

Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County
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In the Matter of

Civil Citation No. 112967

Gary Steckler
Paula Steckler
3 Nantucket Garth
Phoenix, MD 21131

7750 Eastdale 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 August 14, 2012 for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Code (BCC) section 13-7-302, 13-7-315: non permitted rat harborage on residential property.

On June 15, 2012, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector Patrick Williams 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 \$100.00 (one hundred dollars).

The following persons appeared for the Hearing and testified: Susan Boniala, Respondent and tenant and, Patrick Williams, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Officer.

Testimony was presented that, upon a citizen complaint, an inspection of the subject property was carried out on 6/14/12, revealing several active rat holes. Based upon the seriousness of the violation and its location, an immediate Citation was issued, mailed and posted. On 8/13/12, a pre-hearing inspection noted that the rat hole were still active. The Respondent tenant stated that she had just been made aware of the problem. Photographs were taken at both inspections and submitted as evidence.

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 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 _____ day of August 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.