

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE

S side of Newbridge Court; 133 feet E of
Amy Lane
2nd Election District
4th Councilmanic District
(3 Newbridge Court)

Keith L. and Frances V. Garner
Petitioners

* BEFORE THE
* DEPUTY ZONING
* COMMISSIONER
* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
* **Case No. 2010-0061-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, Keith L. and Frances V. Garner for property located at 3 Newbridge Court. The variance request is from Sections 211.2 and 211.3 (1955-1971 B.C.Z.R.) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a garage addition with a side and front setback to lines of as close as 7½ feet in lieu of the required minimum setbacks of 8 feet and 25 feet respectively. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioners’ Exhibit No. 1. Petitioners wish to construct an attached garage. Subject property is irregular in shape and constructing a garage anywhere on the property would require a variance. The proposed garage will utilize the existing driveway. Photographs submitted by the Petitioners indicate that other homes in the cul-de-sac have attached garages. None of the neighbors voiced any objection to the variance request.

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 August 29, 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 2nd day of October, 2009 that a variance from Sections 211.2 and 211.3 (1955-1971 B.C.Z.R.) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a garage addition with a side and front setback to lines of as close as 7½ feet in lieu of the required minimum setbacks of 8 feet and 25 feet respectively 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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