IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE CECIL COUNTY

THE APPLICATION OF * BOARD OF APPEALS

TRAVIS & ANGELA CARR * CASE NO.: 3999

(Variance – NAR)

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OPINION

The Cecil County Board of Zoning Appeals (the "Board") is now asked to consider the application of Travis and Angela Carr ("Applicants") for a variance to the side yard setback requirement. The subject property located at 80 Rosewood Drive, Elkton, MD 21921, being designated as Parcel 8, Lot 17 on Tax Map 42, in the Fifth Election District of Cecil County ("Property"), in an area presently zoned Northern Agricultural Residential (NAR). The Property is owned by the Applicants.

Under the provisions of Article XVII, Part I, Section 306, Paragraph 1, variances, as defined in Article II, may be granted by the Board of Appeals. Paragraph 2 of Section 306 requires the Board to examine all facts of the case and render a decision based upon the following criteria:

- A. The variance requested is based upon a situation where, because of special circumstances, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would deprive the applicant of a right commonly enjoyed by other parties in the same zone under the terms of this Ordinance.
- B. Special conditions and circumstances exist that are peculiar to the land, buildings, or structures involved, and that are not applicable to other lands, buildings, or

structures in the same zone, such conditions and circumstances not being the result of actions by the applicant.

- C. The granting of the variance will not confer upon the applicant any special privileges that are denied by this Ordinance to other properties in the same zone.
- D. The variance request does not arise from any condition to land or building use, either permitted or non-conforming, on any neighborhood property.

On May 26, 2020, Travis Carr appeared and testified via teleconference (due to Governor Hogan's COVID-19 Pandemic Stay At Home order of March 30, 2020) in support of his application seeking a seven (7) foot variance to the ten foot side yard setback requirement to construct an 18x24 foot detached garage in the rear of the Property. The Applicant testified that the shape of the Property would prevent them from building a garage in the most practical location without a variance. Carr further testified that the rear of the Property is adjacent to common area in the neighborhood, therefore it would not negatively impact a neighboring property owner and that he had gotten approval from the Home Owner's Association.

No other witnesses spoke in favor or in opposition of the Application.

From the evidence presented, the Board is satisfied that the criteria set forth in Section 306 has been met and makes the following findings of facts:

1. The variance request is based upon a situation where, because of special circumstances (the triangular shape of the Property), a literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance would deprive the applicant of a right commonly enjoyed by other parties in the same zone under the terms of the Ordinance.

 Special conditions and circumstances exist that are peculiar to the subject land, buildings or structures involved and that are not applicable to other lands, buildings, or structures in the same zone.

3. The granting of the variance will not confer upon the applicant special privileges that are denied by this Ordinance to other properties in the same zone.

4. There is no evidence that the variance request arises from any condition to land or building use, either permitted or non-conforming, on any neighborhood property.

Board member Brad Carrillo abstained from voting on this matter due to a prior business relationship with the Applicant.

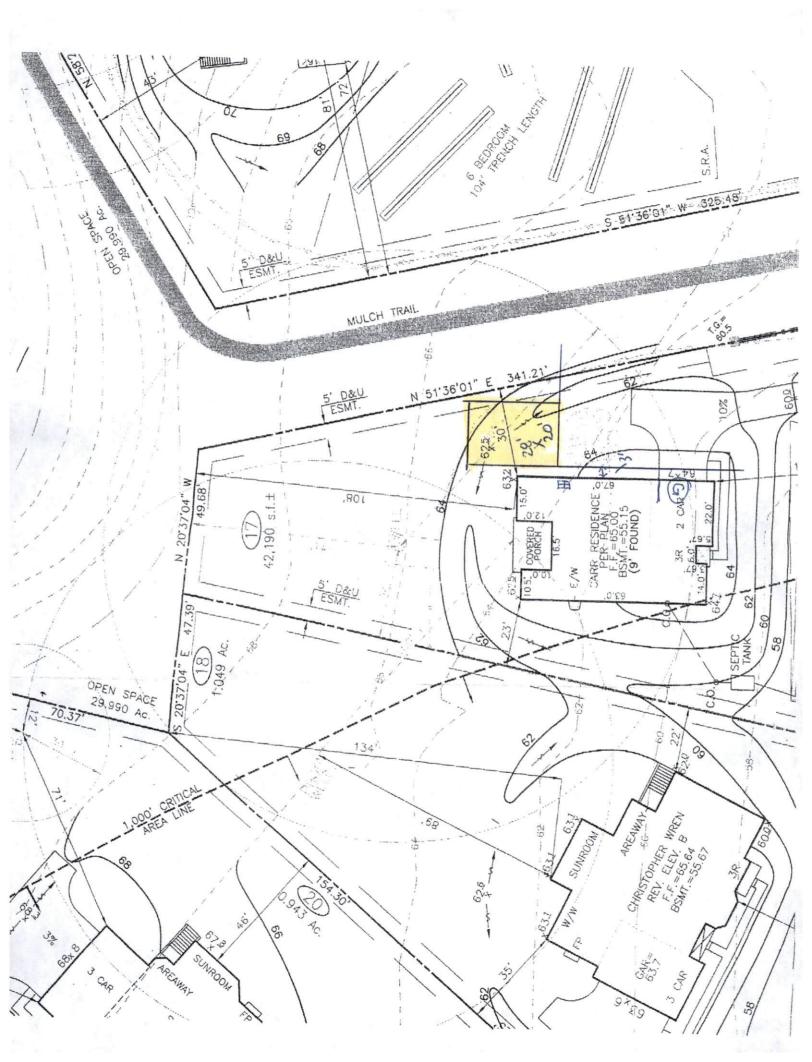
For the reasons stated, by unanimous vote (excluding Carrillo), the Board is satisfied that the criteria set forth in Section 306 have been met, and the application is therefore **GRANTED**.

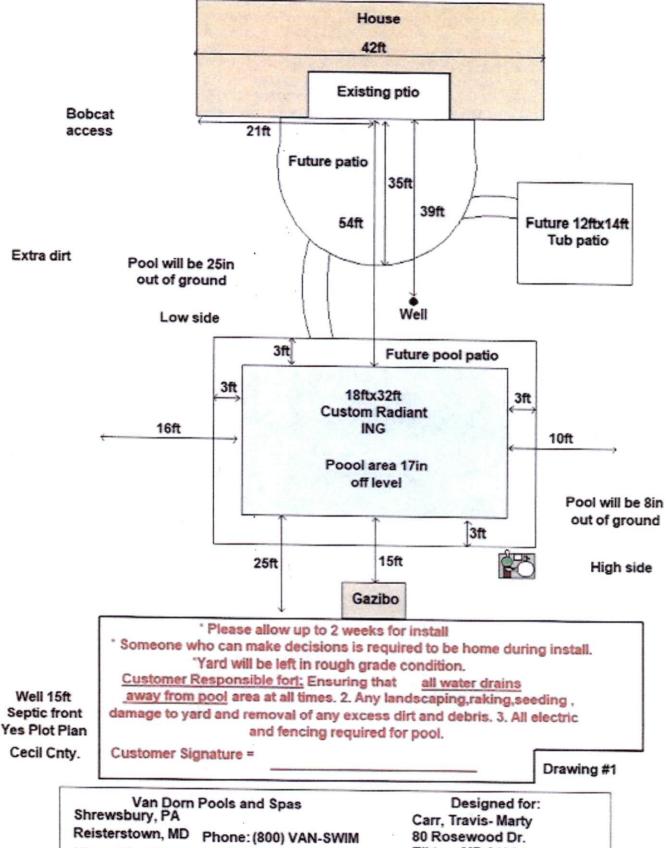
All applicants are hereby notified that they are required to obtain any and all necessary licenses and permits required for the use described herein.

6/22/2020

Mark Saunders, Chairperson

BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION MEET, MONTH: CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND FILE NO. THIS REQUEST IS FOR: SPECIAL EXCEPTION RENEWAL DATE FILED: SPECIAL EXCEPTION AMOUNT PD: VARIANCE ACCEPTED BY: APPEAL Cecil County LUDS A. APPLICANT INFORMATION Division of Planning & Zoning Travis Xavier Carr & Angela Wall Carr APPLICANT NAME - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY 80 Rosewood Drive Elkton MD 21921 ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE 845-893-5975 APPLICANT SIGNATURE PHONE NUMBER B. PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION - ALL PROPERTY OWNERS MUST SIGN Travis Xavier Carr & Angela Wall Carr PROPERTY OWNER NAME - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY 80 Rosewood Drive Elkton MD 21921 ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE 845-893-5975 PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE ALL PROPERTY OWNERS MUST SIGN PHONE NUMBER C. PROPERTY INFORMATION 80 Rosewood Drive PROPERTY ADDRESS BLOCK PARCEL LOT# D. PURPOSE OF APPLICATION - Indicate reasons why this application should be granted. (attach separate sheet if necessary) car garage 18x24 and need apporval since the structure will exceed the 10 foot set back requirement. We have notified our HOA of our plan and they have agreed to it. E. On an attached sheet, PLEASE submit a sketch of the property indicating the proposed project. Show distances from the front, side and rear property lines and the dimensions of the project. F. LAND USE DESIGNATION Is property in the Critical Area? YES NO If yes, Pertinent provision of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program: Is property in the 100 year Floodplain? YES NO Is property an Agricultural Preservation District? YES NO If property is located in the Critical Area, all provisions and requirements must be met as outlined in Article XVII, Part I, II & III of the Zoning Ordinance. G. PROVISION OF ZONING ORDINANCE H. SPECIAL EXCEPTION RENEWAL - PREVIOUS FILE NO. & CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL: I. SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR A MANUFACTURED HOME - Please fill out the following information: Will unit be visible from the road? Yes If yes, distance: Will unit be visible from adjoining properties? Yes If yes, distance: Distance to nearest manufactured home: Size/Model/Year of Unit: Number of units on property at present time: 1 Revised 6/15/2017





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