Case No. S-2645

PETITION OF MIGUEL L. CORDOVA

OPINION OF THE BOARD
(Opinion adopted October 5, 2005)
(Effective Date of Opinion: November 9, 2005)

Case No. S-2645 is an application for a special exception for an accessory apartment. The Hearing Examiner for Montgomery County held a hearing on the application on September 2, 2005, closed the record in the Case on September 16, 2005, and on September 22, 2005, issued a report and recommendation for approval of the special exception.

The subject property is Lot 7, and part of Lot 9, Block 101, Section Two of the Garrett Park Villa Subdivision of Garrett, Park, Maryland, located at 11014 Montrose Avenue, in the R-90 Overlay Zone.

Decision of the Board: Special Exception Granted Subject To Conditions Enumerated Below.

The Board of Appeals considered the Hearing Examiner’s Report and Recommendation at its Worksession on October 5, 2005. After careful consideration and review of the record, 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;

2. Based on habitable space in the apartment (of about 250 square feet), no more than two persons may reside in the unit;

3. At least one of the co-owner-Petitioners must occupy one of the dwelling
units on the lot on which the accessory apartment is located;

4. Petitioners must not receive compensation for the occupancy of more than one dwelling unit;

5. If the accessory apartment tenant has more than one vehicle, Petitioners must make at least one of the driveway parking spaces on their property available to the accessory apartment tenant. The tenant may not have more than two vehicles located in the general neighborhood; and

6. 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 Donna L. Barron, seconded by Angelo M. Caputo, with Louise L. Mayer, Wendell M. Holloway and Allison Ishihara Fultz, 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.

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Allison Ishihara Fultz
Chair, Montgomery County Board of Appeals

Entered in the Opinion Book of the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County, Maryland this 9th day of November, 2005.

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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.