

**BOARD OF APPEALS
for
MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

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Case No. S-2867

PETITION OF DANIEL SHEEHAN

OPINION OF THE BOARD
(Opinion Adopted May 15, 2013)
(Effective Date of Opinion: May 17, 2013)

Case No. S-2867 is an application, under Section 59-G-2.00 of the Zoning Ordinance, to permit an accessory apartment. The subject property is Lot 16, Block C, Greenwood Knolls Subdivision, located at 13202 Holdridge Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20906, in the R-60 Zone.

The Hearing Examiner for Montgomery County held a hearing on the application on March 28, 2013, closed the record in the case on April 4, 2013, and on April 29, 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 Report and Recommendation at its Worksession on May 15, 2013. After careful consideration and review of the record in the case, the Board changes the word "off-street" in Condition 2(h) to "on-street", adopts the Report and Recommendation and grants the special exception subject to the following conditions:

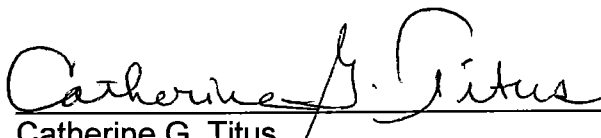
1. Petitioner is bound by his testimony, representations and exhibits of record to the extent that such testimony and evidence are identified in the Hearing Examiner's Report and Recommendation and in this opinion;

2. Petitioner must comply with the conditions set forth in the Memorandum of Robert Goff, Housing Code Inspector, Division of Housing and Code Enforcement dated March 13, 2013 (Exhibit 16), and as amended during the hearing, as follows:
 - a. Install egress window in bedroom. Window must be at least 5 sq feet opening and no more than 44" from floor to window opening. Window must be a minimum height of 24" and a minimum width of 20".
 - b. Reinstall cover on breaker box.
 - c. Install romex connector on wires going into breaker box.
 - d. Repair walkway going to the Accessory Apartment.
 - e. Install light on left side of house to light up walkway to the Accessory Apartment.
 - f. The [Accessory Apartment is 582.12 square feet in size]. There is 426.69 sq feet of habitable space. [Occupancy is limited to no more than two unrelated persons or a family of two].
 - g. The driveway will accommodate 2 cars [parked] end to end.
 - h. There is on-street parking (No permit needed).
 - i. Secure interior door from the living room into the hallway leading to stairs to main dwelling and from the kitchen into the utility room.
3. Based on habitable space in the accessory apartment (426.69 square feet), no more than two unrelated persons or a family of two may reside in the accessory apartment;
4. Petitioner must install either a standard residential motion sensor light fixture to the south side of the dwelling or low-voltage ground pathway lights to illuminate the walkway to the accessory apartment entrance;
5. Petitioner must comply with the determination of the Housing Code Inspector as to the limits on occupancy in the accessory apartment and must comply with any other directions of the Housing Code Inspector to ensure safe and code-compliant occupancy;
6. Petitioner must occupy one of the dwelling units on the lot on which the accessory apartment is located;
7. The accessory apartment must not be located on a lot that is occupied by a family of unrelated persons, or where there is a guest room for rent, a boardinghouse or registered living unit;

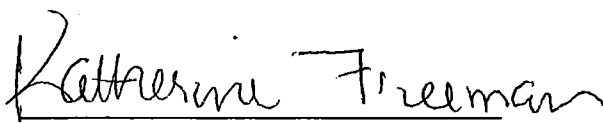
8. Petitioner must not receive compensation for the occupancy of more than one dwelling unit; and
9. Petitioner must obtain and satisfy the requirements of all licenses and permits, including but not limited to building permits and use and occupancy permits necessary to occupy the special exception premises and operate the special exception as granted herein. Petitioner 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 Stanley B. Boyd, seconded by John H. Pentecost, with Carolyn J. Shawaker and Catherine G. Titus, Chair, in agreement, and David K. Perdue, Vice-Chair, necessarily absent, 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 17th day of May, 2013.


Katherine Freeman
Executive Director

NOTE:

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.

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.