

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE	*	BEFORE THE
(16540 Yeoho Road)		
5 th Election District	*	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
3 rd Council District		
Eric J. & Melissa McDermott Lane	*	HEARINGS FOR
Petitioners		
	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
	*	CASE NO. 2018-0134-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, Eric J. and Melissa McDermott Lane (“Petitioners”). The Petitioners are requesting Variance relief from § 400.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (“BCZR”), to permit a proposed accessory structure (detached carport) to be located in the side yard in lieu of the required rear only. 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. A ZAC comment was submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (“DEPS”) dated November 13, 2018, indicating that Ground Water Management will need to review the proposed building permit (for a carport), especially since the existing well is in the vicinity.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on November 4, 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.

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 26th day of **November, 2018**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance relief from § 400.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (“BCZR”), to permit a proposed accessory structure (detached carport) to be located in the side yard in lieu of the required rear only, 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.
- Building materials for the carport addition shall be compatible with those of the existing principal dwelling.
- The carport shall remain open on the three exposed sides and shall not be enclosed at any time.
- Petitioners must comply with the DEPS ZAC comment, dated November 13, 2018; a copy of which of 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.

JEB:dlw

Signed _____
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge
for Baltimore County