

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE

S side of Hammond Avenue; 52 feet E
side of Third Avenue
4th Election District
3rd Councilmanic District
(304 Hammond Avenue)

Per Bogh and Kim Karlsen
Petitioners

* BEFORE THE
* DEPUTY ZONING
* COMMISSIONER
* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
* **Case No. 2010-0311-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, Per Bogh and Kim Karlsen for property located at 304 Hammond Avenue. The variance request is from Section 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an accessory structure (shed) with a height of 19 feet in lieu of maximum permitted 15 feet. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioners’ Exhibit No. 1. Petitioners need additional storage space for their growing family. The proposed shed will have the same style, siding, window design and roof singles as on the existing dwelling. Petitioners indicate that the proposed shed will also have French doors . The property contains 1.940 acres and is served by private water and sewer.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. Comments were received from the Office of Planning dated May 25, 2010, which recommends that the accessory structure not be converted into a dwelling unit or apartment, not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, kitchen or bathroom facilities, and not be used for commercial purposes. Additionally, the proposed structure appears to be located in the forest

buffer easement/forest conservation easement. Petitioners shall consult with the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management to verify this is or is not an issue.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on May 23, 2010 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 10th day of June, 2010 that a Variance from Section 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an accessory structure (shed) with a height of 19 feet in lieu of maximum permitted 15 feet 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.

2. The Petitioner or subsequent owners shall not convert the subject accessory structure into a dwelling unit or apartment. The structure shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, kitchen or bathroom facilities.
3. The accessory structure shall not be used for commercial purposes.
4. The proposed structure appears to be located in the forest buffer easement/forest conservation easement. Petitioners shall consult with the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management to verify this is or is not an issue.

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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