Notice of Decision
Case # ZA-891
Permit # 05-0410

Variance Request: For a variance from the minimum yard setback from 30 to 10 feet for an
addition to the existing commercial building at 111 John Street, Westminster, MD in Election
District 07 by Post and Wellen Prepties, LLC.

Basis for Variance: § 223-121 and § 223-181 of the Carroll County Code of Public Local Laws
and Ordinances.

Decision: Approved, with condition.

Basis for Decision:
It is the opinion of the Zoning Administrator that approval of the variance request will not:
- Adversely affect the public health, safety, security, morals, or general welfare.
- Result in dangerous traffic conditions or jeopardize the lives or property of people living in
the neighborhood.

In making this determination, the Zoning Administrator cannot answer in the affirmative to the
criteria provided in Section 223-191 of the Carroll County Code that:
- There would be a detrimental effect on the people working or residing in the area
- There would be a negative impact on the orderly growth of the community
- There would be a detrimental effect on the peaceful enjoyment of people in their homes.
- That the use would have a negative effect on the conservation of property values.
- That there would be any effect from odors, dust, gas, smoke, fumes, vibrations, glare, and
noise upon surrounding property values.

Earl Post spoke for the company that owns the property as a partner in the business. He
explained that their HVAC business needs to expand – an addition to the left side of the building
is needed. Currently there are truck deliveries to the building which tie up traffic on John Street.
The addition will allow deliveries to be made via the alley in the rear. There really is no where
else on this small site for an addition and if they cannot expand there they will have to relocate.
There is sufficient room for this addition which is served by municipal water and sewer. The lot is
unique in its intensive use and the adjacent commercial uses. Accordingly, the variance is
granted with one condition:
- A site plan for the expansion is required. The applicant is directed to contact the Bureau of
Development Review to arrange a pre-submittal conference.

15 April 2005
Neil M. Ridgely
Zoning Administrator

Per Section 223-182 or the Carroll County Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances, appeals of
this decision must be made within 30 days of the date of the decision to the Board of Zoning
Appeals pursuant to Section 223-188 of the Carroll County Code. Unless timely appealed, parties
may not thereafter contest the Zoning Administrator's decision.