

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE

S side of Lochmoor Court, 429 feet S of
c/l of Tally Road
8th Election District
2nd Councilmanic District
(12 Lochmoor Court)

Edward G. and Debra F. Sherwin
Petitioners

* BEFORE THE
* DEPUTY ZONING
* COMMISSIONER
* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
* **Case No. 2009-0020-A**

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Edward G. and Debra F. Sherwin for property located at 12 Lochmoor Court. The variance request is from Section 1B02.3.B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a side yard setback of 16 feet and a sum of side yards of 32 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet and 40 feet, respectively. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioners’ Exhibit No. 1. Petitioners wish to construct a one-story addition onto the rear of the home, and the location of the addition is determined by the existing wood frame deck and concrete patio. This proposed addition will extend from the rear of the garage. The side of the addition will be flush with the side of the existing garage – it will not extend farther into the side setback than the existing garage. Petitioners’ property is unique in that it backs up to the I-695 beltway.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. The comments indicate no opposition or other recommendations concerning the requested relief.

The Petitioner having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on August 3, 2008 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 Baltimore County Code. 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 Deputy Zoning Commissioner, 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 Petitioner.

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, by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, this 26th day of August, 2008 that a variance from Section 1B02.3.B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a side yard setback of 16 feet and a sum of side yards of 32 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet and 40 feet, respectively is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following:

1. The Petitioners may apply for their building permit 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, the 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.

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THOMAS H. BOSTWICK
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
for Baltimore County

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