Official Decision
Zoning Administrator
Carroll County, Maryland

APPLICANT: Sterling Walsh
1818 Baltimore Boulevard
Westminster, MD 21157

REQUEST: A variance reducing the minimum width from 20 feet to 14 feet for a driveway entrance

LOCATION: 411 Malcolm Drive
Westminster, MD 21157, E. D. 7

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: Article 4.26, Section 4.26.2; Article 15, Section 15.5; Zoning Ordinance 1E

HEARING HELD: June 7, 2000

FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

Based on the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, the variance is granted.

Facts which support the request for relief from the strict terms of the Ordinance, in this case, a reduction to the minimum required driveway entrance from 20 feet to 14 feet, are as follows:

The current use of this B-G zoned property is residential. It is currently served by public sewer and water. The applicant wants to operate a business and therefore has requested a variance of the driveway width from 20 feet to 14 feet.

The applicant has spoken with State Highway Administration and has discussed the needed 25-foot entrance. The current driveway will be eliminated and the proper SHA entrance installed. At this time one business will be occupying the premise and there will be six (6) regular and one (1) handicapped parking spaces. Along this stretch of Malcolm Drive all of the properties are businesses, therefore this variance should not have any adverse effect on any adjoining property owners, and denial of the variance would severely limit the potential for a business use on this property.

NOTE:

Appeals of decisions made pursuant to Section 15.5 may be made to the Board of Zoning Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of the Zoning Administrator's decision in accordance with Section 17.4 of the Carroll County Zoning Ordinance 1E.

A decision of the Zoning Administrator made pursuant to Section 15.5 is final, and constitutes a zoning action. Unless timely appealed, parties may not thereafter challenge the Zoning Administrator's decision.

June 14, 2000

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