

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE	*	BEFORE THE
(2505 Apache Circle)		
3 rd Election District	*	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
2 nd Council District		
Kevin A. and Rachele Amster	*	HEARINGS FOR
Petitioners		
	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
	*	CASE NO. 2015-0259-A

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owners of the property, Kevin A. and Rachele Amster (“Petitioners”). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief from § 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to permit an enclosed addition to the front and side of an existing dwelling with a front yard setback of 17 ft. in lieu of the required 25 ft. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners’ Exhibit 1.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. A ZAC comment was received from the Bureau of Development Plans Review (DPR) dated May 29, 2015, indicating that if approved, side and rear property lines adjacent to Apache Circle and 2503 Apache Circle should be planted with a Class “A” screen pursuant to the Baltimore County Landscape Manual.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on May 31, 2015, 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 (B.C.C.). 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 Administrative Law Judge, 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, this 18th day of **June, 2015**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking Variance relief from § 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to permit an enclosed addition to the front and side of an existing dwelling with a front yard setback of 17 ft. in lieu of the required 25 ft., be and are hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

1. Petitioners may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioners are 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, Petitioners would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.
2. Petitioners must comply with the ZAC comment from DPR; a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

Signed _____
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge
for Baltimore County

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