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| IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE | * | BEFORE THE |
| (11520 Stocksdale Road) | | |
| 11 th Election District | * | OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE |
| 5 th Council District | | |
| Melvin Joseph Carter | * | HEARINGS FOR |
| Petitioner | | |
| | * | BALTIMORE COUNTY |
| | * | CASE NO. 2018-0357-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 owner of the property, Melvin Joseph Carter (“Petitioner”). The Petitioner is requesting Variance relief pursuant to Section 1A01.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (“BCZR”), to permit a proposed addition (extension of bedroom and bathroom) to have a side yard setback of 4.5 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 35 ft. 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. A ZAC comment was received from the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (“DEPS”), dated July 5, 2018, indicating that Ground Water Management must review any proposed building permit(s) for additions, since the property is served by well and septic.

The Petitioner having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on June 29, 2018, 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 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 Petitioner.

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 20th day of **July, 2018**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 1A01.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (“BCZR”), to permit a proposed addition (extension of bedroom and bathroom) to have a side yard setback of 4.5 ft. in lieu of the minimum required 35 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- Petitioner may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his 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, Petitioner would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.
- Petitioner must comply with the ZAC comment from DEPS dated July 5, 2018; a copy of which is 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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