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September 26, 2024

Faiga Blasenstein – <u>faigyblas@gmail.com</u> Sholom Denebeim 2032 Jolly Road Baltimore, MD 21209

RE:

Petitions for Special Hearing & Variance

Case No. 2024-0156-SPHA Property: 2032 Jolly Road

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,

ANDREW M. BELT Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

AMB:dlm Enclosure IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING *
& VARIANCE
(2032 Jolly Road) * OFFICE OF

3rd Election District
2nd Council District * ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
Faiga Blasenstein & sholom Denebeim

Legal Owners * FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Petitioners * Case No. 2024-0156-SPHA

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed by the legal owners, Faiga Blasenstein and Sholom Denebeim ("Petitioners") for the property located at 2032 Jolly Road, (the "Property"). The Petition for Special Hearing from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), § 424.4, to approve a use permit for a Class "A" child-care facility for a maximum of 12 children. Variance relief was filed pursuant to BCZR, § 424.1 to allow an existing 51 in. (4.25 ft.) wooded and wire fence to be permitted to use at a child-care center in lieu of the required 5 ft. wooden stockade fence, and also to allow the existing fence/play area to have a zero (0) ft. setback to the property lines in lieu of the required 20 ft. setbacks.

A WebEx hearing was held on opened on August 6, 2024 and continued on September 11, 2024. The Petitions were properly advertised and posted. The Petitioners were present at the hearing *pro se*. No protestants appeared while an interested citizen appeared anonymously.

Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received from the Department of Planning ("DOP"), and the Department of Plans Review ("DPR"). They did not oppose the requested relief, subject to proposed conditions.

The subject property is approximately 16,016 sq. ft., and zoned DR 2. It is surrounded predominantly by residential uses. There are multiple previous zoning requests associated with the property. Mr. Denebeim testified that the subject property is his family's residence and it's also presently being used as a family daycare for six (6) children, plus two (2) of his own. (Pet. Ex. 9) He explained that he and Ms. Blasenstein are now requesting a Class "A" Child-Care Center to be operated from the subject property with a maximum of 12 children. Ms. Blasenstein explained that there is already a wait list of individuals who are interested in sending their children to the daycare at the subject property. Additionally, a letter of support signed by six (6) members of the surrounding community was entered into evidence. (Pet. Ex. 6) Petitioners conceded that no adjacent neighbors were signatories of this letter. Mr. Denebeim explained that the rear of the subject property is surrounded by a split-rail style farm fence with wire mesh added to the back. (Pet. Ex. 5) He explained that this fence is 4.25 ft. and is sufficient to contain small children at play in the rear yard. (Pet. Ex. 1) He noted that the fence at the rear of the property was an approximately 8-ft. stockade-style fence. As for the set back of the fence bordering the adjacent property, Mr. Denebeim testified that he is not sure if the fence is on the property line or on the property of the adjacent neighbor. He explained that the narrowest part of the rear yard was at least 72 ft. wide. (Pet. Ex. 2 & 3) When asked if he would consider erecting a fenced 5-ft. tall stockade-style fence within the already fenced area to enclose a designated play area, he stated that he would prefer not to do so to maximize the area in which children could play.

As for the potential operation of the proposed Class "A" Child-Care Center, Mr. Denebeim explained that in addition to Ms. Blasenstein there will be one part-time employee who will park in the subject property's drive-way. He further noted that the driveway can accommodate parking for up to five vehicles, but cars must pull in and back out of the driveway onto Jolly Road during

pick-up and drop-off. He explained that hours of operation will be 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, with the drop-off and pick-up of children being staggered in conjunction with their parent's work schedule. He testified that Jolly Road is a residential road without painted lane markings. He noted that parking was allowed on the side of Jolly Road opposite from the subject property and that cars cannot pass one another when cars are parked on the road. He clarified that all residences on Jolly Road have driveways in which residents can park.

VARIANCE

Petitioners have requested variance relief from BCZR, § 424.1 to allow an existing 51 in. (4.25 ft.) wooded and wire fence to be permitted to use at a child-care center in lieu of the required 5 ft. wooden stockade fence, and also to allow the existing fence/play area to have a zero (0) ft. setback to the property lines in lieu of the required 20 ft. setbacks.

A standard Variance request such as one requesting relief from the bulk standards, BCZR, § 424.7, 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 to the issue "uniqueness" found in the *Cromwell* analysis, there was no evidence presented in the exhibits offered or in the testimony given that the subject property is unlike surrounding properties that would necessitate variance relief. Even if some evidence of "uniqueness" could be established, it would still be incumbent upon the Petitioners to show a nexus between such "uniqueness" and the need for variance relief. In any event, the record is devoid of any such evidence. Additionally, the Petitioners have alleged that "substantial financial"

costs and logistical challenges" constitute the requisite practical difficulty. In the absence of a finding of "uniqueness", it is unnecessary to address this prong of the *Cromwell* analysis at this time.

It is noteworthy to mention that the requested variance relief is not just a minor deviation from the statutorily mandated standards for fenced play areas for Class "A" Child-Care Centers. The Petitioners have requested a zero (0) ft. setback in lieu of the required 20 ft. and have not only asked for a deviation in fence height, but rather has requested to avoid using the required stockade fence style entirely. It can be inferred that the statutory intent of such regulations is both to remove children from neighboring property lines and shield them from the sight. In any of these interpretations, it is clear that the purpose of such regulations is to ensure the safety of the children involved. It can be additionally extrapolated that the required set back regulations are for the benefit of adjacent properties. In both scenarios it is clear that zero (0) ft. set back fails to accomplish any of these goals. Finally, in light of the testimony of Mr. Denebeim regarding whether the side fence is located on his or the neighboring property presents further problems in that variance relief obviously cannot be granted for a fence located on a neighboring property. For all of the reasons stated above, the requested variance relief must be denied.

SPECIAL HEARING

A hearing to request special zoning relief is proper under BCZR, §500.7 as follows:

The said Zoning Commissioner shall have the power to conduct such other hearings and pass such orders thereon as shall, in his discretion, be necessary for the proper enforcement of all zoning regulations, subject to the right of appeal to the County Board of Appeals as hereinafter provided. The power given hereunder shall include the right of any interested person to petition the Zoning Commissioner for a public hearing after advertisement and notice to determine the existence of any purported nonconforming use on any premises or to determine any rights whatsoever of such person in

any property in Baltimore County insofar as they are affected by these regulations.

"A request for special hearing is, in legal effect, a request for a declaratory judgment." *Antwerpen v. Baltimore County*, 163 Md. App. 194, 877 A.2d 1166, 1175 (2005). And, "the administrative practice in Baltimore County has been to determine whether the proposed Special Hearing would be compatible with the community and generally consistent with the spirit and intent of the regulations." *Kiesling v. Long*, Unreported Opinion, No. 1485, Md. App. (Sept. Term 2016).

Petitioners have requested Special Hearing relief in the form of an application for a use permit for a Class "A" Group Child-Care Center pursuant to BCZR, § 424.4. This section states the following regarding the duty of the Zoning Commissioner ("ALJ") when considering such applications:

§ 424.4. Group child-care centers as accessory use.

- . . .6. Following the public hearing, the Zoning Commissioner may either deny or grant a use permit conditioned upon:
 - a. His findings following the public hearing.
 - b. The character of the surrounding community and the anticipated impact of the proposed use on that community.
 - c. The manner in which the requirements of Section 424.1 and other applicable requirements are met; and any additional requirements as deemed necessary by the Zoning Commissioner in order to ensure that the child-care center will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding community and as are deemed necessary to satisfy the objectives of Section 502.1 of these regulations.
 - d. Section IB01.1.B notwithstanding, the Zoning Commissioner may modify 1B01.1.B.1.e as it pertains to such use in D.R. Zones.

While this matter was styled as a Petition for Special Hearing, the statutory language above mandates the ALJ to undertake an analysis in keeping with a Petition for Special Exception found in BCZR, § 502.1 which requires that a proposed Special Exception will not:

- A. Be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locality involved;
- B. Tend to create congestion in roads, streets or alleys therein;
- C. Create a potential hazard from fire, panic or other danger;
- D. Tend to overcrowd land and cause undue concentration of population;
- E. Interfere with adequate provisions for schools, parks, water, sewerage, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences or improvements;
- F. Interfere with adequate light and air;
- G. Be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification nor in any other way inconsistent with the spirit and intent of these Zoning Regulations;
- H. Be inconsistent with the impermeable surface and vegetative retention provisions of these Zoning Regulations.

As no Protestants appeared in opposition of the proposed relief, the Petitioners provided uncontroverted testimony that drop-off and pick-up times will be staggered to alleviate traffic problems on Jolly Road. Additionally, the Petitioners provided a Fire Safety Inspection letter showing that they were in compliance with relevant fire safety regulations. (Pet. Ex. 8). It's clear that a Class "A" Group Child-Care Center is permitted in a DR 2 zone subject to BCZR, § 424. 4 and would not be inconsistent with the requirements of subsection D, E, F, and H of BCZR, § 502.1. What does remain at issue, however, is whether the proposed Class "A" Group Child-Care Center is "detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locality involved" due to its failure to comply with BCZR, § 424.1 in regards to fence height, set back and design. As BCZR, § 424.4(6)(c) requires the ALJ to consider compliance with BCZR, § 424.1, I find that the proposed total lack of compliance with BCZR, § 424.1 is detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the community in that the current fence height, set back and design does not provide children attending the daycare the required protections mandated by statute. Consequently, the requested use permit must be denied.

It is important to note that the denial of the requested use permit is based solely on the lack of compliance with BCZR, § 424.1. The Petitioners were persuasive in their testimony that they currently operate a quality family day care operation and would continue to do so if the requested relief were granted.

DR Zone Bulk Stands Pursuant to BCZR, § 424.7

While not included in the variance relief requested by the Petitioners in the instant case, an objective reading of BCZR, § 424.7 suggests that group child-care centers as an accessory use in a D.R. zone are subject to the bulk standards found within that section. These standards are noted below:

§ 424.7. Bulk standards for group centers in D.R. Zones.

The following standards apply to group child-care centers located in D.R. Zones: (emphasis added)

- A. Minimum lot size: one acre for the first 40 children plus 500 square feet per child for every child beyond 40 children.
- B. Minimum setback requirements.

Front: 25 feet from street line or the average setback of the adjacent residential dwellings, whichever is less.

Side: 50 feet from property line, with 20 feet of perimeter vegetative buffer.

Rear: 50 feet from property line, with 20 feet of perimeter vegetative buffer.

- C. Parking, drop-off and delivery areas shall be located in the side or rear yards, unless the Zoning Commissioner, upon the recommendation of the Director of Planning, determines that there will be no adverse impact by using the front yard for parking, drop off or delivery purposes. In all cases these areas shall be located outside of the required buffer area.
- D. Maximum height: 35 feet.
- E. Maximum impervious surface area: 25 percent of gross area.

Group Child Care Centers and Group Child Care Center, Class "A" are defined in BCZR, §101.1 as follows.

GROUP CHILD CARE CENTER — A building or structure wherein care, protection and supervision is provided for part or all of a day, on a regular schedule, at least twice a week to at least nine children, including children of the adult provider (see Section 424).

GROUP CHILD CARE CENTER, CLASS A — A group child care center wherein group child care is provided for no more than 12 children at one time.

By definition, the proposed use in the instant case meets both of these descriptions. The language of BCZR, § 424.7 uses the generic term "group child-care center" without further qualification, implying that all such uses in the D.R. zone, whether Class A, Class B, Principal or Accessory, are subject to the enumerated bulk standards. It can be logically argued that such stringent bulk standards should not apply to accessory group child-care centers due to the impracticality of meeting such standards on a residential property, but elsewhere in BCZR, § 424 the ALJ is specially given discretion to modify Residential Transition Area ("RTA") standards found in BCZR, §1B01.1.B.1, while no such discretion is enumerated for the bulk standards found in BCZR, § 424.7. (See, i.e., BCZR, §§ 424.4(6)(d), 424.2 & 424.3) Accordingly, adherence to the "Plain Meaning Rule" of statutory interpretation would lead one to believe that the bulk standards found in BCZR, § 424.7 are applicable in matters such as the case at bar.

As the Petitioners' request for zoning relief has failed on other grounds, it is not necessary to address compliance with the D.R. zone bulk standards in the instant case. It is noteworthy, however, that in the interest of addressing the need for child daycare and its availability in residential communities, legislation clarifying the appropriate application of BCZR, § 424.7 may be warranted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>26th</u> day of **September**, 2024 by this Administrative Law Judge that the Petition for Special Hearing pursuant to BCZR, § 424.4, to approve a use

permit for a Class "A" child care facility for a maximum of 12 children, be and it is hereby **DENIED**; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance pursuant to BCZR, § 424.1 to allow an existing 51 in. (4.25 ft.) wooded and wire fence to be permitted to use at a child care center in lieu of the required 5 ft. wooden stockade fence, and also to allow the existing fence/play area to have a zero (0) ft. setback to the property lines in lieu of the required 20 ft. setbacks, be and is hereby **DENIED**.

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



PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

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

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

Address 2032 Jolly Rd, Baltimore, MD 21209	Currently Zoned DR 2
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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 2032 JOLLY RD.

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST SIDE OF JOLLY ROAD,

WHICH IS 50 FEET WIDE AT THE DISTANCE OF 210 FEET

SOUTH OF THE CENTERLINE OF THE NEAREST IMPROVED

INTERSECTING STREET PHEASANT CROSS DRIVE WHICH IS 50

FEET WIDE.

BEING LOT 25 BLOCK H SECTION 05 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF GREENGATE AS RECORDED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY PLAT BOOK 38, FOLIO 77 CONTAINING 1/3 ACRE. ALSO KNOWN AS 2032 JOLLY RD. AND LOCATED IN THE 03 ELECTION DISTRICT.

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

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Property Address: 2032 Jolly R &
Property Description:
Legal Owners (Petitioners): Faio a Blasenstein / Sholon Denebein
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: Name: Faiga Blassan Stein Sholom Denebeim
Company/Firm (if applicable):
Address: 2032 Jolly RI
Telephone Number: 760 - 653 - 8755

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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 (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE: July 8, 2024

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2024-0156-SPHA

Address: 2032 JOLLY ROAD

Legal Owner: Faiga Blasenstein, Sholom Denebeim

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of July 8, 2024.

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

Reviewer: Earl D Wrenn

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Peter Gutwald, Director DATE: July 3, 2024

Department of Permits, Approvals

FROM: Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

Case 2024-0156-SPHA

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

DPR: 10' drainage and utility easement in the rear of the property. We ask that the fence be relocated out of easement.

DPW-T: State Document, Record Plat Liber 38 Folio 77, shows an existing 10-foot drainage and utility easement along the north and rear property lines. The plan provided with the application shows the fence in the existing easements. The plan should be revised to show the fence outside of the easements.

Landscaping: No comment.

Recreations & Parks: No comment LOS & No Greenways affected.

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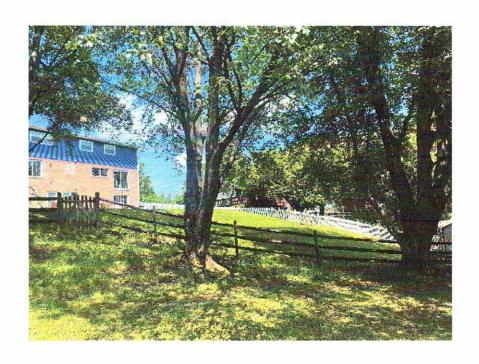
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PHOTOS
(SPLIT RAIL FENCE WITH MESH WIRE)





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Real Property Data Search () Search Result for BALTIMORE COUNTY

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2024-0156-8PHA

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Status: Additional information requested for 2023Date: 01/05/2024

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Information

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: C. Pete Gutwald DATE: 7/11/2024

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM: Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2024-0156-SPHA

INFORMATION:

Property Address: 2032 Jolly Road **Petitioner:** Faiga Blasenstein

Zoning: DR 2 **Requested Action:** Variance

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

Special Hearing -

1. A special hearing pursuant to BCZR Section 424.4, to approve a use permit for a Class A child care facility for a maximum of 12 children.

Variance(s) -

- 1. A variance from Section 424.1 of the BCZR that would allow an existing 51"(4.25') wooded and wire fence to be permitted for use at a child care center in lieu of the required 5' wooden stockade fence
- 2. To allow the existing fence/play area to have a 0' setback to the property lines in lieu of the required 20' setback.

The proposed site is a 16,016 square foot residential property zoned DR 2. It is surrounded by predominately residential uses. There are multiple previous Zoning Action requests associated with the property.

The petitioner proposes to use the property for a Class A care facility with a maximum of 12 children. All structures on the site plan are currently existing. The requested relief for a childcare facility would not disrupt the continuity or character of the established neighborhood. This use may be granted pending that it will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding community. The public right-of-way will not be affected and the development does not impose any adverse impacts on to adjacent properties.

The requested relief for 0' setback of an existing fence/play area in lieu of 20' setback as well as relief to provide a wooden stockade fence are the current/existing conditions of the site. Although the wooden stockade fencing is preferred by the Department of Planning, we would be content with the wooded and wire fence if deemed acceptable by the Administrative Law Judge. The Department acknowledges that

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the wooden stockade fencing would be a better alternative for the safety and visual mitigation of surrounding residences. The requested setback relief of the fencing would not encroach onto adjacent properties or have any adverse impacts.

The Department of Planning has no objection to the above requested relief and recommends approval with the following conditions:

- 1. The petitioner demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Administrative Law Judge that the existing wood and wire fencing with a height of 4.25' will not alter the level of safety provided in lieu of the wooden stockade fence or indicate an existing hardship on why it cannot be provided.
- 2. Upon application for a use permit, the owner or agent shall provide the following information:
 - a. Number of employees,
 - b. Number of children to be enrolled,
 - c. Hours of operation,
 - d. Estimated amount of traffic generated,
 - e. A site plan indicating location and type of structure on the lot in question, location and dimensions of play area(s), parking arrangement and proximity of dwellings on adjacent lots
 - f. A snapshot of the structure.
- 3. The proposal complies with all other requirements outlined in Baltimore County Zoning Regulation (BCZR) Section 424.
- 4. Compliance with any additional relief as required by the Administrative Law Judge.

For further information, concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Brett M. Williams at 410-887-3482.

Prepared by:

Krystle Patchak

Division Chief:

SL/JGN/KP

c: Dino C. La Fiandra, Esquire Sydnie Cooper, Community Planner Jeff Perlow, Zoning Review Kristen Lewis, Zoning Review Office of Administrative Hearings People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

	RE: Case No.:	2024-0156-SPHA
	Petitioner/Developer:	
	Faiga Blasenstein, S	holom Denebeim
	Date of Hearing/Closing:	August 6, 2024
Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204		
Attn: Jeff Perlow:		
Ladies and Gentlemen:		
This letter is to certify under the penalties of perposted conspicuously on the property located at 2032 Jolly Road SIGN 1/2		
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SITE PLAN

ZONING VARIANCE FOR EXISTING FENCE AT 2032 JOLLY RD, BALTIMORE, MD 21209

OWNERS: FAIGA BLASENSTEIN, SHOLOM DENEBEIM DATE: 05/27/24 PHONE: (760) 653-8670

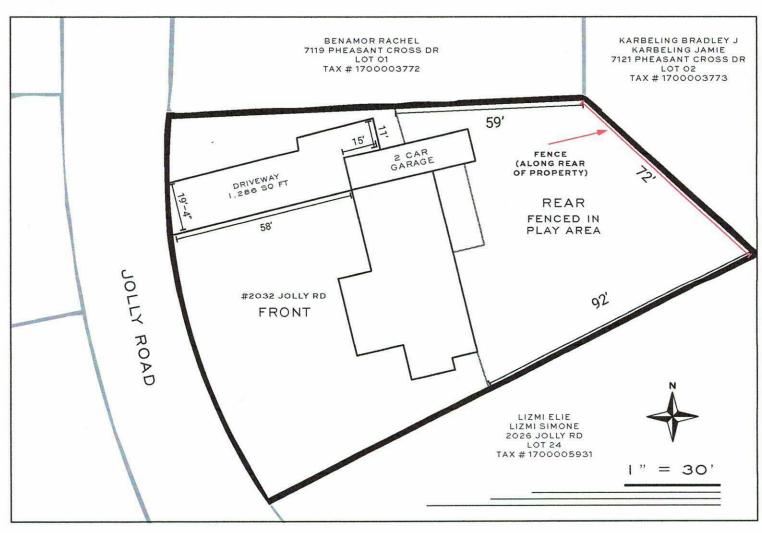
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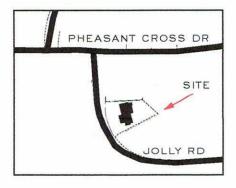
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TAX# 1700005932

DEED REFERENCE # 48015 / 00253



VICINITY MAP



ZONING MAP # 69

ZONING: DR 2

ELECTION DISTRICT: 03
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 02

LOT AREA ACREAGE: 0.3680

LOT SQUARE FOOTAGE: 16,016

HISTORIC: NO CBCA: NO

FLOOD PLAIN: NO

UTILITIES

WATER IS: PUBLIC SEWER IS: PUBLIC PRIOR HEARING: NO

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