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

(202 Abbeyhill Court)

8<sup>th</sup> Election District \* OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

3<sup>rd</sup> Council District

Robert A. Compton, Jr. & Lisa A. Compton \* HEARINGS FOR

Petitioners

\* BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* CASE NO. 2018-0343-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, Robert A. Compton, Jr. and Lisa A. Compton ("Petitioners"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief from Section 1B01.1.B.2 (1955 Zoning Regulations – [R-10 Residential]) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), to permit a proposed rear addition with a rear yard setback of 25 ft. in lieu of the required 30 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.

Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. There were no adverse ZAC comments 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 June 21, 2018, 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 BCC. Based upon the information available, there is no evidence in the file to indicate that the rear yard setback 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 BCZR. Furthermore, strict compliance with the BCZR 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 BCC and the BCZR,

and for the reasons given above, the requested variance should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>16<sup>th</sup></u> day of **July**, **2018**, by the Administrative Law

Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance relief from Section 1B01.1.B.2

(1955 Zoning Regulations – [R-10 Residential]) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations

("BCZR"), to permit a proposed rear addition with a rear yard setback of 25 ft. in lieu of the

required 30 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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