IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE * BEFORE THE

(601 N. Woodward Drive)

15th Election District * OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE

7th Council District

Joseph C. & Debra L. Glenn * HEARINGS FOR

Petitioners

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

* CASE NO. 2018-0349-A

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for Baltimore County for consideration of a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owners of the property, Joseph C. & Debra L. Glenn ("Petitioners"). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief pursuant to Section 415.A.1.A of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), to permit a recreational vehicle in the front and side yard of a single family dwelling in lieu of the permitted side yard 8 ft. behind the front foundation line of the single family dwelling. 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. There were no adverse ZAC comments submitted by any of the County reviewing agencies.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on June 24, 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 Baltimore County Code ("BCC"). 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 BCZR. Furthermore, strict compliance with the BCZR would result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioners.

As noted above, a request for hearing was not filed by the July 9, 2018 deadline. E-mail correspondence was received on July 15, 2018 from a neighbor indicating the zoning notice sign was not posted as required by the BCZR. But the file contains an affidavit from Mr. Ogle (an approved Baltimore County sign poster) indicating the sign was posted on June 24, 2018. Mr. Ogle filed a second affidavit indicating the sign was posted properly as of July 6, 2018, as required by the BCZR. In these circumstances, I believe Petitioners have complied with the notice requirements.

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>16th</u> day of **July, 2018**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 415.A.1.A of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR"), to permit a recreational vehicle in the front and side yard of a single family dwelling in lieu of the permitted side yard 8 ft. behind the front foundation line of the single family dwelling, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

• Petitioners may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until 30 days from the date hereof, during which time an appeal can be filed by any party. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed,

Petitioners would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.

- Only a RV/camper may be parked in the front and side yard of the subject property, and no part of that vehicle may extend beyond the front foundation line of the dwellings at 513 and 603 Woodward Drive.
- Petitioners may not store commercial vehicles or storage trailers on the subject property.

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

JEB:dlw