

Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County
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In the Matter of

Civil Citation No. 117641

Charles Knill
Bonnie Knill
723 Horpel Drive
Mount Airy, MD 21771

2971 Cornwall Road

Respondents

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
FINAL ORDER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

This matter came before the Administrative Law Judge on November 20, 2012 for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Code (BCC) section 13-7-305: Failure to institute rat eradication measures on residential property.

On October 18, 2012, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector Daniel O'Neill issued a Code Enforcement & Inspections Citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1st class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$3,000.00 (Three thousand dollars).

The following persons appeared for the Hearing and testified: Charles Knill, Respondent and, Daniel O'Neill, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Officer.

Testimony was presented that upon a citizen complaint, an inspection of the subject property was carried out on 9/20/12, revealing the presence of rat holes. A Correction Notice was issued. A re-inspection of the site on 10/22/12 noted no change, but added the observation of feces on the ground. A Citation for the rat holes was issued, mailed and posted. A pre-hearing inspection on 11/19/12 revealed that the holes had been treated with poison and filled with concrete.

Having heard the testimony and evidence presented at the Hearing:

IT IS ORDERED by the Administrative Law Judge that a civil penalty be imposed in the amount of \$1,500.00 (One thousand five hundred).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that \$1,250.00 of the \$1,500.00 civil penalty be suspended, with an immediate \$250.00 fine imposed at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the remaining \$1,250.00 civil penalty will be imposed if the subject property is not brought into compliance by December 5, 2012.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the subject property is brought into compliance pursuant to this Order, the remaining \$1,250.00 civil penalty will be imposed if there is a subsequent finding against the Respondent for the same violation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if not paid within thirty days of billing, the civil penalty AND any expenses incurred by Baltimore County, as authorized above, shall be imposed and placed as a lien upon the property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County inspect the property to determine whether the violations have been corrected.

ORDERED this 3 day of December 2012

Signed: _____
Lawrence M. Stahl
Managing Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE: Pursuant to §3-6-301(a) of the Baltimore County Code, the Respondent or Baltimore County may appeal this order to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals within fifteen (15) days from the date of this order; any such appeal requires the filing of a petition setting forth the grounds for appeal, payment of a filing fee of \$225.00 and the posting of security in the amount of the penalty assessed.