

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE

NE side of Hinesleigh Court; 250 NW of
11th Hines Meadow Way
5th Election District
Councilmanic District
(16 Hinesleigh Court)

Lorraine I. Guzman
Petitioner

* BEFORE THE
* DEPUTY ZONING
* COMMISSIONER
* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
* **Case No. 2010-0128-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 owner of the subject property, Lorraine I. Guzman for property located at 16 Hinesleigh Court. The variance request is from Section 1B02.3.B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and Section V.B.6.b of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (CMDP) to permit a rear yard setback of 8 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet, and to amend the Final Development Plan of Hines Meadow, Lot 11. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioner’s Exhibit No. 1. Petitioner desires to enclose an existing deck which measures 12 feet x 50 feet. The existing kitchen is undersized and needs to be enlarged to accommodate family members especially an elderly grandmother. Said kitchen has inadequate counter space, cabinets are insufficient in quantity and function, and the dining area impedes access to the deck. The family room also needs to be enlarged to suit the family’s needs. Photographs submitted by the Petitioner illustrate that neighbors have enclosed their decks with sunrooms.

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 October 18, 2009 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, 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 9th day of November, 2009 that a Variance from Section 1B02.3.B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and Section V.B.6.b of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (CMDP) to permit a rear yard setback of 8 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet, and to amend the Final Development Plan of Hines Meadow, Lot 11 is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following:

1. The Petitioner may apply for her building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at her 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 Petitioner 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
THOMAS H. BOSTWICK
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
for Baltimore County

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