

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE	*	BEFORE THE
(5404 First Avenue)		
4 th Election District	*	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
3 rd Council District		
Susan E. Leslie	*	HEARINGS FOR
Petitioner		
	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
	*	CASE NO. 2015-0174-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 owner of the property, Susan E. Leslie. The Petitioner is requesting Variance relief from § 400.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a proposed addition (carport) to an existing detached accessory structure to be located partially on the side and front of dwelling in lieu of the required rear. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner’s Exhibit 1.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. There were no adverse ZAC comments received from any of the County reviewing agencies.

The Petitioner having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on February 21, 2015, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Petitioner has 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 Petitioner.

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 12th day of **March, 2015**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance relief from § 400.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a proposed addition (carport) to an existing detached accessory structure to be located partially on the side and front of dwelling in lieu of the required rear, 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 her 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. Building materials for the carport addition shall be consistent with those of the existing principal dwelling.
3. The carport shall remain open on the three exposed sides and shall not be enclosed at any time.

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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