

January 3, 2024

Anne Arundel County
Office of Planning and Zoning
c/o Sterling Seay, Planning Administrator
2664 Riva Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: VARIANCE REQUEST LETTER OF EXPLANATION FOR A TIME EXTENSION VARIANCE #2022-0087-V 1010 YORK LANE, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403

Dear Ms. Seay:

Our clients are requesting a variance to extend the time by which they may maintain the existing variance approval and have permits issued. Without a time extension variance, the current variance approval will expire on January 21, 2024. We request this deadline to be extended by 18 months, to June 21, 2025. As set forth below, good cause exists for the issuance of this extension. The design team has been working through the three-step development process of designing the site as permitted the variance.

## Current Owners 2023-0087-V:

Michael MacWilliams Linda MacWilliams

## **Procedural History:**

The original variance application was heard on July 5, 2022. A decision was rendered on July 21, 2022. The variance was granted on this date. The grading permit has not been submitted for reasons noted below.

## The Need for an Extension:

The owners have required additional time to design the dwelling based on the final footprint and disturbances to slopes as approved by the Administrative Hearing Officer. The owners need to have the house redesigned to meet their needs, without changing the footprint that was approved by the variance. In the interim, there were supply chain issues related to the pandemic that may have made the approved house unbuildable, so design changes were investigated, and the project was put on hold due to the issues related to construction. The grading permit was not submitted due to potential changes to the design based on these factors. The extension is needed to ensure the owners can construct the dwelling that was approved by the variance. It is not possible to have the construction drawings complete and a permit issued by January 21, 2024.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and feel it is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Code. Should you have any questions of comment please feel free to contact our office at (410) 897-9290.

Sincerely,

**Atwell LLC** 

Mike Gillespie

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cc. client, file