

Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County
105 West Chesapeake Avenue Suite 103
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In the Matter of

Civil Citation No. 121118

Nathan Laufersweiler-Hanf
Katherine Laufersweiler-Hanf

1705 Kennoway 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 January 9, 2013 for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Code (BCC) section 13-7-309, 310: Failure to remove animal feces daily and store in containers with tight fitting lids on residential property.

On December 13, 2012, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector Jeffrey Radcliffe 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 \$400.00 (Four hundred dollars).

The following persons appeared for the Hearing and testified: Nathan Laufersweiler-Hanf, Respondent and Jeffrey Radcliffe, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Officer.

Testimony revealed that the inspector visited the property on December 13, 2012 and January 7, 2013, and on both occasions he noted excessive dog feces in the fenced rear yard of the premises. The Respondent acknowledged the problem, and said that his dogs like the cold weather and spend a lot of time outdoors.

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 \$400.00 (Four hundred dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that \$300.00 of the \$400.00 civil penalty be suspended, with an immediate \$100.00 fine imposed at this time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the remaining \$300.00 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 ___10___ 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.