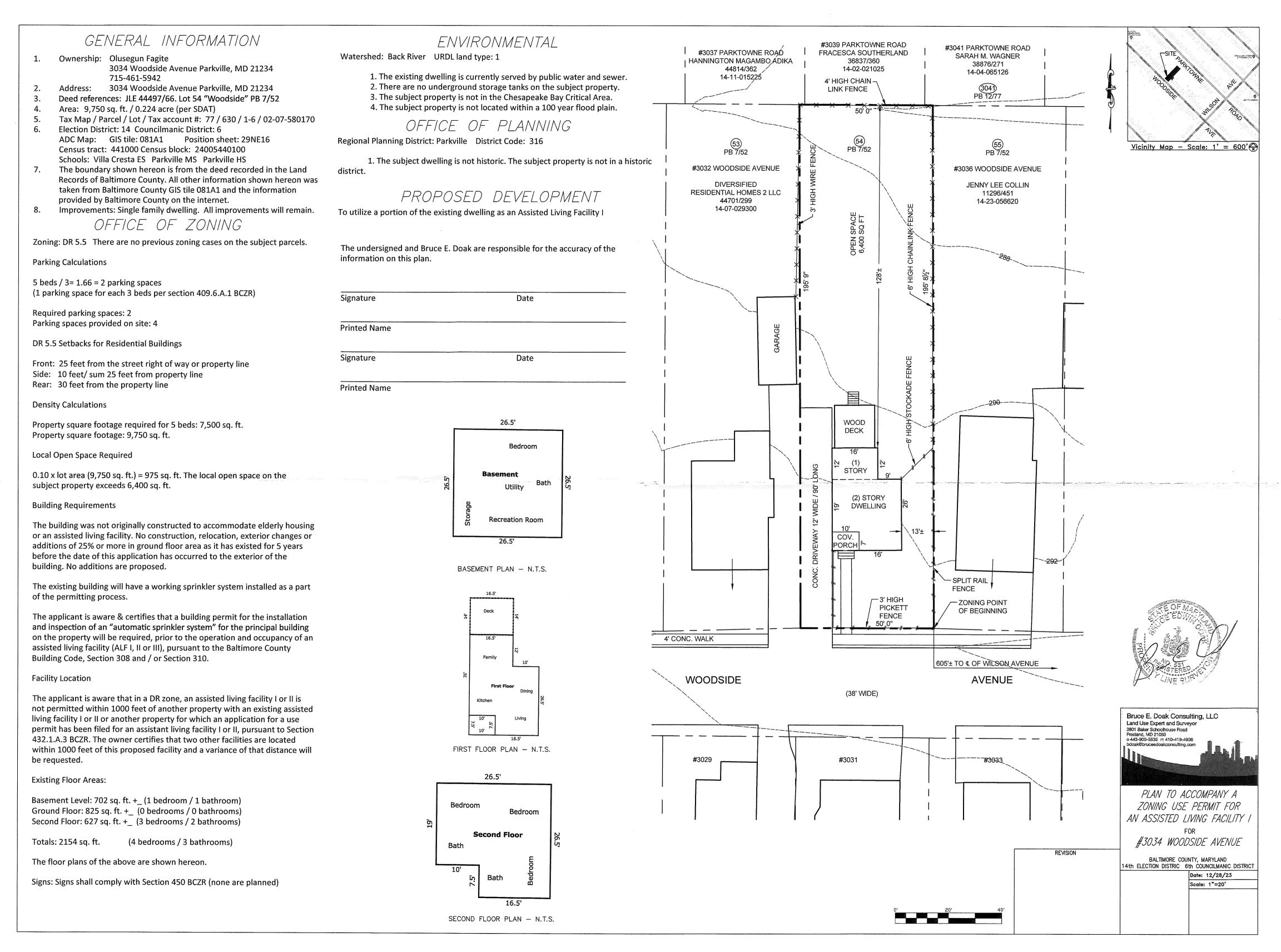
Being Lot #54 as shown on the plat entitled "Woodside" dated November 8, 1922 and recorded in the land records of Baltimore County in Plat Book 7, page 52.

Containing 9,750 square feet of land, more or less.

This description is part of a zoning hearing petition and is not intended for any 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



DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

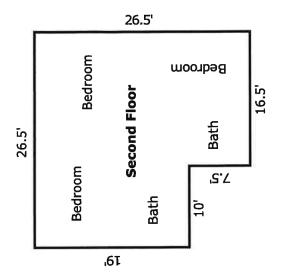
ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

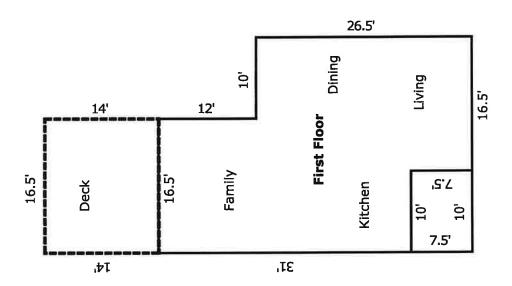
The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign 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 fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

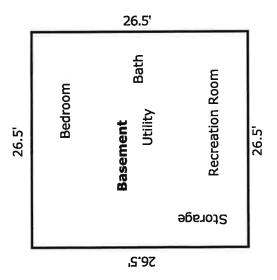
Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the legal owner/petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should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

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

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Legal Owners (Petitioners):
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:
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Name: Bauce E. DOAK
Company/Firm (if applicable): Bauce E. DOAK CONSULTING LLC
Address: 3801 BAKER SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD
FREELAND MO 21053
Telephone Number: 410 - 410 - 4906





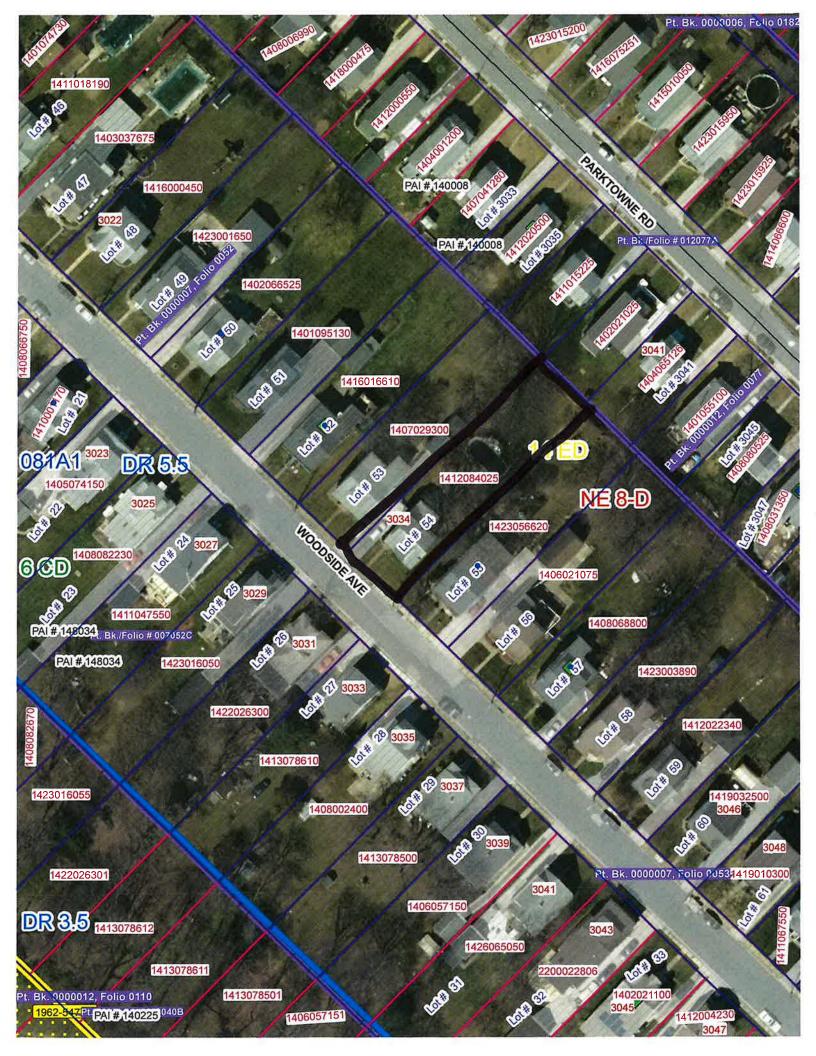


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Inter-Office Correspondence



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

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM: Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE: January 25, 2024

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2024-0010-A

Address: 3034 WOODSIDE AVE

Legal Owner: Olusegun Fagite

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of January 26, 2024.

<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

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:

1) 2024-0010-A, 3034 Woodside Ave.: No Exception taken

ZAC AGENDA

Case Number: 2024-0010-A

Reviewer: Shaun Crawford

Existng Use: RESIDENTIAL Proposed Use: RESIDENTIAL

Type: VARIANCE

Legal Owner: Olusegun Fagite

Contract Purchaser: No Contract Purchaser was set.

Election Dist: 14 Council Dist: 6 Critical Area: No Flood Plain: No Historic: No

Property Address: 3034 WOODSIDE AVE

Location: Northeast side of Woodside Avenue, northwesterly from the centerline of Wilson Avenue

Existing Zoning: DR 5.5

Area: 9,750 SQ. FT.

Proposed Zoning:

VARIANCE:

to permit the parking to be set back 0 ft. from the property line in lieu of the required "at least ten feet" per Section 432.A.1.C1, BCZR. To permit the parking and delivery areas to be located in the side and front in lieu of the required "side and rear only" per Section 432A.1.C2, BCZR. To permit 2 usable off street parking spaces without direct access to an aisle or the public street for residences that are also employees of the business per Section 409.4.B, BCZR.

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

Closing Date:

No Greenways affected.

Landscape: N/C.

Miscellaneous Notes:

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: 2024-0010-A

INFORMATION:

Property Address: 3034 Woodside Avenue

Petitioner: Olusegun Fagite

Zoning: DR 5.5 **Requested Action:** Variance

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

Variance(s) -

- 1. To permit the parking to be setback 0' from the property line in lieu of the required "at least ten feet", per Section 432A.1.C1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations;
- 2. To permit the parking and delivery areas to be located in the side and front yards in lieu of the required "side and rear [yards] only", per Section 432A.1.C2 of the BCZR; and
- 3. To permit two (2) usable off street parking spaces without direct access to an aisle or the public street for residences that are also employees of the business, per Section 409.4.B of the BCZR.

The subject site is an approximately 9,750 square foot parcel in the Parkville area. It is improved with a two-story, single family detached dwelling; a wooden deck; and a driveway. Per the site plan submitted with the petition, the Petitioners wish to use a portion of the existing dwelling as an Assisted Living Facility I.

Uses immediately surrounding the subject site are primarily single family detached residential dwellings on similarly sized lots as that of the subject site. Many of the dwellings have existing driveways situated similarly on the lot as that of the subject site. Northwest of the subject site is Harford Road, which is primarily commercial uses, including an Auto Zone, a Royal Farms, an M&T Bank, and the Parkville USPS Post Office.

The subject site is within the boundary of the Carney-Cub Hill-Parkville Community Plan, adopted May 3rd, 2010. The plan acknowledges that over half of the land within the plan area boundary is residential. One of the visions outlined in the plan is to provide "a range of housing densities, types, and sizes provides residential options for citizens of all ages and incomes" (page 6)

The Department of Planning contacted the representative for the petition via email on January 24th, 2024 seeking additional information on the location of the four proposed parking spaces (i.e. in the existing driveway or along Wooside Avenue); a note on the plan which states there are two existing Assisted

Living Facilities within 1,000 feet of the subject site and that a Variance would be requested for the distance; and if any exterior alterations were proposed to the dwelling or the property. In a January 29th, 2024 reply, the representative explained the following:

- The parking spaces are all within the existing driveway. The driveway is 90' in length and can accommodate four cars at a time. The parking requirement is two.
- The note on the plan that two existing Assisted Living Facilities exist within 1,000 feet of the subject site was a mistake from the surveyor. This information has been confirmed with Zoning Review. The note was removed on a redlined version of the plan, provided to the Department via email on January 29th, 2024.
- There are no exterior renovations proposed to the existing dwelling.

The Department of Planning confirmed with the Office of Zoning Review that no Assisted Living Facilities are proposed or are existing within 1,000 feet of the subject site.

The Department of Planning has no objections to the requested relief. Allowing the facility to use the existing driveway for parking means no exterior alterations are necessary. Further, the driveway is consistent with the neighborhood.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

January 27, 2024
amended for second inspection
Re: Zoning Case No. 2024-0010-A Legal Owner: Olusegun Fagite Hearing date: February 23, 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 3034 Woodside Avenue.
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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