

Katherine Klausmeier County Executive MAUREEN E. MURPHY
Chief Administrative Law Judge
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Administrative Law Judge
DEREK J. BAUMGARDNER
Administrative Law Judge

January 17, 2025

Deidre Bosley – <u>dabosle@gmail.com</u> 2633 Monkton Road Monkton, MD 21111

RE: Petition for Variance

Case No. 2024-0263-A

Property: 2633 Monkton 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,

DEREK J. BAUMGARDNER Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

DJB;dlm Enclosure

e: Bruce E. Doak – <u>bdoak@bruceedoakconsulting.com</u> Ethan edonoh1@gmail.com IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (2633 Monkton Road)

10<sup>th</sup> Election District 3rd Council District Deidre Bosley *Legal Owner*  \* BEFORE THE

\* OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

\* HEARINGS OF

\* BALTIMORE COUNTY

Petitioner \* CASE NO. 2024-0263-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 Deidre Bosley ("Petitioner") for the property located at 2633 Monkton Road, Monkton, Maryland (the "Property"). Petitioner requests Variance relief from Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") Section 400.1 to permit an accessory structure (garage) to be located in the side yard in lieu of the required rear yard, and from BCZR Section 400.3 to permit an accessory structure (garage) with a height of 17 ft., in lieu of the maximum permitted height of 15 ft.

A public hearing was conducted on January 15, 2025, using the virtual platform WebEx in lieu of an in-person hearing. The Petition was properly advertised and posted. Petitioner appeared at the hearing and was assisted by Bruce Doak of Bruce E. Doak Consulting, LLC, a licensed surveyor. There were no Protestants or other interested persons at the hearing.

Petitioner submitted the following exhibits into the record: (1) Site Plan; (2) SDAT report; (3) GIS aerial photograph; (4) Site photographs; (5) Location detail; (6) Architectural elevations; and (7) Letter of Support. The following Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received from county agencies: (1) Department of Planning ("DOP"); (2) Department of Environmental Protection Sustainability ("DEPS") and; (3) Development Plans Review ("DPR")

on behalf of DPR/DPW-T/Rec & Parks. County agency comments do not indicate objection to the requested relief.

### **Findings of Fact**

The Property is approximately 3.417 acres in land area and is zoned RC-2. *See* Pet. Exh. 1. The Property is improved by a detached ranch-style single-family dwelling that was constructed in 1953 and enjoys 2,772 of above-ground living area. Pet. Exh. 2. Accessory structures on the property have since been razed. An access easement traverses the lot from north to south on the western portion of the lot to provide ingress/egress to a separately deeded and owned adjacent lot. Pet. Exh. 1. The existing single-family home complies with all setbacks and zoning regulations and the proposed accessory structure also complies with all setback regulations. Well service is provided at the rear of the property directly behind the single-family dwelling and a 6' privacy fence is currently erected and will remain between 2633 Monkton Road and 2701 Monkton Road. *See* Pet. Exh. 4. The proposed one-story garage is sited on the parking area where vehicles currently park. *Id*.

Mr. Doak described the physical contours of the property and home including the limitation on the buildable envelope because of well siting, the access easement, the interior configuration of the home with a bedroom located at the eastern corner, and driveway access. Mr. Doak further stated that the siting of the proposed accessory building (garage) with shed was the only practical place to construct the garage given the limitations of the lot and in concert with the existing floor plan of the home. Petitioner, Ms. Bosley, testified that the purpose of the garage with shed was to provide needed storage for her vehicle and yard maintenance equipment and to generally make the home more livable for long-term home ownership. She further testified that the rear door of the property was used as the primary entrance to the home and constructing a detached structure

instead of an attached addition would maintain rear yard access from the driveway and thus maintain use of the rear door as the primary entrance to the home. The minimal height variance requested of 17 ft. in lieu of the maximum permitted height of 15 ft., is necessary to enable construction of the garage to better match the architectural framework of the home with a roof slope that better facilitates rain and snow runoff. *See* Pet. Exh. 6. Petitioner submitted a letter of support from the adjacent neighbors, Mr. & Mrs. Gill, who reside at 2701 Monkton Road, who would be the most impacted by the proposed garage. Pet. Exh. 7.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

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).

I find that the Property is unique due to the limitations imposed by the existing floor plan of the home, the location of the well in the rear yard, the access easement on the western portion of the lot, and the current driveway configuration. These unique constraints limit the buildable area of the property such that Petitioner would experience practical difficulty in complying with the requirements under BCZR §§ 400.1 & 400.3 in siting the accessory structure in the rear yard and for limiting the height of the building to 15 ft. With respect to height, the intent is to match the profile of the garage with the profile and roof angle of the existing home, thus providing a feature to enhance the value of the property and the surrounding community. 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, particularly in light of the support

offered by the owners of the adjacent lot at 2701 Monkton Road.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>17<sup>th</sup></u> day of January, 2025, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance pursuant to BCZR, Section 400.1 to permit an accessory structure (garage) to be located in the side yard in lieu of the required rear yard be and is hereby **GRANTED**; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Petition for Variance relief pursuant to BCZR Section 400.3 to permit an accessory structure (garage) with a height of 17 ft., in lieu of the required maximum height of 15 ft., be and is hereby **GRANTED**.

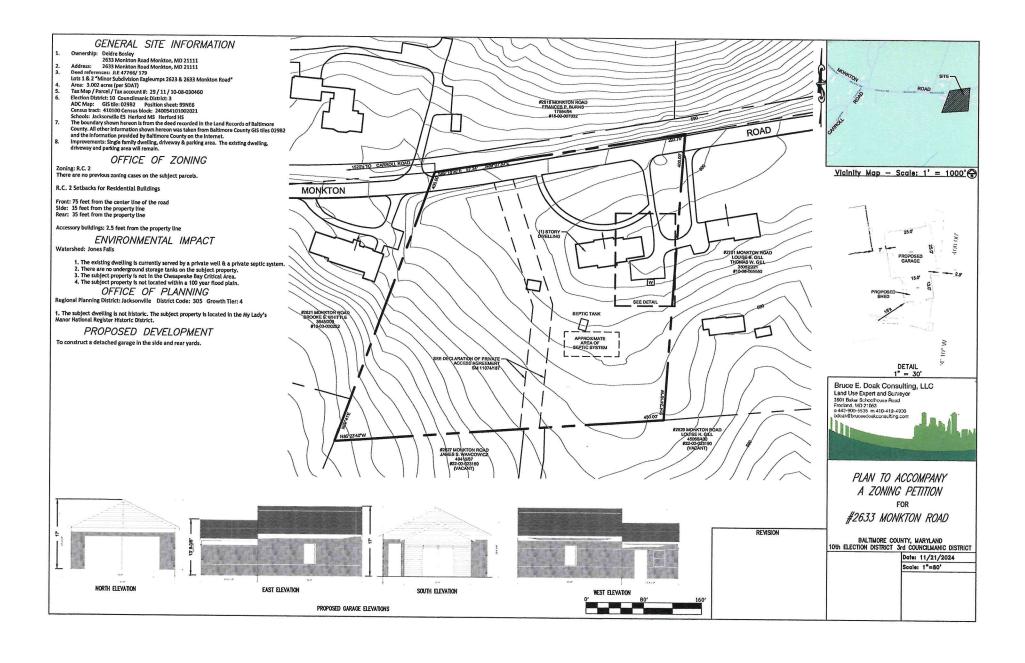
The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- 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. Petitioner and subsequent owners shall not convert the detached garage into a dwelling unit or apartment. The detached garage shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, bathroom facilities or kitchen facilities;
- 3. The detached garage shall not have a separate utility or electric connection and shall connect all electrical to the home;
- 4. The detached garage shall not be used for commercial or industrial purposes;
- 5. Petitioner's Site Plan (Pet. 1) is attached hereto and incorporated herein;
- 6. Petitioner shall comply with DEPS ZAC comments which are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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

DEREK J. BAUMGARDNER Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

DJB/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 (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE: December 19, 2024

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2024-0263-A

Address: 2623 MONKTON ROAD

Legal Owner: Deidre Bosley

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of December 20, 2024.

X The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:

- 1. If the zoning variance is granted, Ground Water Management requests that it be conditioned to include the following:
  - a. The site plan submitted would not be acceptable for building permit approval by Ground Water Management.
  - b. Ground Water Management approval must be obtained prior to approval of the building permit. Requirements for approval will include submission of a site plan that meets GWM site plan requirements. An OSDS inspection report locating all septic system components will be required if any plumbing is proposed in the proposed garage. Depending on the functionality of the existing septic system as determined by the OSDS inspection, submission of perc test application and/or conducting additional percolation testing and potentially installing a new septic system or upgrading the existing septic system may be required.

#### Additional Comments:

Reviewer: Mia Lowery, L.E.H.S.



# PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

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# **Zoning Description**

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- 1) South 89 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East 57.24 feet and
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Containing 3.417 acres of land, more or less.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

December 26, 2024
amended for second inspection
Re: Zoning Case No. 2024-0263-A Legal Owner: Deidre Bosley Hearing date: January 15, 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 2623 Monkton Road.
The signs were initially posted on December 24, 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

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.

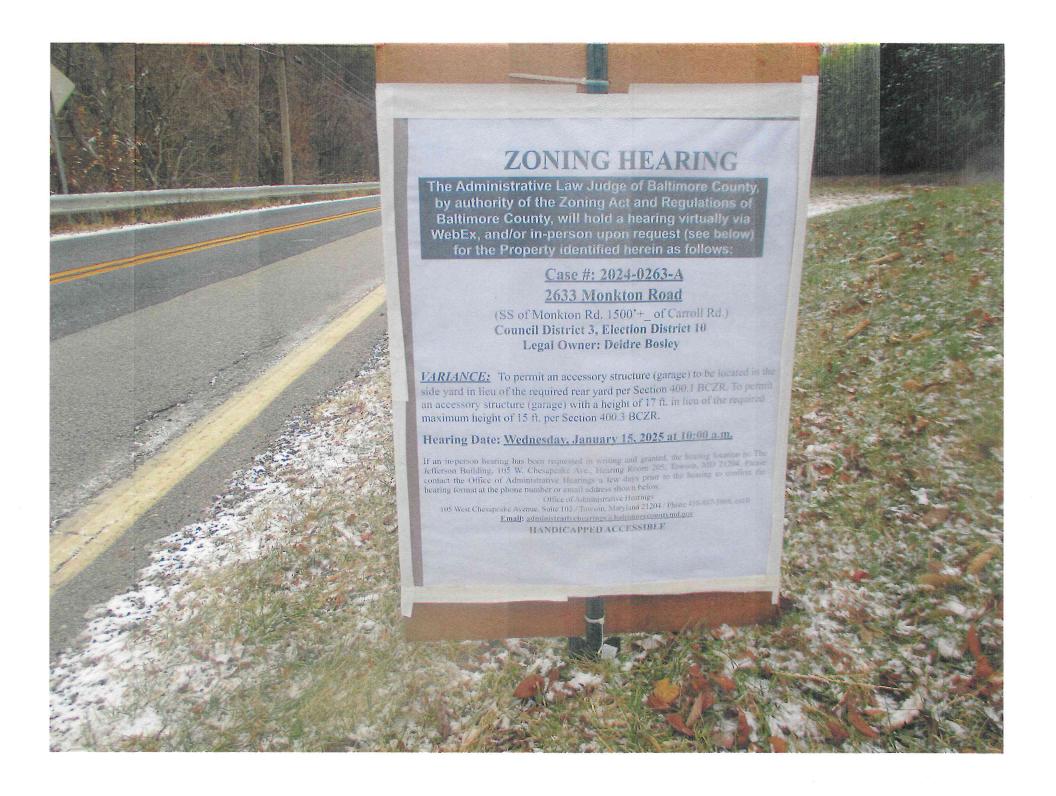
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MONKTON ROAD, 1500' EAST OF CARROLL ROAD
Legal Owners (Petitioners): DEIDAE BOSCEY
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:
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Name: Bauce E. Doak
Company/Firm (if applicable): Bauce E. Dask Consulting LLC
Address: 3801 BAKER SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD
FREELAND MD 21053
Telephone Number:









## **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: December 19, 2024

SUBJECT: DEPS Comment for Zoning Item # 2024-0263-A

Address: 2623 MONKTON ROAD

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#### Additional Comments:

Reviewer: Mia Lowery, L.E.H.S.

# **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

## INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Peter Gutwald, Director DATE: December 16, 2024

Department of Permits, Approvals

**FROM:** Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

**SUBJECT:** Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

Case 2024-0263-A

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

**DPR:** No comment.

**DPW-T:** No Exception taken.

Landscaping: No comment.

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

VKD: sc

# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** C. Pete Gutwald **DATE:** 12/17/2024

Director, Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

**FROM:** Steve Lafferty

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 2024-0263

**INFORMATION:** 

**Property Address:** 2633 Monkton Road **Petitioner:** Deidre Bosley

**Zoning:** RC-2 **Requested Action:** Variance

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

### *Variance*(s)-

- 1. To permit an accessory structure (garage) to be located in the side yard in lieu of the required rear yard per Section 400.1 BCZR.
- 2. To permit an accessory structure (garage) with a height of 17 feet in lieu of the required maximum heigh of 15 feet per Section 4003. BCZR.

The subject property is approximately 3.4 acres in the Northern area of Baltimore County with a single-family dwelling currently existing on the site. The property is surrounded by other farm uses and residential dwellings.

The RC-2 zone is a zoning district established to preserve the rural character of the area and promote low-density residential development. This district is intended to maintain the natural beauty and peacefulness of the surrounding countryside, while providing for compatible land uses and development patterns.

The proposed garage will sit close to the existing SFD on the site. Although it appears close to the neighboring property line, according to Google images it does not appear that this structure will be visible from the street or neighboring property due to an existing fence that runs along the property line.

The Department of Planning has no objections to this request pending the following condition is met:

1. The accessory structure should not be used for commercial, industrial, or residential uses.

For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Krystle Patchak at 410-887-3480.

Prepared by:

Krystle Patchak

SL/JGN/KP

c: Bruce Doak, Bruce Doak Consulting LLC Joseph Wiley, Community Planner Jeff Perlow, Zoning Review Kristen Lewis, Zoning Review Office of Administrative Hearings People's Counsel for Baltimore County **Division Chief:** 

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Real Property Data Search () Search Result for BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Special Tax Recapture: None

Account Identifier:

District - 10 Account Number - 1008030460

**Owner Information** 

Owner Name:

**BOSLEY DEIDRE** 

RESIDENTIAL

Principal Residence:YES

Mailing Address:

2633 MONKTON RD

Deed Reference: /47766/ 00179

MONKTON MD 21111

**Location & Structure Information** 

Premises Address:

2633 MONKTON RD MONKTON 21111Legal Description: 3.002 AC

2633 MONKTON MANOR RD SS

1500 E CARROLL RD

Map: Grid: Parcel: Neighborhood: 0029 0009 0011 10040045.04

Subdivision: Section: Block: Lot: Assessment Year: 2023

Plat No: Plat Ref:

Town: None

Primary Structure Built Above Grade Living Area Finished Basement Area Property Land Area County Use 3,0020 AC

Stories Basement Type

Exterior Quality Full/Half Bath Garage Last Notice of Major Improvements

STANDARD UNIT STONE/ 4 3 full/ 1 half

2,772 SF

#### Value Information

400 SF

	Base Value	Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		As of 01/01/2023	As of 07/01/2024	As of 07/01/2025	
Land:	194,400	270,000			
Improvements	276,400	403,600			
Total:	470,800	673,600	606,000	673,600	
Preferential Land:	0	0			

#### **Transfer Information**

Seller: EAGLEUMPS LLC Type: ARMS LENGTH IMPROVED	Date: 02/07/2023 Deed1: /47766/ 00179	Price: \$1,100,000 Deed2:
Seller: HOFFECKER THOMAS W Type: ARMS LENGTH MULTIPLE	Date: 12/09/2020 Deed1: /43766/ 00283	Price: \$620,000 Deed2:
Seller: HOFFECKER M SHIRLEY Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Date: 04/23/1997 Deed1: /12140/ 00626	Price: \$0 Deed2:

#### **Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments:	Class	07/01/2024	07/01/2025
County:	000	0.00	
State:	000	0.00	
Municipal:	000	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00

Special Tax Recapture: None

#### **Homestead Application Information**

Homestead Application Status: No Application

#### Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Information

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Status: No ApplicationDate:

