Tax Map/Block/Parcel No. 52-1-494 Case 5645

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

APPLICANT: Laurie Ann Fitzgerald

1210 Frederick Pike Littlestown, PA 17340

ATTORNEY: N/A

**REOUEST:** A request for a change of a non-conforming use to an archery retail

pro shop and indoor archery range.

LOCATION: The site is located at 1300 Washington Road, Westminster, on

property zoned "R" Residential District in Election District 7.

BASIS: Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances, Chapter 223-9 B

**HEARING HELD:** July 25, 2012

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

On July 25, 2012, the Board of Zoning Appeals (the Board) convened to hear the request for a change of a non-conforming use to an archery retail pro shop and indoor archery range. Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Board made the following findings and conclusion:

Laurie Ann Fitzgerald has been the owner of an archery business for many years along with her husband. The business was in Carroll County for seventeen years before she moved to a nearby location. She and her husband have been in the archery business for twenty years. Her business is known for one on one customer service. She now wishes to move her archery business back to the county. She wants to set up her business in an existing building located at 1300 Washington Road in Westminster, Maryland. Mrs. Fitzgerald does not plan to make any changes to the structure of the building or to the parking lot area. The business would be open from Tuesday to Saturday. The access to the building would be from Washington Road. She wants to put up a tree stand near the building to let customers know about the business.

Regina Taylor testified that she owns the property where the archery business would be located. She also owns property adjacent to the archery business. The last non-conforming use for the property at 1300 Washington Road was in December 2011.

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There is no probative evidence that the establishment of a non-conforming use to an archery retail pro shop and indoor archery range as requested will unduly affect residents of adjacent properties, the values of those properties, or public interests. Therefore, the Board approved the request for a non-conforming use.

Date Date

Gary Dunkleberger, Vice Chairman

Decisions of the Board of Zoning Appeals may be appealed to the Circuit Court for Carroll County within 30 days of the date of the decision pursuant to Article 66B, Section 4.08 of the Annotated Code of Maryland Rules of Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 223-192C of the County Code, this approval will become void unless all applicable requirements of this section are met. Contact the Office of Zoning Administration at 410-386-2980 for specific compliance instructions.

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