

**Tax Map/Block/Parcel
No. 72-5-36**

**Building Permit/Zoning
Certificate No. 04-2490**

Case 4968

**OFFICIAL DECISION
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND**

APPLICANT: Joanna & Elmer Seals
616 Streaker Road
Sykesville, MD 21784

ATTORNEY: N/A

REQUEST: A variance from the required 3 acres to 1.8 acres for livestock, to include 4 lambs and 4 calves.

LOCATION: The site is located at 616 Streaker Road, Sykesville, on property zoned "A" Agricultural District in Election District 14.

BASIS: Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances, Chapter 223-75, 223-186 A (3) and 223-181 as amended by Ordinance 04-15, Sec. 2 (c), 223-70 A, and 223-16

HEARING HELD: August 25, 2004

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

On August 25, 2004, the Board of Zoning Appeals (the Board) convened to hear a variance from the required 3 acres to 1.8 acres for livestock, to include 4 lambs and 4 calves. Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Board made the following findings and conclusion:

The Applicants' two children are members of a 4-H Club in Carroll County and each child has one steer, one heifer, and two lambs as their projects. The animals are sold each year, after the Maryland State Fair. They also lease one acre adjoining their property from a neighbor. A local farmer removes the excess manure from the site. The children must complete workbooks on the care of their animals and 4-H leaders and veterinarians come to the site regularly. They have lived at this location for approximately 4 years. The children will participate in 4-H until they are 18 years old.

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The Board finds that a variance in this case is necessary if the Applicants' family is to be able to participate in the 4-H program. However, the attachment of conditions to this grant of a variance is appropriate under the circumstances. Accordingly, the variance is granted subject to the following:

1. The Applicants are permitted to board two (2) bovines and four (4) lambs.
2. The variance allowing the keeping of the animals shall expire eight (8) years from the date of this Decision and Order.
3. An adequate watering system and suitable shelter in accordance with the Animal Cruelty laws of the County and State must be installed and maintained. The Applicants should seek the assistance of the Carroll County Humane Society in meeting their responsibilities under these laws.

Date

9/22/00


Jacob M. Yingling, Chairman