BOARD OF APPEALS for MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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CASE NO. A-6945

PETITION OF CHRISTOPHER AND LAURA BELLANDE

NOTICE OF NEW HEARING DATE

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Notices forwarded this 6th day of November, 2025, to:

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Corey Talcott, Associate County Attorney
Elana Robison, Associate County Attorney
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
State Highway Administration County Board of Education
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Docket No. A-	6945
Date Filed	9-22-25
Hearing Date	11-12-25
Time	9:30 a.m.

PETITION FOR VARIANCE UNDER ZONING ORDINANCE

(Please Note Instructions on Reverse Side)
(PLEASE PRINT)

Name of Petitioner(s): CHRISTOPHER AND LAURA BELLANDE	
Address of Petitioner(s): 7505 TARRYTOWN ROAD City CHEVY CHASE	Zip_20815
Description of property involved: Lot 3 Block 4 Parcel 0000 Subdivision 0106	
Street and No. 7505 TARRYTOWN ROAD City CHEVY CHASE Zip 20815 Zone Classification	ation_R-60
Appellant's present legal interest in above property (check one): Tax Account No. 07-00666074 Owner (including joint ownership)Other (describe)	
If not owner, name and address of owner:	
What variance is requested, and what is the pertinent section of the Zoning Ordinance? REAR SETBACK: SECTION 4.4.9 RESIDENTIAL 60 ZONE - TABLE 4.4.9B	
Check existing reason(s) why the Ordinance requirement(s) would result in practical difficulties owner: narrownessXshallownessXshapetopographyother extraordinary situations or conditions peculiar to this property.	for property
Describe this property's extraordinary situation or peculiar conditions compared to neighboring properties: please see attached sheets	
How will the peculiar condition described above result in practical difficulty if the requested variagranted? please see attached sheets	
Date of recording of plat of present subdivision:; or, if property is un-subdivided, of deed recorded, or state that such deed was first recorded prior to March 6, 1928:	date on which
Has any previous variance application involving this property been made to the Board of Appeals of so, give Case Number(s):	als?
	this petition are
Name of Attorney/Agent (Print Name next to Signature) MCDStudio 4948 St. Elmo Ave, Suite 304 Bethesda MD 20814 Signature of Petitioner(s) (Print Name next to Signature) 7505 Tarrytown Road, Chevy Ch	gnature) lase, MD 20815
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Phone Number Email Address Home Phone Work Phone Email A (OVER)	Address

Justification Statement

Property: 7505 Tarrytown Road, Chevy Chase MD 20815 Land Area: Lot 3, Block 4, Parcel 0000, Subdivision 0106

Petitioner: Christopher and Laura Bellande

Request: A 7.7 foot variance to the rear yard for the screening in of an existing covered porch

above the existing building footprint.

Zone: R-60

Background:

This home was built in 1951. The area is zoned R-60 and lies within the confines of the Town of Chevy Chase. This colonial style 2-story plus basement home is on Tarrytown Road. The topography of the yard has a minimal slope from Tarrytown to the front facade and then a steep slope to a walkout basement. The yard meets the minimum 60' width at the street, but is shallow in depth at 71 feet for a majority of the rear setback and therefore under the minimum 6,000sf lot size at 5,068 sf.

Reason For Appeal:

We are requesting this appeal as the existing property's shape is shallow, undersized for the zone and challenging in shape. The rear property line jags inward from the right property line and reduces the depth of the lot. The existing rear facade of the house is already a non-conforming condition and is encroaching 7.6 feet into the rear setback.

We are not proposing any further encroachment into the rear setback than the current existing condition of the walkout basement footprint. The proposed screened porch will be on the first floor on top of the existing basement footprint. The shallowness and undersized condition of the lot makes it challenging to add a screened outdoor room beyond the existing building footprint that complies with the R-60 zoning setbacks. The proposed plan utilizes the existing building footprint.

Like the County, the Town of Chevy Chase also requires zoning relief for this request. This was presented to the Town Council on September 10th, 2025 and they approved this variance request for the Town of Chevy Chase Building Ordinance.

Evidence Supporting Variance:

Per Section 59.7.3.2.E of the Zoning Ordinance the Board of Appeals must find that the following requirements (only one of the E.2.a requirements) must be met.

E.2.a.i The property contains unusual or extraordinary situations, shallowness, shape or conditions

This property is shallow and challenging in shape. A significant portion of the rear property line is 71 feet from the front property line and then jags backward to be 100 feet at the right property

line. The existing lot is 5,068 square feet which is undersized for the minimum 6,000 sf for R-60 zoning. Because the lot is undersized and unique in shape it reduces the allowable buildable area significantly. The existing rear facade of the house is already a non-conforming condition on the lot and encroaches 7.6 feet into the rear setback.

Due to the geometry of this connection of the two rear property lines, the rear setback extends beyond the existing footprint of the house. If the rear setback did not jog inwards at the right property line and maintained 100 feet across, no variance would be required for this proposed addition.

E.2.b The special circumstances or condition are not the result of actions by the Applicant

This home was built in 1951 and was acquired by the homeowners in 2019. The shallow lot depth and shape of this property are not the results of actions by the homeowners. There is no change to the building footprint proposed so the circumstances and condition are not a result of actions by the applicant.

E.2.c The requested variance is the minimum necessary to overcome the practical difficulties that full compliance would impose due to the unusual situation or condition of the property.

Due to the shallowness and shape of the lot, the existing home and original footprint are touching the R-60 setbacks or are currently non-conforming meaning that it is challenging for the owners to add square footage to their home beyond the original footprint and comply with the zoning setbacks.

A screened porch on the first floor above the existing walkout basement will give this young family an indoor/outdoor room to modestly expand their living space and connection to the rear yard from the first floor.

As the current footprint is already touching or encroaching all the setbacks on the lot. This is the one location the screened porch can go that does not modify the existing building footprint and encroach further into the setbacks.

The screened porch is proposed to be 12.4' and 14.1' from the rear property line at its furthest point. Due to the property angle, the setback cuts through the addition at an angle on the inside of the room. It would be impractical to add screens only to the portions of the covered porch that are within the rear setback.

E.2.d The variance can be granted without substantial impairment to the intent or integrity of the general or applicable master plan.

The proposed additions will still be in conformance with the residential use of the property. The Town of Chevy Chase and the surrounding homes have a history of additions and renovations to expand the existing homes and the addition proposed would not be out of character with others seen in the neighborhood.

E.2.e The granting of the Variance will not be adverse to the use and enjoyment of abutting or confronting properties.

Enclosing the open porch with a screen panel system will not adversely impact the enjoyment and use of abutting or confronting properties. Screened panels will be light and transparent and provide visual interest to the building facade.

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Conclusion:

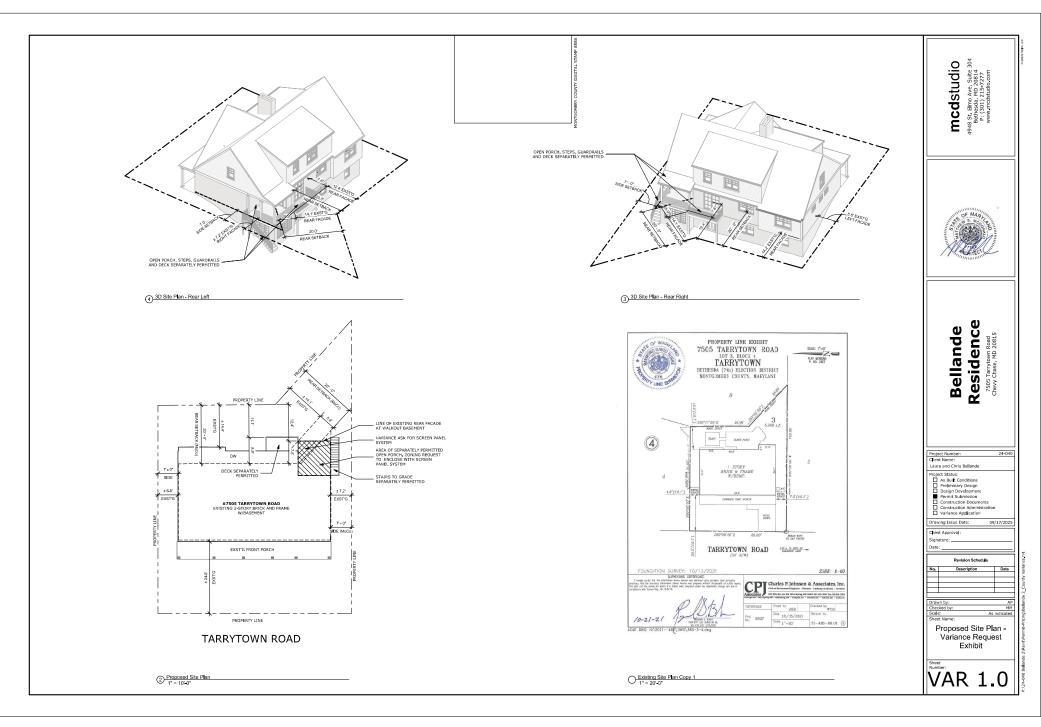
The requests are the minimum required to provide an indoor/outdoor space within the building footprint that is a functional room. Care has been taken to ensure that this request is the minimum required for this purpose, but the shallowness of this property and awkward shape at the rear property line makes it exceptionally challenging to modify the footprint. The proposed plan provides a connection to the backyard from the first floor and provides the family a screened porch to expand their living area in a modest way.

The intent of the zoning laws is to regulate the scale and density of buildings within a given zone. Granting this variance would not change the footprint of the home and would be consistent with the scale and function of the surrounding properties.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew McDonald, AIA Principal, MCDStudio





Marc Elrich County Executive Rabbiah Sabbakhan Director

BUILDING PERMIT DENIAL

	County Board of Appeals.	g permit for the property indicated below without a variance from
NAME:	Christopher & Laura Ballande	
ADDRESS:	7505 TARRYTOWN RD CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815	
LOT - BLOCK	K: 3 - 4	ZONE:R-60
THE VARIAN	NCE REQUEST IS FOR	
N	EXISTING STRUCTURE	Y PROPOSED STRUCTURE
N	NON-CONFORMING	N NON-COMPLYING
N	NEW SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING	
TYPE OF COM	NSTRUCTION:	
Y	ROOM ADDITION	N SWIMMING POOL
N	PORCH	N DECK
N	SHED	N FENCE/RETAINING WALL
N	ACCESSORY STRUCTURE	N GARAGE/CARPORT
N	OTHER	
The proposed of	construction requires a 5.90 ft. variance as it is	within 14.10 ft. of the rear lot line.
The required se	etback is 20.00 ft. in accordance with Section 5	9-4.4.9.B.2.
The required su	um of both side yards is 0.00 ft. in accordance v	with Section 59
The proposed of	construction reduces the sum of both sides to 0.	00 ft., creating a violation of 0.00 ft.
The proposed on N/A	construction requires a variance from the Exemp	otion from Controls, Section 59-B as follows:
The proposed of	construction is a rear addition.	
Delvin	L. Danisls	3/13/2025
Signature		Date

COUNTY ZONING MAP

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission 240 480 960 1,200 Feet 0 720

Montgomery County Planning Department

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ount#	00666074	Special Protection Area	N/A	i [w
	7505 TARRYTOWN RD	Urban District	N/A		м
CHEVY CHASE, 20815	Enterprise Zone	N/A		W	
duse	Single Family Detached	Arts & Ent. District	N/A		
al Description	TARRYTOWN	Special Tax District	N/A		
		Biles/Bod Briovity Area	N/A		

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	CHEVY CHASE, 20815		Enterprise Zone	N/A
Landuse	Single Family Detached	Ī	Arts & Ent. District	N/A
Legal Description	TARRYTOWN	Ī	Special Tax District	N/A
			Bike/Ped Priority Area	N/A
			Urban Renewal Area	N/A
Zone	R-60		Metro Station Policy Area	N/A
Overlay Zone	N/A		Priority Funding Area	Yes
TDR Overlay Zone	N/A		Septic Tier	Tier 1: Sewer existing
Parking District	N/A		Municipality	TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
CBD	N/A		Master Plan	BETHESDA CHEVY CHASE
Domei Let Bleck	N/A 3 4	Ī	Historia Pita/District	N/A

WSSC Grid	209NW04
Map Amendments	G-666 G-956
Water/Sewer Categories	W-1 / S-1

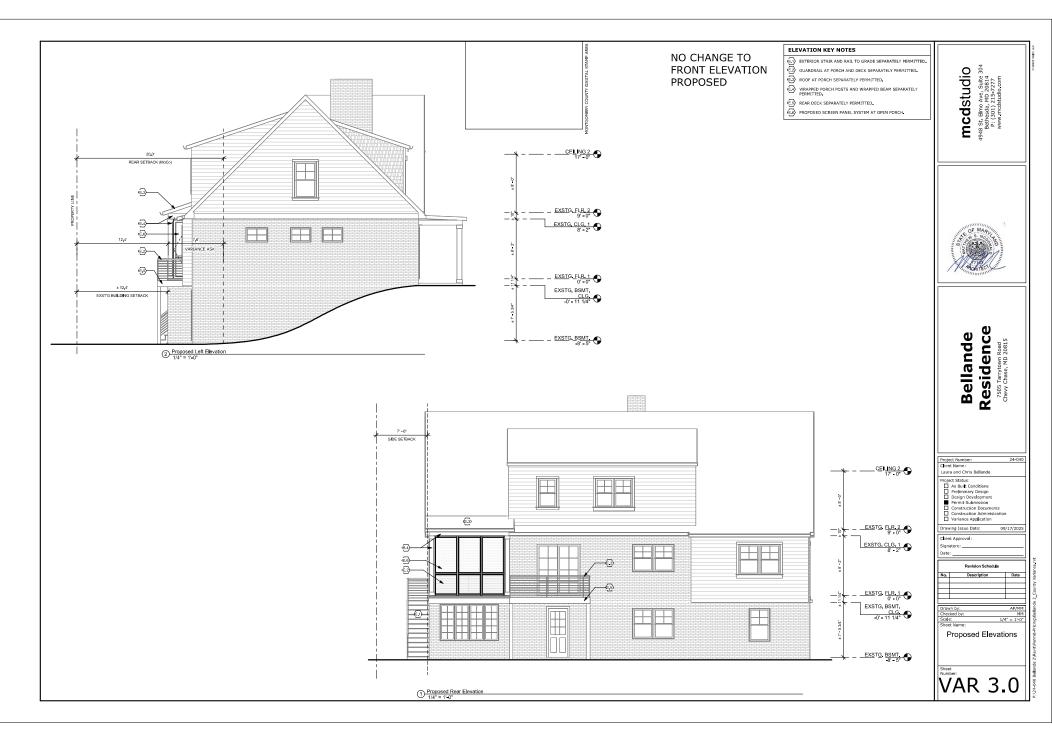
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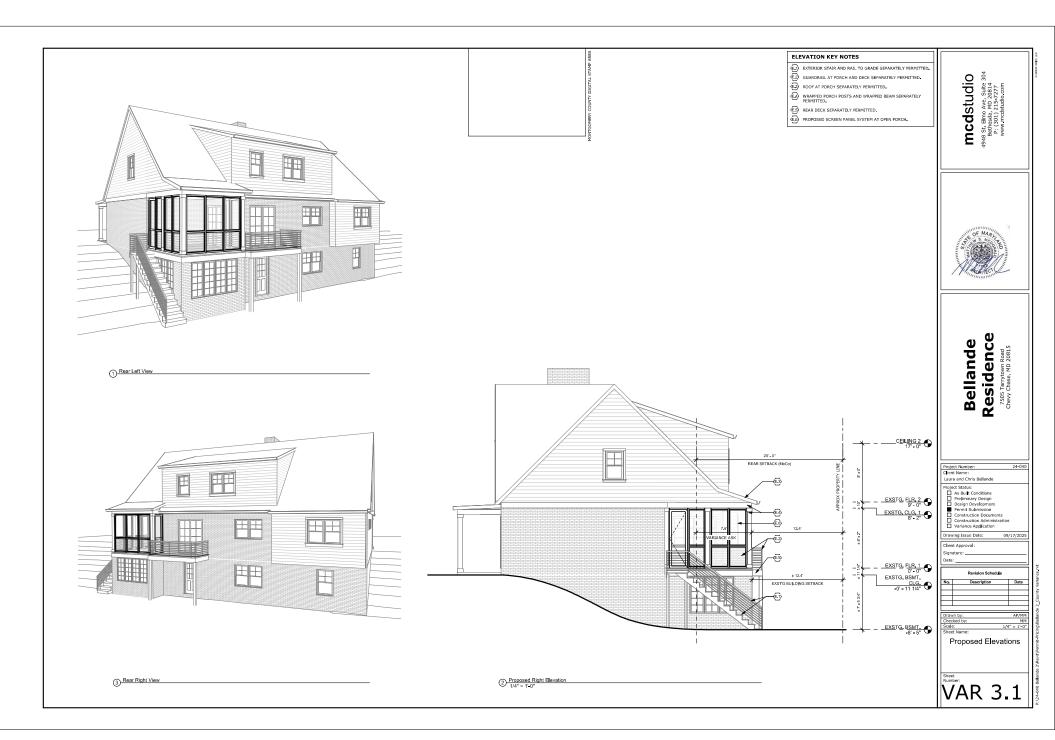
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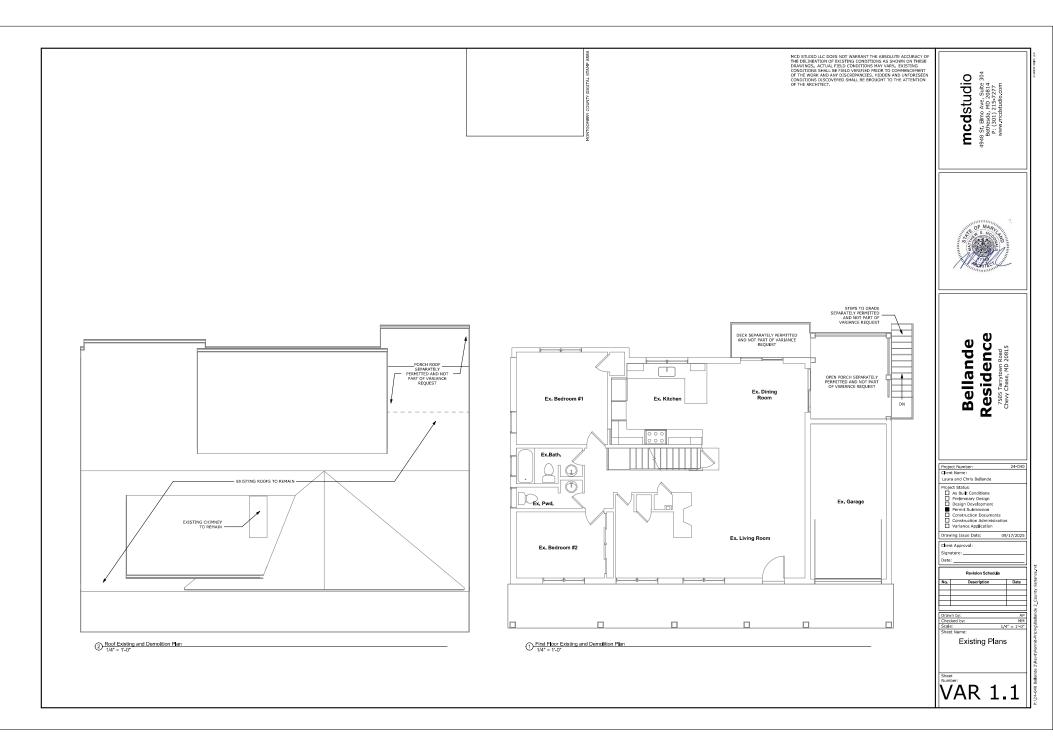


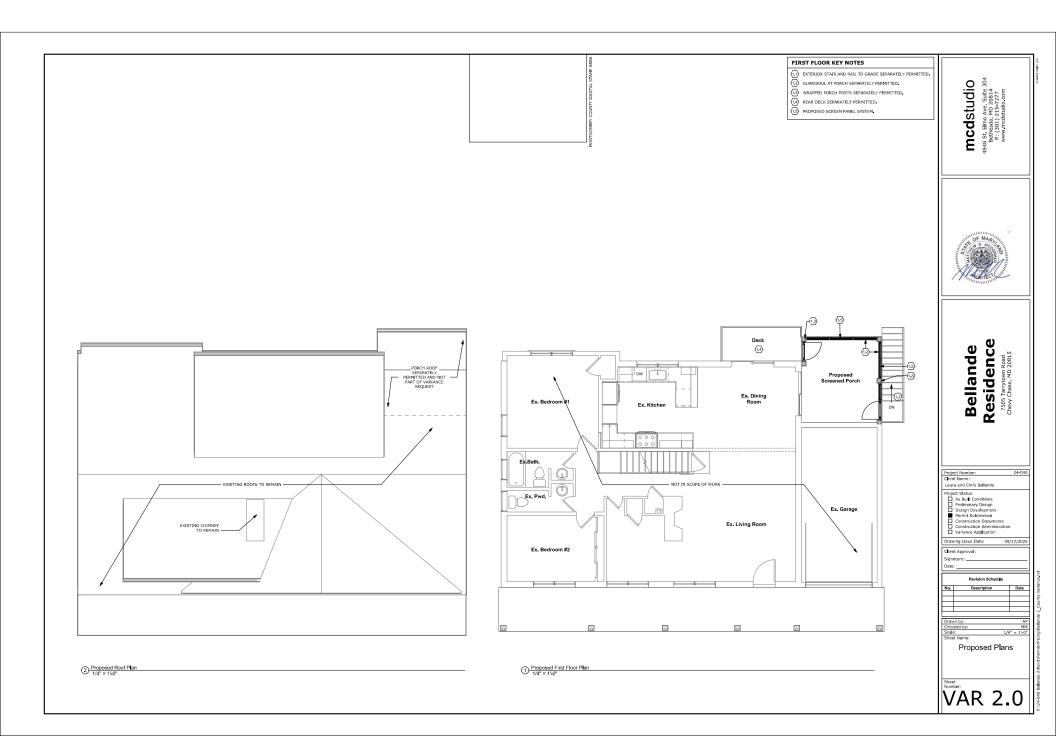














7505 TARRYTOWN ROAD VIEWED FROM RIGHT SIDE YARD TOWARD REAR YARD



7505 TARRYTOWN ROAD VIEWED FROM REAR YARD TOWARD LEFT REAR FACADE

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Bellande Residence

Scale: Drawing Issue Date:

Exhibit 5(f)



7505 TARRYTOWN ROAD - EXISTING ROOF OVER WALKOUT BASEMENT AREA



7505 TARRYTOWN ROAD VIEWED FROM LEFT SIDE OF REAR YARD TOWARD RIGHT

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09/17/2025

Exhibit 5(g)

CASE NO. A-6945

PETITION OF CHRISTOPHER AND LAURA BELLANDE EXHIBIT LIST

1.	Application
2.	List of adjoining/confronting property owners
3.	Statement of Justification
4.	Site Plan
5.	 (a) Existing Elevations (b) Proposed Left Side and Rear Elevations (c) Left and Right View and Proposed Right Side Elevation (d) Roof and First Floor Existing and Demolition Plans (e) Proposed Roof and First Floor Plans (f)-(g) Photographs
6.	DPS Building Permit Denial
7.	Zoning Vicinity Map
8.	(a) Envelope showing date notice mailed(b) Notice of hearing scheduled for November 12, 2025
9. 10.	(a) Envelope showing date notice mailed(b) Notice of new hearing date scheduled for December 10, 2025
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Real Property Data Search ()
Search Result for MONTGOMERY COUNTY

View Map No Ground Rent Redemption on File No Ground Rent Registration on File

Special Tax Recapture: None

Account Number: District - 07 Account Identifier - 00666074

Owner Information

Owner Name: BELLANDE CHRISTOPHER BRUCE Use: RESIDENTIAL

BELLANDE LAURA ROBINS Principal Residence: YES

Mailing Address: 7505 TARRYTOWN RD Deed Reference: /57614/ 00088 CHEVY CHASE MD 20815-

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address: 7505 TARRYTOWN RD Legal Description: TARRYTOWN

CHEVY CHASE 20815-0000

 Map:
 Grid:
 Parcel:
 Neighborhood:
 Subdivision:
 Section:
 Block:
 Lot:
 Assessment Year:
 Plat No:

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 2026
 Plat Ref:

Town: TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE

Primary Structure Built Above Grade Living Area Finished Basement Area Property Land Area County Use

1951 1,572 SF 750 SF 5,068 SF 111

StoriesBasementType ExteriorQualityFull/Half BathGarage Last Notice of Major Improvements

YES STANDARD UNITBRICK/ 6 2 full/ 1 half 1 Attached2022

FRAME

Value Information

Base Value Value **Phase-in Assessments** As of As of As of 01/01/2023 07/01/2026 07/01/2025 Land: 864,800 864,800 Improvements 457,900 457,900 Total: 1,322,700 1,322,700 1.322.700

Preferential Land: 0

Transfer Information

 Seller: PRICE PAULINE F TRUST
 Date: 05/23/2019
 Price: \$1,052,000

 Type: ARMS LENGTH IMPROVED
 Deed1: /57614/ 00088
 Deed2:

 Seller: PRICE PAULINE F
 Date: 08/27/2018
 Price: \$0

 Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER
 Deed1: /56519/ 00442
 Deed2:

 Seller: FAGAN, PAULINE J
 Date: 06/28/1999
 Price: \$0

Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER Deed1: /17236/ 00205 Deed2:

Exemption Information

 Partial Exempt Assessments:
 Class
 07/01/2025
 07/01/2026

 County:
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 0.00

 State:
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 Municipal:
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Special Tax Recapture: None

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Homestead Application Information

Homestead Application Status: Approved 08/21/2019

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Information

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Status: No Application Date:

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