

**IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE**  
N side of Hallwood Road; 135 feet W of the  
c/l of Harberson Road  
1<sup>st</sup> Election District  
1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District  
**(1409 Hallwood Road)**

LeRoy A. Maddox  
*Petitioner*

\* BEFORE THE  
\* DEPUTY ZONING  
\* COMMISSIONER  
\* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY  
\* **Case No. 2010-0144-A**

\* \* \* \* \*

**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, LeRoy A. Maddox for property located at 1409 Hallwood Road. The variance request is from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations to permit a proposed addition to have a rear yard setback as close as 12 feet in lieu of the minimum required 30 feet. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1. Petitioner desires to construct an addition to provide extra living space for an elderly parent. The plans call for the existing deck to be removed and the addition would occupy that space and not take up any additional yard room. Petitioner's property is a uniquely shaped corner lot and the placement of the house on the site limits where the addition can be constructed. The layout of the dwelling also dictates where the addition can be placed. Petitioner has discussed the proposal with his neighbors who do not object.

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 November 8, 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, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2009 that a variance from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations to permit a proposed addition to have a rear yard setback as close as 12 feet in lieu of the minimum required 30 feet is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following:

1. The Petitioner may apply for his building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his 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

THB:pz