

Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County
105 West Chesapeake Avenue Suite 103
Towson, Maryland 21204

In the Matter of

Civil Citation No. 121699

Anthony Collurafici

7825 St. Bridget Lane

Respondent

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

This matter came before the Administrative Law Judge on January 22, 2013, for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Code (BCC) sections 13-7-302 & 13-7-315: existence of rat harborage on residential property.

On December 7, 2012, pursuant to BCC § 3-6-205, 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 \$250.00 (Two hundred fifty dollars).

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

Evidence was presented that in the course of a community sweep on December 7, 2012, an inspection of the subject property revealed the presence of rat harborage; i.e., holes in the yard where rats burrow and live. A Citation was issued, mailed and posted. The Inspector presented supporting photographs, which were shown to the Respondent. The Respondent indicated that he had undertaken numerous measures and repairs in an attempt to eliminate the rat holes, but that his neighbors improperly store garbage and waste, which results in the return of the rats, who dig holes in new areas. I found the Respondent to be sincere, and the photos show that his yard is well maintained.

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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 \$250.00 (Two hundred fifty dollars).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the \$250.00 civil penalty be suspended in full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if there is a subsequent finding against the Respondent for the same violation within 1 year of the date of this Order, the suspended \$250.00 civil penalty shall be imposed at that time.

ORDERED this ___28___ 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