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Notice of Decision

Case # ZA-867
Permit # 04-2929

Variance Request: For a variance from the minimum rear yard setback from 50 feet to 12.5 feet for a garage at the residence at 3610 Hoffman Mill Road, Hampstead, MD in Election District 08 by Kenneth and Jennifer Myers.

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 applicant was persuasive in his testimony and submittal of evidence that a practical hardship would exist if the garage addition were not permitted. Location of the well, septic field and the topography of the lot make the proposed location the most practical for this site. A field review of the site verified that it would pose a practical hardship to locate the garage elsewhere on the property. Disturbance will be minimal if the garage is constructed in the proposed location. There were no Protestants to the variance.

13 October 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.