

**IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE**  
SE side of Meadowridge Road; 180 feet SW  
of the c/l of Joppa Road  
9<sup>th</sup> Election District  
5<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District  
**(615 Meadowridge Road)**

Eric J. and Megan D. Straczek  
*Petitioners*

\* BEFORE THE  
\* DEPUTY ZONING  
\* COMMISSIONER  
\* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY  
\* **Case No. 2010-0164-A**

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**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Eric J. and Megan D. Straczek for property located at 615 Meadowridge Road. The variance request is from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a rear setback of 20 feet in lieu of the minimum required 40 feet setback for an addition. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1. The lot is triangular in shape whereas the majority of the lots within the development are more rectangular in shape. The triangular shape of the property minimizes the available rear yard. The dwelling is situated closer to the property line than the current zoning would allow. The proposed one story addition is to accommodate the expansion of an existing kitchen. To locate the addition in another area of the house would not be practical.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. The comments indicate no opposition or other recommendations concerning the requested relief.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on December 13, 2009 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 Section 32-3-303 of the Baltimore County Code. 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 Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the information, photographs, and affidavits submitted provide sufficient facts that comply with the requirements of Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Furthermore, strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioners.

Pursuant to the posting of the property and the provisions of both the Baltimore County Code and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, and for the reasons given above, the requested variance should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010 that a Variance from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a rear setback of 20 feet in lieu of the minimum required 40 feet setback for an addition is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following:

1. The Petitioners may apply for their building permit 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, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

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

    SIGNED      
THOMAS H. BOSTWICK  
Deputy Zoning Commissioner  
for Baltimore County

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