Case ZA-755

**Official Decision**

**Zoning Administrator**
**Carroll County, Maryland**

**APPLICANT:** Edwin and Miranda Bell
3418 Littlestown Pike
Westminster, MD 21158

**REQUEST:** A variance to the front yard setback from 30 feet to 11 feet for a porch

**LOCATION:** 3418 Littlestown Pike
Westminster, MD 21158

**APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:** Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances, Section 223-75 and 223-179 and 223-181

**HEARING HELD:** June 4, 2003

**FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS**

Based on the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing for this variance and a site visit for a physical review of the conditions, this variance is granted.

Facts which support the request for relief from the strict terms of The Code of Public Local Laws and ordinances for Carroll County, in this case Section 223-75 and 223-179, for a reduction to the required setback from 30 feet to 11 feet for the addition of a porch to the residence, are as follows: The property was inspected by the Zoning Administrator and the proposed addition was found to have a minimal, if any, effect on adjoining property owners and the overall character of the neighborhood. In fact there may previously have been a front porch on this house at one time. The site was properly posted and adjoining property owners were notified of the variance hearing. The petitioner attended the hearing. There were no members of the public present at the June 4, 2003, hearing to testify in
Opposition to the project. The Office of Zoning Administration has not received any comments in opposition to the variance either by mail or telephone.

Per Section 223-181, strict compliance with the terms of the zoning ordinance would be impractical and cause undue hardship on the petitioners. This approval is valid for one year. Appeals to this decision must be filed within 30 days of the date of the approval.

NOTE:

Appeals of decision made pursuant to Section 223-181 may be made to the Board of Zoning Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of the Zoning Administrators decision in accordance with Section 223-182 of the Code of Public Local Laws & Ordinances.

A decision of the Zoning Administrator made pursuant to Section 223-182 is final, and constitutes a zoning action. Unless timely appealed, parties may not thereafter challenge the Zoning Administrator's decision.

DATE
16 June 2003

NEIL RIDGELY
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

cc: Zoning Enforcement