# BOARD OF APPEALS for MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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### Case No. S-2855

#### PETITION OF G. ETHAN TAYLOR AND MICHAEL D. CAVEY

### OPINION OF THE BOARD

(Opinion Adopted January 23, 2013) (Effective Date of Opinion: February 1, 2013)

Case No. S-2855 is an application for a special exception, under Section 59-G-2.00 of the Zoning Ordinance, to permit an accessory apartment. The subject property is Lot P26, Block 8, Woodside Subdivision, located at 8822 First Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 in the R-60 zone.

The Hearing Examiner for Montgomery County held a hearing on the application on December 6, 2012, closed the record in the case on December 17, 2012, and on January 11, 2013, issued a Report and Recommendation for approval of the special exception.

Decision of the Board:

Special Exception **Granted** Subject to the Conditions Enumerated Below.

The Board of Appeals considered the Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation at its Worksession on January 23, 2013. After careful consideration and review of the record in the case, the Board adopts the Report and Recommendation and grants the special exception, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The Petitioners are bound by their testimony, representations and exhibits of record to the extent that such testimony and evidence are identified in the Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation, and in this Opinion;
- 2. The Petitioners must comply with the conditions set forth in the Memorandum of Robert Goff, Housing Code Inspector, Division of Housing and Code

## Enforcement (Exhibit 16):

- Install egress window in bedroom. Window must be 5 sq feet net opening and be no more then 44" from floor to window opening
- b. Install GFCI outlets in kitchen
- c. Install HVAC vent cover in hall ceiling
- d. Paint kitchen ceiling
- e. Paint living room ceiling
- f. Replace keyed dead bolt lock with thumb turn lock on main door
- g. The driveway will accommodate 2 cars
- h. There is off street parking and permit is needed
- There is 386 sq feet of habitable space. The total sq feet of the Accessory Apartment is 443. 2 people can live in the unit or a family of 3.
- 3. Petitioners must comply with the determination of the Housing Code Inspector as to limits on occupancy in the accessory apartment (up to two persons or a family of three) and must comply with any other directions of the Housing Code Inspector to ensure safe and code-compliant occupancy;
- 4. Petitioners must obtain a residential parking permit sticker allowing the accessory apartment tenants to park on the street in the neighborhood;
- 5. Petitioners must occupy one of the dwelling units on the lot on which the accessory apartment is located;
- Petitioners must not receive compensation for the occupancy of more than one dwelling unit; and
- Petitioners must obtain and satisfy the requirements of all licenses and permits, including but not limited to building permits and use and occupancy permits, necessary to occupy the special exception premises and operate the special exception as granted herein. Petitioners shall at all times ensure that the special exception use and premises comply with all applicable codes (including but not limited to building, life safety and handicapped accessibility requirements), regulations, directives and other governmental requirements.

On a motion by Carolyn J. Shawaker, seconded by Stanley B. Boyd, with David K. Perdue, Vice-Chair, and Catherine G. Titus, Chair, in agreement, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland that the opinion stated above is adopted as the Resolution required by law as its decision on the above-entitled petition.

Catherine G. Titus

Chair, Montgomery County Board of Appeals

Entered in the Opinion Book of the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2013.

Katherine Freeman Executive Director

#### NOTE:

Any request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed within fifteen (15) days after the date the Opinion is mailed and entered in the Opinion Book (See Section 59-A-4.63 of the County Code). Please see the Board's Rules of Procedure for specific instructions for requesting reconsideration.

Any decision by the County Board of Appeals may, within thirty (30) days after the decision is rendered, be appealed by any person aggrieved by the decision of the Board and a party to the proceeding before it, to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, in accordance with the Maryland Rules of Procedure. It is each party's responsibility to participate in the Circuit Court action to protect their respective interests. In short, as a party you have a right to protect your interests in this matter by participating in the Circuit Court proceedings, and this right is unaffected by any participation by the County.

See Section 59-A-4.53 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the twenty-four months' period within which the special exception granted by the Board must be exercised.