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Notice of Decision

Case # ZA-956
Permit # 05-3497

Variance Request: For a variance from the required minimum setback of 20 feet to 10 feet for an addition to the residence at 6923 Stratford Drive, Sykesville, MD in Election District 14 by Claudia Tapscott.

Basis for Variance: § 223-66 and § 223-181 of the Carroll County Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances.

Decision: Approved.

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 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.

The applicant explained a 936 square foot addition is needed to their residence but that they really only require a reduction in the setback requirement from 20 ft. to 16 feet. The location of their well & septic system and the topography of their lot make it impractical to locate it elsewhere on the house. A neighbor, Mr. John Pielmeier, attended the hearing and spoke in support of the variance request. There were no letters or telephone calls to protest granting the variance.

8 November 2005

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Per Section 223-182 of 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.