

Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County
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In the Matter of
Joshua Roberts
Respondent

Civil Citation No. 121415
8146 Del Haven Road

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

This matter came before the Administrative Law Judge on January 15, 2013 for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Code (BCC) sections 13-4-201(d) and 13-7-310(a): Garbage not stored in container(s) with tight fitting lids; Non permitted accumulation of trash, debris, etc. on residential property.

On November 29, 2012, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector George Tsigounis 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 \$500.00 (Five hundred dollars).

The following persons appeared for the Hearing and testified: Joshua Roberts, Respondent and, George Tsigounis, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Officer.

Evidence was presented that in the course of a community sweep on 11-29-12, an inspection of the subject property revealed the presence and use of a garbage can without a proper lid. A Citation was issued, mailed and posted. The Inspector presented supporting photographs, which were shown to the Respondent. The Respondent offered an explanation but did not contest the allegation.

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 \$500.00 (Five hundred dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that \$400.00 of the \$500.00 civil penalty be suspended, with an immediate \$100.00 fine imposed at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the remaining \$400.00 civil penalty will be imposed if there is a subsequent finding against the Respondent for the same violation within one year of the date of this Order.

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.

ORDERED this __22__ day of January 2013

Signed: (original signed)
John E. Beverungen
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.

JEB/sma