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Notice of Decision

Case # ZA-862
Permit # 04-2775

Variance Request: For a variance from the minimum rear yard setback from 50 feet to 21 feet for an attached garage for the residence at 3608 Hoffman Mill road, Hampstead, MD in Election District 08 by Larry and Doris Worden.

Basis for Variance: § 223-75 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 applicants were persuasive in their testimony that a practical hardship would exist if the garage were not permitted in the proposed location. A field review of the site verified that it would pose a practical hardship to locate the garage elsewhere on the lot given the topography, well and septic system locations. Disturbance will be minimal if the addition is constructed in the proposed location. There were no protestants to the variance.

9 September 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.