

Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County  
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In the Matter of

Civil Citation No. 104955

Norman L. Stricker  
Doris L. Stricker

3406 E. Joppa 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 February 15, 2012 for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the National Standard Plumbing Code 2009: Basic Principle #6 Use public sewer where available on residential property.

On January 3, 2012, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector William Witty issued a Code Enforcement & Inspections Citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1<sup>st</sup> class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars).

The following persons appeared for the Hearing and testified: Norman L. Stricker, Respondent and owner of the property and, James Cassidy, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Officer.

Testimony revealed that Mr. Stricker is 83 years old and has been living at the subject property since 1955. He lives there at this time with his wife. The sewer to his house drains to a septic system as it has for the past 57 years. Mr. Stricker spent a great deal of money installing this system and it is functioning fine and without any problems at this time. Inspector Cassidy stated that he cited Mr. Stricker only because County law requires that property owners connect to the public sewer at and when that public sewer becomes available to their property. However, the inspector stated that it would be more appropriate to allow Mr. Stricker to continue to live out his days at his residence and pass this requirement onto the next buyer of this property. Mr. Cassidy suggested recording this Order in the land records for Baltimore County so that the next buyer of this property would be aware of this requirement.

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 \$100.00 (one hundred dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the \$100.00 civil penalty be suspended in full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this decision shall be recorded in the Land Records for Baltimore County so as to put on notice any future buyer of this property of their obligation to connect this property to the public sewer line.

ORDERED this 21 day of February 2012

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Timothy M. Kotroco  
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.

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