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Official Decision
Case ZA-1188
Zoning Administrator
Carroll County, Maryland

APPLICANT:	Catherine Riggles
REQUEST:	An Accessory Use for a Private Kennel
LOCATION:	3301 Lineboro Road, Manchester, MD 21102
MAP/BLOCK/PARCEL:	14/18/415
APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:	Chapters 223-12 and 223-181
HEARING HELD:	March 3, 2010

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Based on the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing the accessory use is **DENIED**.

Facts which support the request for relief from the strict terms of the Ordinance, in this case, an accessory use for a private kennel are as follows:

Upon a site visit for the hearing, I noticed that without approaching the house due to the large amount of snow on the property, I was able to hear the dogs barking inside of the house from the use in common driveway. The dogs barked continually while I was there on site.

At the hearing, Mrs. Riggle's neighbor appeared, and testified about the way that the dogs acted and barked constantly whenever they were outside on their property. There was also a petition presented, that was signed by all of Mrs. Riggles adjoining property owners, requesting that the private kennel be denied.

We also received a report from the Carroll County Animal Control Office about a complaint they received and went out to do an investigation of dogs barking. They did find there to be sufficient evidence of excessive barking and issued a written warning to Mrs. Riggles. During the hearing, Mrs. Riggles also stated that she has a barking control device already, and that she needs to put batteries in it. As such that Mrs. Riggles has already received a written warning from the Carroll County Animal Control Office, and her failure to maintain an existing barking control device, the request for a private kennel is denied.

As the current ordinance allows for three (3) dogs on a property, Mrs. Riggles has thirty (30) days to reduce the number of dogs on her property.

Note: An appeal of a Decision made pursuant to Chapter 223-181.2 may be made to the Board of Zoning Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of the Zoning Administrator's decision in accordance with Chapter 223-182 and 223-188 of the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances.

A decision of the Zoning Administrator made pursuant to Chapter 223-181 is final and constitutes a zoning action. Unless timely appealed, parties may not thereafter challenge the Zoning Administrator's decision.

March 10 2010
Date

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