

Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County  
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In the Matter of  
Janice Ringgold  
Respondents

Civil Citation No. 116677  
8 Hawthorne Avenue

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

This matter came before the Administrative Law Judge on October 10, 2012 for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) section 101; 102.1; 1B01.1; 428: Failure to register or remove untagged vehicle on residential property.

On September 26, 2012, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector David Janiszewski 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 \$9,200.00 (Nine thousand two hundred dollars).

The following persons appeared for the Hearing and testified: Janice Ringgold, Respondent and, David Janiszewski, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Officer.

Testimony was presented that upon a citizen complaint, an inspection of the subject property was carried out on 8/24/12, revealing the presence of an unregistered, untagged vehicle. A Correction Notice was issued. A re-inspection on 9/11/12 noted that the untagged vehicle was still on site; and a Citation was issued, mailed and posted. On 9/26/12, another inspection noted no change and a pre-hearing inspection noted that the vehicle, still untagged, had been moved further back on the property. The Respondent testified that he had purchased the vehicle for his son, who was supposed to have taken care of registration, but had not done so.

Having heard the testimony and evidence presented at the Hearing:

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IT IS ORDERED by the Administrative Law Judge that a civil penalty be imposed in the amount of \$5,000.00 (Five thousand dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that \$4,700.00 of the \$5,000.00 civil penalty be suspended, with an immediate \$300.00 fine imposed at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the remaining \$4,700.00 civil penalty will be imposed if the subject property is not brought into compliance by October 25, 2012.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the subject property is brought into compliance pursuant to this Order, the remaining \$4,700.00 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 \_\_\_19\_\_\_ day of October 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.

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