IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE * BEFORE THE

(18 Starlight Farm Drive)

8th Election District * OFFICE OF

3rd Council District

David J. and Stephanie Eiswert * ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Petitioners

* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 2015-0102-A

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Baltimore County as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, David J. and Stephanie Eiswert ("Petitioners"). The variance request is from § 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), to permit a shed with a height of 19 ft. in lieu of the permitted 15 ft. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. There were no adverse ZAC comments submitted from any of the County reviewing agencies.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on November 9, 2014, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavits as required by § 32-3-303 of the Baltimore County Code. Based upon the information available, there is no evidence in the file to indicate that the requested variance would adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of the public and should therefore be granted. In the opinion of the Administrative Law Judge, the information, photographs, and affidavits submitted provide sufficient facts that comply with the

requirements of § 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Furthermore, strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would

result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioners.

Pursuant to the posting of the property and the provisions of both the Baltimore County

Code and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, and for the reasons given above, the

requested variance should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County,

this $\underline{\mathbf{1}^{st}}$ day of December, 2014, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from § 400.3 of the

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), to permit a shed with a height of 19 ft. in lieu

of the permitted 15 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

• Petitioners may apply for any appropriate permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that

proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this

Order is reversed, Petitioners would be required to return, and be

responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

_Signed____

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

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