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Official Decision
Case ZA-1364
Zoning Administration
Carroll County, Maryland

APPLICANT:	Dana Champney
REQUEST:	Family Day Care as an Accessory Use
LOCATION:	441 Bennett Cerf Drive Westminster, MD 21157
MAP/BLOCK/PARCEL:	39/14/884
APPLICABLE REGULATIONS:	Chapters 223-80(H) and 223-181
HEARING HELD:	May 2, 2012

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

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

Facts which support the request for relief from the strict terms of the Ordinance; in this case, a family day care for eight or less children, are as follows:

Mrs. Dana Champney is applying for an accessory use for a family day care for eight or less children. Mrs. Champney has two children of her own, and while she is on leave from being a school teacher she would like to care for two or three children to bring in extra income. Mrs. Champney does not know if she would like to continue her day care after her leave is over or return to school to teach. The neighborhood Mrs. Champney lives in is a great community with small lots, and she lives on a dead end street.

The owners of an adjoining property were present and expressed concerns about liability. I informed them that a liability would be a civil matter and that the County would not become involved in it. The property is a small lot, but does have room in the backyard for children to play in.

The adjoining property owners also expressed concern about falling property values. The impact of the proposed family day care for eight or less children will have no adverse effect greater than any other accessory use; therefore, the family day care for eight or less children is granted.

This approval is valid for one year from the date of this decision.

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 223-181 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.

May 11 2012
Date

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