

## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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April 29, 2021

Michael Balakirsky 11755 Bragdon Wood Clarksville, MD 21029

RE: WP-21-122, 9909 Carillon Drive

Virtual Meeting Request

Dear Mr. Balakirsky:

This letter is to inform you that your request for alternative compliance to the Howard County Subdivision and Land Development Regulations for the subject property was reviewed.

As of the date of this letter, and pursuant to Section 16.104, the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning considered and **approved** your request for alternative compliance with respect to **Section 16.128(c)(1)** of the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to allow the petitioner to host a virtual presubmission community meeting during the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

The Department of Planning and Zoning hereby determines that you have demonstrated to its satisfaction that strict enforcement of Section 16.128(c)(1) would result in unwarranted hardship. This determination is made with consideration of your alternative compliance application and the four (4) items you were required to address, pursuant to Section 16.104(a)(1):

## 1. Strict conformance with the requirements will deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by others in similar areas.

The State of Emergency prohibits large indoor public gatherings across the State. To allow the continuity of operations and essential functions related to construction, the Department of Planning and Zoning developed guidelines for conducting virtual meetings that must be met for approval of alternative compliance. This alternative process will allow current applicants to submit development plans so they can to enjoy the same rights commonly granted to others wanting to begin the development process when social distancing restrictions are not in effect.

## 2. Uniqueness of the property or topographical conditions would result in practical difficulty; other than economic, or unreasonable hardship from strict adherence to the regulations.

The presubmission community meeting requirement is an administrative procedure required for most developments to begin the development process. Physical conditions of the property are not considered when applying the presubmission community meeting requirements. Therefore, this criterion does not apply.

## 3. The variance will not confer to the applicant a special privilege that would be denied to other applicants.

Alternative compliance to the physical meeting requirement will not confer a special privilege since it is the only means of conducting these meetings during the current State of Emergency and will be needed for all applicants during this time. The pre-submission community will be held through virtual means and DPZ will require that guidelines be met to ensure that all necessary information is provided and accommodations are made to assist people that may need assistance accessing technology.

4. The modification is not detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare, or injurious to other properties.

Conducting a virtual presubmission community meeting will comply with the State of Emergency, allow for social distancing and the policies enacted to protect the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Approval of this Alternative Compliance is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The alternative compliance petition will remain valid as long as the Howard County State of Emergency is in effect.
- 2. The petitioner must comply with the Department of Planning and Zoning's Virtual Presubmission Meeting Guidelines for applying and hosting a virtual public meeting (attached).

Indicate this alternative compliance petition file number, request, section of the regulations, action, conditions of approval, and date on all related plats, and site development plans, and building permits. This alternative compliance will remain valid as long as the Howard County State of Emergency is in effect.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Wellen at (410) 313-2350 or email at <a href="mailto:jwellen@howardcountymd.gov">jwellen@howardcountymd.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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Amy Gowan, Director

Department of Planning and Zoning

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Site Description: 9909 Carillon Dr. property

9909 Carillon Dr. Subdivision Name/Property Identification:

Location of property: 9909 Cariton Dr., Ellicot City, MD 210242

Existing Use: Accessory apartment

Proposed Use: Two-Family dwelling (Conditional Use) Tax Map: 0024 d Grid: 0020 Parcel No: 1004 Election District: 7

Zoning District: R20 Total site area: 24,088

Please list all previously submitted or currently active plans on file with the County (subdivision plans, Board of Appeals petitions, alternative compliance petitions, etc.). If no previous plans have been submitted, please provide a brief history of the site and related information to the request:

Approved Accessory Apartment with PNZ

In the area below, the petitioner shall enumerate the specific numerical section(s) from the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations for which an alternative compliance is being requested and provide a brief summary of the request. Please use the additional page if needed.

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Name of Property Owner:	Michael Balakirsky Name of Petition Preparer: Michael Balakirsky
Address: 11755 Bragdon	a Wood Address: same
City, State, Zip: Clarksville,	MD 21029 City, State, Zip:
E-Mail:	@ gmail. com
Phone No.: (410)3407823	Phone No.: same
Contact Person: Michael Ba	lakirsky Contact Person: Michael Balakirsky

Owner's Authorization Attached