

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE	*	BEFORE THE
(6942 Gunder Avenue)		
15 th Election District	*	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
6 th Council District		
Ngoc Trang Thi Le	*	HEARINGS FOR
Petitioner		
	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
	*	CASE NO. 2017-0027-A

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owner of the property, Ngoc Trang Thi Le (“Petitioner”). The Petitioner is requesting Variance relief from §§ 1B02.3.C.1 and 301.1.A of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a proposed enclosed and open porch addition to the rear of the dwelling with side yard setback of 5 ft. and 5 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft. and 7.5 ft. respectively. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner’s Exhibit 1.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. The property is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area (CBCA) and is subject to Critical Area requirements as noted in the ZAC comment dated August 12, 2016 submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS). In addition, a ZAC comment was received from the Bureau of Development Plans Review (DPR) indicating that prior to permit application, Petitioner must contact the Office of the Director of Public Works to determine the flood protection elevation.

The Petitioner having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on August 7, 2016, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision

shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Petitioner has filed the supporting affidavits as required by Section 32-3-303 of the Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.). 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 Section 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 Petitioner.

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, this 25th day of **August, 2016**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance relief from §§ 1B02.3.C.1 and 301.1.A of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a proposed enclosed and open porch addition to the rear of the dwelling with side yard setback of 5 ft. and 5 ft. in lieu of the required 10 ft. and 7.5 ft. respectively, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- Petitioner may apply for his appropriate permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.
- Petitioner must comply with the ZAC comments from DEPS and DPR; copies of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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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