**IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE** \* BEFORE THE

(6519 Edenvale Road)

3<sup>rd</sup> Election District \* OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

2<sup>nd</sup> Council District

Joshua & Devorah E. Grunwald \* HEARINGS FOR

Petitioners

\* BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* CASE NO. 2017-0196-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 owners of the property, Joshua and Devorah E. Grunwald ("Petitioners"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief pursuant to § 1B02.3.B (Section III.C.3 – 1945-55 Regulations) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R"), to permit a proposed addition (bedroom/garage) with a corner lot side yard setback of 7 ft. in lieu of the required 15 ft. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1.

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

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on February 12, 2017, 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 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 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, this 8th day of March, 2017, by the Administrative Law

Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance relief from § 1B02.3.B (Section III.C.3

- 1945-55 Regulations) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R"), to permit a

proposed addition (bedroom/garage) with a corner lot side yard setback of 7 ft. in lieu of the

required 15 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

• Petitioners may apply for their 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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