

APP. EXHIBIT# 1

CASE: 2024-0152-V

DATE: 11/20/24

November 13, 2024

I, Sarah King, provide the following statement in regards to the application for a permit to build an addition and subsequent application for a variance due to the proposed addition not meeting the setback requirements, that were submitted by the contractor, Percy Lee Sanders, Advantage Contracting Enterprises, LLC (Mr. Sanders), for my property located at 1199 Highview Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409, as documented in Case No. 2024-0152-V, and scheduled for an administrative hearing on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., which I authorize the contractor, Mr. Sanders, to attend on my behalf.

I own the property located at 1199 Highview Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409, which is a split foyer house, and I currently utilize the house as my primary residence. The purpose of the addition is to create a single-level living environment on the main level of the house in order to provide a safer environment for those with certain medical conditions including my own. The addition would extend approximately seven (7) feet from the existing posterior of the house and approximately twenty (20) feet along the existing posterior of the house, and it would include a laundry room, a bathroom with a walk-in shower, and a separate entrance/exit from the rear of the house allowing occupants to enter/exit the house on the ground level using only a few gradually descending wide steps on the existing deck.

Specifically, the proposed addition would mitigate several deficiencies, in the existing house, that contribute to an unsafe environment and are impractical for a single family household. For example, the existing house has several steps leading up to the main front door of the house and, upon entry, a very steep set of six (6) steps up to the main level and six (6) steps down to the basement/lower level, from the foyer. In addition, the existing laundry room is located on the basement/lower level of the home requiring walking up and down the two (2) steep flights of steps for use. Further, there is only one bathroom on the main level and it contains a bathtub with shower combo—a safety issue— instead of a walk-in shower, as in the proposed addition. From a practical standpoint, the existing house is deficient in that there is one bathroom on the main level surrounded by three small bedrooms. In my situation, the bathroom on the main level is shared by myself, my significant other, my adult son and any guests in my home, which creates an awkward living environment at best.

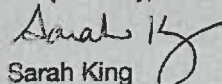
It is my understanding that the proposed addition does not meet the setback requirements, as it will be approximately seventeen (17) feet—instead of twenty (20) feet—from the property line on the side of my home, which is a corner lot house that runs parallel to Skyview Drive. However, the proposed addition would extend from the rear of my house in line with the existing left side, if you are facing the backyard. In addition, the addition would not extend beyond the existing structures (i.e., deck) in either direction (left side or posterior of house).

In consideration that the proposed addition is in line with the existing setback of the house, does not extend beyond existing structures, and would create a safer living environment for myself and others, I request approval of the permit and variance for the proposed addition.

If you have any questions or need additional information from me, please let me know.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

  
Sarah King