

**Tax Map/Block/Parcel
No. 40-4-194**

Case 5331

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

APPLICANT: Allysia A. Cirka
2818 Hampstead-Mexico Road
Hampstead, Maryland 21074

ATTORNEY: N/A

REQUEST: An application for an expansion of an existing conditional use request for a kennel building from 25 runs to 50 runs (for a total of 100 runs on the property) with an increase in the maximum number of dogs from 75 to 125.

LOCATION: The site is located at 2818 Hampstead-Mexico Road, Hampstead, MD 21074 on property zoned "A" Agricultural District in Election District 8.

BASIS: Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances, Section 223-71 A (12)

HEARING HELD: May 30, 2007

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

On May 30, 2007, the Board of Zoning Appeals (the Board) convened to hear a request for an expansion of an existing conditional use for a kennel building from 25 runs to 50 runs (for a total of 100 runs on the property) with an increase in the maximum number of dogs from 75 to 125. Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Board made the following findings and conclusion:

The subject 6 acre property is an existing dog kennel. In Case 4357 of 1998, the Board approved an increase in the amount of dogs that could be boarded at this location to 75. The Applicant now wishes to Board up to 125 dogs and expand the facility from 25 to 50 dog runs.

The property is surrounded by farmland. The Applicant resides on the property. The expanded facility will be soundproofed. One additional employee will be hired. The expansion will accommodate the Applicant's need for additional space. There are no close neighbors.

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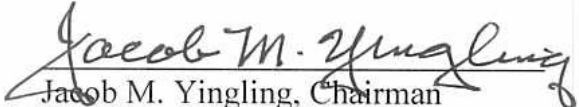
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The current level of traffic is not expected to increase in any measurable sense, as the dogs are picked up and dropped off at varying times. Additional lighting for the expanded facility will be minimal.

Based on the above, the Board finds that the proposed use at this location is an appropriate land use, and will not generate noise, dust, fumes, traffic or lower property values to a greater extent here than elsewhere in the Agricultural zone. Accordingly, the request for an expansion of the conditional use is granted. All conditions in Cases 1422, 2156, 2261, and 4357 not inconsistent with this Decision and Order are incorporated herein.

6/20/07
Date


Jacob M. Yingling, Chairman