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Notice of Decision

Case # ZA-825
Permit # 04-0280

Variance Request: For a variance from the minimum rear yard setback from 50 feet to 41 feet for an addition to the residence located at 230 North Gorsuch Road in Westminster, MD by Dr. Pete Nickolas

Basis for Variance: § 223-66 and § 223-150 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 was persuasive in his testimony that a practical hardship would exist if the addition had to be located elsewhere on the residence due to the narrowness of the lot. An addition to the front of the home would be out of context with the surrounding community. There were no protestants to the variance.

14 April 2004

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Per Section 223-182 or 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.