

APPLICATION ACCEPTED: September 26, 2011 DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: December 7, 2011

**TIME**: 9:00 a.m.

# County of Fairfax, Virginia

#### November 30, 2011

#### STAFF REPORT

#### SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION NO. SP 2011-SP-088

#### SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT

APPLICANT:

Joshua M. Elliott, II

**OWNERS:** 

Joshua M. Elliott, II Kimberly A. Elliott

LOCATION:

8210 Blairton Road, Springfield, 22152

SUBDIVISION:

Keene Mill Manor

TAX MAP:

79-4 ((2)) 192

LOT SIZE:

11,813 square feet

ZONING:

R-3

**ZONING ORDINANCE PROVISION:** 

8-914

SPECIAL PERMIT PROPOSAL:

To permit reduction of minimum yard requirements

based on error in building location to permit addition to remain 7.4 feet from a side lot line.

A copy of the BZA's Resolution setting forth this decision will be mailed within five (5) days after the decision becomes final.

The approval of this special permit does not interfere with, abrogate or annul any easement, covenants, or other agreements between parties, as they may apply to the property subject to this application.

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Department of Planning and Zoning

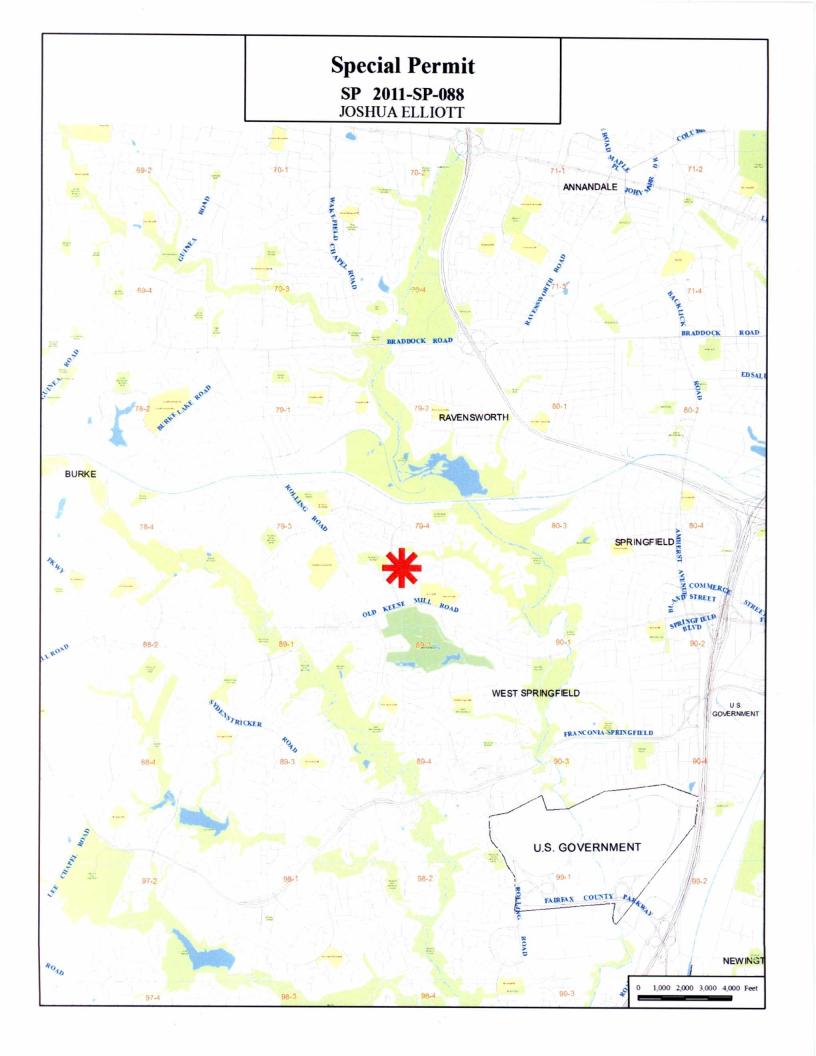
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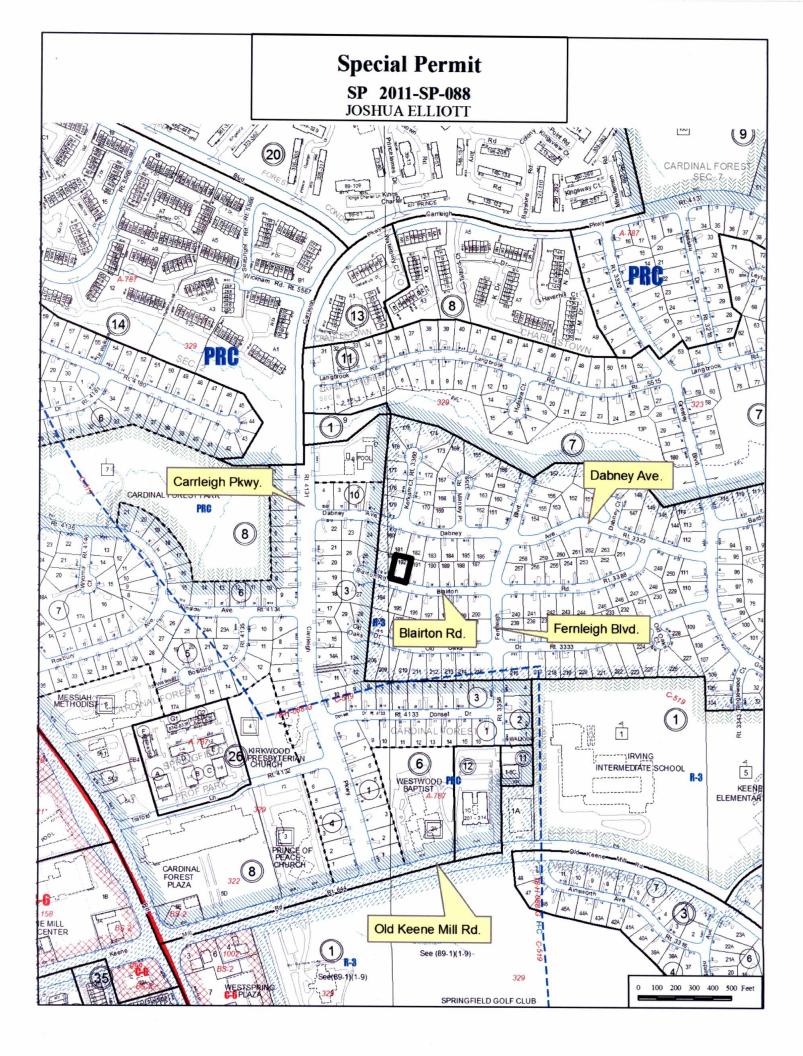
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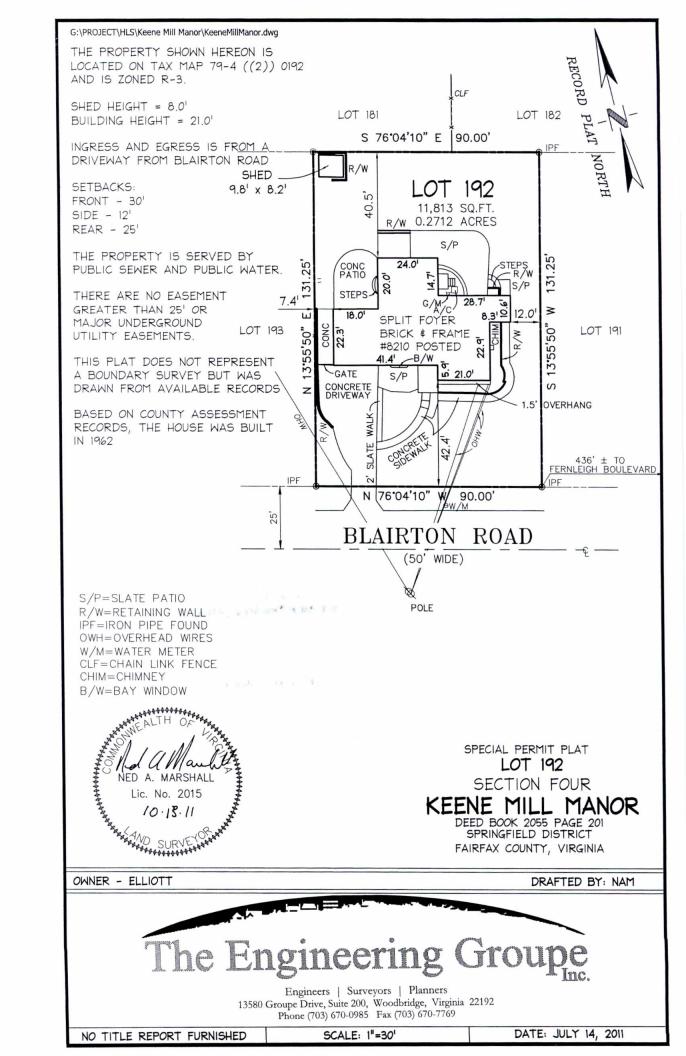
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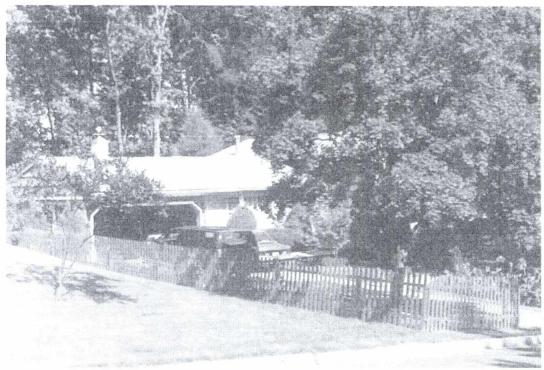


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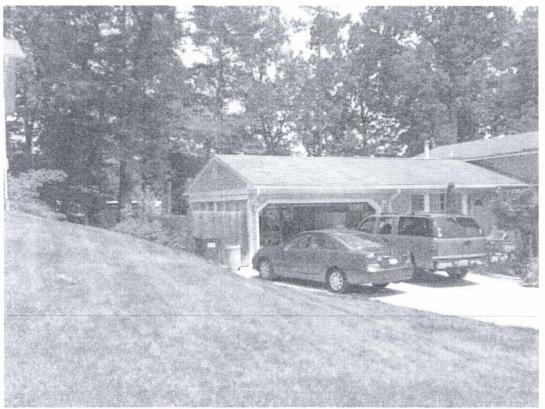




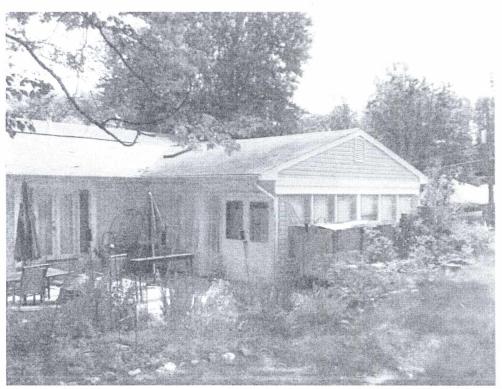




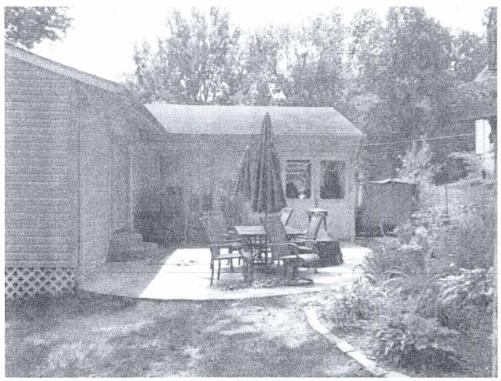
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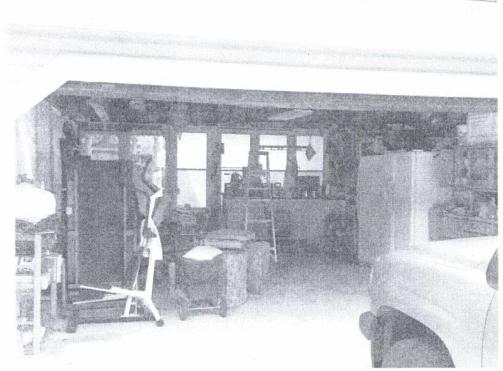
Picture 2: Left, front view of the garage taken July 2011



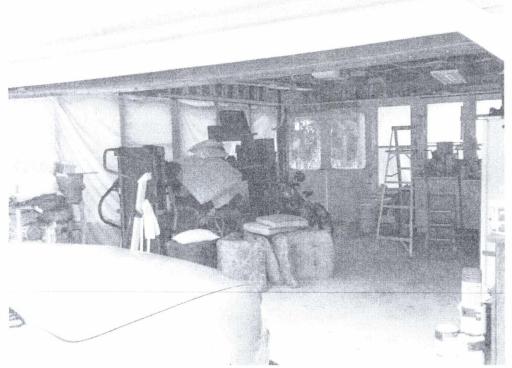
Picture 3: Left, rear view of the garage from the up slope neighbor's yard, July 2011



Picture 4: Rear view of the garage from back neighbor's yard, July 2011



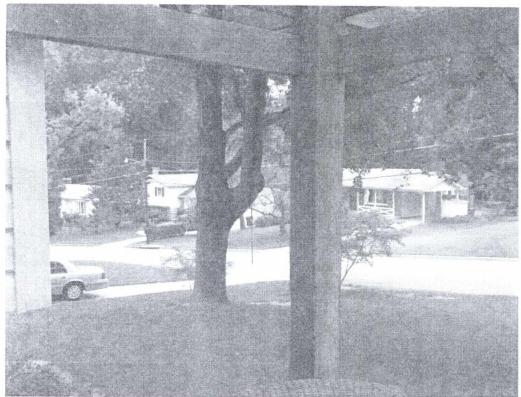
Picture 5: Inside of garage looking towards the original house wall, behind refrigerators \( \sum\_{y} // \)



Picture 6: Inside of garage looking towards the outside of the house. \( \sum\_{\nu/\nu} / \ildot



Picture 7: Sight alignment from uphill neighbor's house July 11



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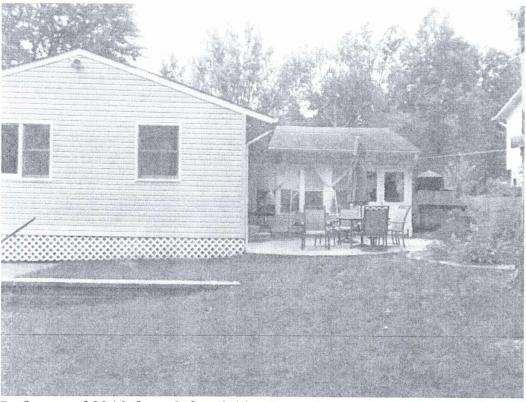
Across the street downhill neighbors from 8210



Across the street uphill neighbors from 8210



Left neighbor's house from left rear of 8210



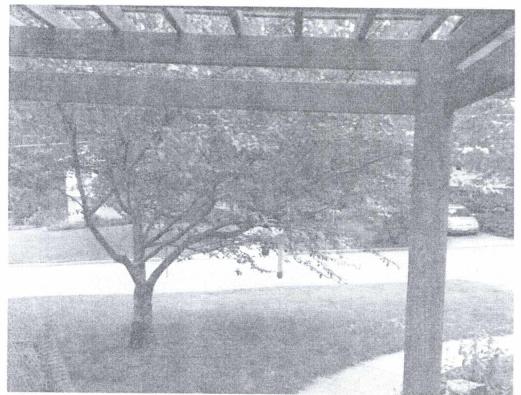
Left rear of 8210 from left neighbor's yard



Right rear of 8210 from right rear neighbor's yard



Right downhill neighbors right side of house



View of across the street from front door



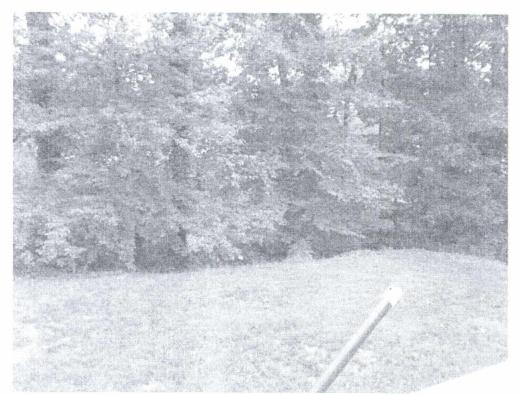
View of house from across the street



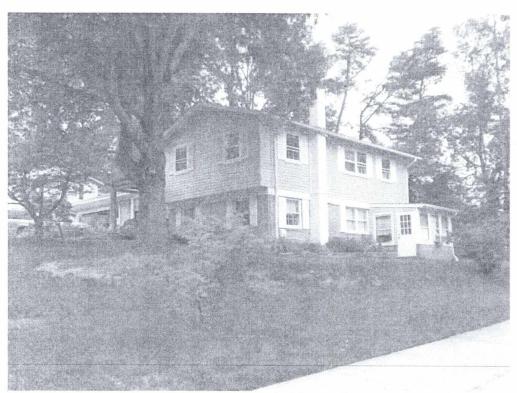
View of left rear neighbor's house from 8210



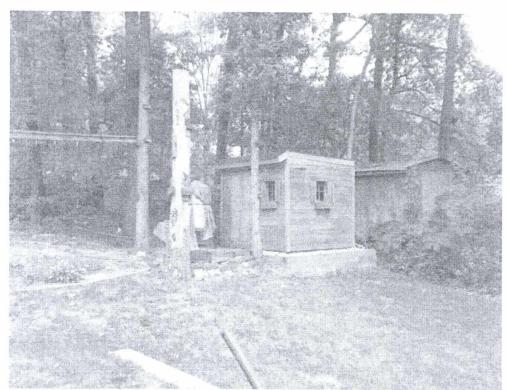
View of neighbor's house from right side of 8210



View of right rear neighbor's house from back of 8210



View of right side of house from neighbor's front yard



View of shed from back of 8210

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICATION**

The applicant is requesting approval of a special permit to permit reduction of minimum yard requirements based on error in building location to permit a garage addition to remain 7.4 feet from the western side lot line.

	Structure	Yard	Min. Yard Req.*	Structure Location	Amount of Error	Percent of Error
Special Permit	Addition	Side	12.0 feet	7.4 feet	4.6 feet	38%

<sup>\*</sup>Minimum Yard Requirement per Section 3-307

#### CHARACTER OF THE AREA

	Zoning	Use	
North	R-3	ingle Family Detached Dwellings	
South	R-3	ingle Family Detached Dwellings	
East	R-3	ingle Family Detached Dwellings	
West	R-3	Single Family Detached Dwellings	

### **Existing Site Description**

The 11,813 square foot lot is developed with a split-foyer, brick and frame, single family detached dwelling constructed in 1962. The site is accessed via a concrete driveway which terminates at an existing garage. An 8.0 foot high shed is located in the northwestern corner of the rear yard. There is some existing mature vegetation located throughout the property consisting of a variety of trees and shrubs, and a manicured lawn.

#### **BACKGROUND**

On August 10, 2011, the applicant was issued a Zoning Ordinance Notice of Violation (NOV) upon inspections of the property on February 22, 2010, April 16, 2010 and June 13, 2011, which revealed 1) an accessory storage structure in the rear yard, which at the time of the initial inspection measured approximately 11 feet in height, and 2) a

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carport enclosure into garage space which was constructed too close to the western side lot line. A copy of the NOV is included as Appendix 4. Since the issuance of the NOV, the applicant has reduced the height of the accessory storage structure to 8.0 feet, which now meets the Zoning Ordinance requirements; therefore, that portion of the NOV has been cleared. Building permits were obtained in 1984 to permit the construction of an open carport and in 1999 for the construction of a one-story addition to the rear of the dwelling. Building permit history is included as Appendix 5.

On September 11, 2011, the applicant was issued a Virginia Uniform Statement Building Code Corrective Work Order (CWO) based on a September 6, 2011, inspection of the property, in addition to the above noted Zoning violation, due to the enclosure of the carport into garage space without the issuance of the required permits, inspections and approvals. A subsequent NOV was issued for the same action. Copies of the CWO and NOV are included as Appendix 6. According to the applicant's statement of justification, relatives of the previous homeowner indicate that the carport was enclosed in approximately 1989. The applicant purchased the property in 2003. In reviewing the Tax Assessment records, the structure has only been taxed since 2000 and therefore does not meet the requirements for vested rights.

The applicant has applied for the applicable building permits since the issuance of the violations; however, is unable to obtain all applicable permits pending the outcome of this special permit request.

A copy of the submitted special permit plat titled "Special Permit Plat, Lot 192, Section Four, Keene Mill Manor" prepared by The Engineering Group, Inc., dated July 14, 2011, as sealed on October 13, 2011, is included at the front of the staff report.

Following the adoption of the current Ordinance, the BZA has heard the following special permit and variance requests in the immediate vicinity of the application parcel:

- Variance 83-S-029 was approved on May 10, 1983 for Tax Map 79-4 ((2)) 185, at 8203 Dabney Avenue, to allow construction of garage addition to dwelling to 9.0 feet from side lot line.
- Variance 93-S-056 was approved on August 5, 1993 for Tax Map 79-4 ((2)) 204, at 8206 Old Oaks Drive, to permit construction of addition 6 feet from side lot line.

#### ZONING ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

- General Special Permit Standards (Sect. 8-006)
- Group 9 Standards (Sect. 8-903)
- Provisions for Approval of Reduction of the Minimum Yard Requirements Based on an Error in Building Location (Sect. 8-914)

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This special permit is subject to Sects. 8-006, 8-903 and 8-914 of the Zoning Ordinance as referenced above, a copy of which is included in Appendix 7. Subject to development conditions, the special permit must meet these standards.

### CONCLUSION

If it is the intent of the BZA to approve this application, the BZA should condition its approval by requiring conformance with the conditions set forth in Appendix 1 of this report, Proposed Development Conditions.

The approval of this special permit does not interfere with, abrogate or annul any easement, covenants, or other agreements between parties, as they may apply to the property subject to this application.

#### **APPENDICES**

- 1. Proposed Development Conditions
- 2. Applicant's Affidavit
- 3. Applicant's Statement of Justification
- 4. Zoning Notice of Violation dated August 10, 2011
- 5. Building Permit History
- 6. Corrective Work Order dated September 11, 2011 and Building Code Notice of Violation dated November 9, 2011
- 7. Zoning Ordinance Provisions

### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS

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- 1. This special permit is approved only for the location of an enclosed garage as shown on the plat prepared by The Engineering Groupe, Inc., dated July 14, 2011 as sealed on October 13, 2011, submitted with this application and is not transferable to other land.
- 2. All applicable permits and final inspections shall be obtained for the garage addition within 180 days of approval of this special permit.

This approval, contingent upon the above-noted conditions, shall not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations or adopted standards.

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NAME (enter first name, middle initial, and last name) Joshua M. Elliott, II	ADDRESS (enter number, street, city, state, and zip code) 8210 Blairton Road, Springfield, VA 22152	RELATIONSHIP(S) (enter applicable relationship) listed in BOLD above) Applicant/Title Owner
Kimberly A. Elliott	8210 Blairton Road, Springfield, VA 22152	Title Owner

(check if applicable) [ ] There are more relationships to be listed and Par. 1(a) is continued on a "Special Permit/Variance Attachment to Par. 1(a)" form.

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<sup>\*</sup> In the case of a condominium, the title owner, contract purchaser, or lessee of 10% or more of the units in the condominium.

<sup>\*\*</sup> List as follows: Name of trustee, Trustee for (name of trust, if applicable), for the benefit of: (state name of each beneficiary).

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2.	That no member of the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, or any member of his or her immediate household owns or has any financial interest in the subject land eith individually, by ownership of stock in a corporation owning such land, or through an interest in a partnership owning such land.	er
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## Special Permit Statement of Justification

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General description of the structure:

The garage structure was originally designed and constructed around 1986 as a carport. According to the relatives of the deceased owners, the carport was enclosed as a garage in the late 1980's, somewhere around 1988 or 1989. In 2003, I bought the house from the owner who built the garage.

I am requesting a permit to keep the existing garage structure at 8210 Blairton Road, Springfield, VA 22152 for the following reasons;

- a. The error of the garage does not exceed ten percent of the area of the house.
- b. The non-compliance with the garage was through no fault of the current property owner faith. I bought the house in 2003 from the owner who built the garage. I bought the house in good faith, believing all structures to be properly and legally zoned. The home inspection and zoning plat did not show irregularities. The tax report showed taxes paid on the garage.
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- d. The garage will not be detrimental to the use and enjoyment of the other properties in the immediate vicinity. I understand the purpose of the zone rule is to prevent crowding. However, the portion of the garage in the twelve foot easement is downhill from the neighboring house. It sits below their windows and is not in the sight line from inside the house, and therefore should not cause a feeling of crowding or encroachment. See picture 7.
- e. Approving a reduction to the minimum yard requirement will not create an unsafe condition with respect to other properties or public streets. The garage has been in place for over 20 years and has no negative effect on the neighbors.
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- g. The reduction will not result in an increase in density or floor area ratio from that permitted by the applicable zoning district regulations.

Based on the reasons above, I request the special permit for the garage structure. As seen in pictures 2 through 6, the garage is an integral part of the house. Since it is down slope of the neighbor's house, it poses no sight blockage or perceived encroachment.

There are no known hazardous or toxic substances as set forth in Title 40, code of federal regulation parts 116.4, 302.4, and 355.

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- e. Approving a reduction to the minimum yard requirement will not create an unsafe condition with respect to other properties or public streets. The garage has been in place for over 20 years and has no negative effect on the neighbors.
- f. To force compliance with the minimum yard requirement would cause unreasonable hardship upon the current owner. Currently, the house is one of the most valuable houses in the surrounding area because of the garage. Dismantling the garage would devalue the house by at least \$30,000, and negatively affect the value of surrounding properties. Additionally, future improvements to the house will not be cost effective.
- g. The reduction will not result in an increase in density or floor area ratio from that permitted by the applicable zoning district regulations.

Based on the reasons above, I request the special permit for the garage structure. As seen in pictures 2 through 6, the garage is an integral part of the house. Since it is down slope of the neighbor's house, it poses no sight blockage or perceived encroachment.



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#### NOTICE OF VIOLATION

DATE OF ISSUANCE: August 10, 2011

## SHERIFF'S LETTER

CASE #: 201000518 SR#: 57746

SERVE:

Joshua M. Elliot

Kimberley A. Elliot 8210 Blairton Rd

Springfield, VA 22152-1805

AUG 2 6 2011

LOCATION

8210 Blairton Rd

OF VIOLATION

Springfield, VA 22152-1805

Tax Map #: 79-4 ((2)) 192

Zoning District: R-3

Zoning Evaluation Division

# Dear Property Owners:

An inspection of the above referenced property on February 22, 2010, April 16, 2010, and again on June 13, 2011 revealed the following violations of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance.

§ 10-104 (10E) Accessory Storage Structure Location § 2-302 (6) Accessory Use must comply with Article 10:

The presence of an accessory storage structure which measured approximately eleven feet (11') in height, is approximately 150 square feet in area and is located approximately three feet (3') and approximately five feet (5') respectively from the side and rear lot lines.

The Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance permits accessory storage structures to be located in minimum required yards; however, if the structure exceeds eight and one-half (8½) feet in height, it must be located on the lot so as to comply with Par. 10E of Sect. 10-104 of the Zoning Ordinance which states:

> An accessory storage structure which exceeds eight and one-half (8 ½) feet in height shall not be located closer than a distance equal to its height to the rear lot line or located closer than a distance

> > Department of Code Compliance

12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 1016 Fairfax, Virginia 22035-5508 Phone 703-324-1300 FAX 703-324-9346 www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code Joshua M. Elliot Kimberley Elliot August 10, 2011 Page 2

equal to the minimum required side yard to the side lot line.

The minimum required side yard distance in the R-3 District is ten feet (10') as detailed in Par. 3-307 (2) B (2) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Therefore, as this accessory storage structure exceeds eight and one-half (8 ½) feet in height and is not located in accordance with the provisions of Par. 10E of Sect. 10-104 above, it is in violation of Par. 10E of Sect. 10-104 and Par. 6 of Sect. 2-302 of the Zoning Ordinance which states:

No accessory structure or use, as defined in Article 20, shall hereafter be built, moved, remodeled, established, altered or enlarged unless such accessory structure or use complies with the provisions of Par. 1 of Article 10.

You are hereby directed to clear this violation within thirty (30) days of the date of this Notice. Compliance can be accomplished by:

- Removing the storage structure from the property in its entirety; or
- Reducing the height of the structure to eight and one-half (8 ½) feet or less to allow it to remain at its present location; or
- Relocating the structure to a distance from the rear and side lot lines (10' from the side property line and a distance comparable to its overall height from the rear property line) in accordance with Par. 10E of Sect. 10-104 of the Zoning Ordinance as outlined above.

As an alternative you may apply to the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and actively pursue and ultimately obtain approval of a Group 9 Special Permit for an error in building location to allow the accessory storage structure to remain at its present height and at its present location. For information and answers to any questions regarding this application process, you may contact the Zoning Evaluation Division at 703-324-1290.

# § 10-104 (1) Accessory Building Attached to the Principal Building § 2-307 (1) Meeting Minimum Bulk Regulations

An investigation of the above referenced property has revealed an accessory structure (enclosed carport/garage) with the following dimensions: approximately 18' feet in width and approximately 22' feet in length, has been connected to the west side of the single family detached dwelling. This addition, thereby, becomes part of the principal building or dwelling as set forth in Par. 1 of Sect. 10-104 of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance, which states:

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any wall or roof construction, it shall be deemed to be a part of the principal building and shall comply in all respects with requirements of this Ordinance applicable to a principal building(s), except as qualified in Sect. 2-412.

This addition is approximately 11' feet from the side lot line. This property is zoned R-3 District and bulk regulations for this district include minimum yard requirements for a single family attached dwelling, which is delineated in Par. 2(A)1 of Sect. 3-307 of the Zoning Ordinance, which states:

#### Minimum yard requirements

- A. Single family dwellings
  - (1) Conventional subdivision lot

(a) Front yard: 30' feet

(b) Side yard: 12' feet

(c) Rear yard: 25' feet

Therefore, since the dwelling with the addition does not meet the minimum side yard requirement for the R-3 District, it is in violation of Par. 2(A)1 of Sect. 3-307 and Par. 1 of Sect. 2-307 of the Zoning Ordinance, which states:

Except as may be qualified by provisions of this Ordinance, no structure or part thereof shall hereafter be built or moved on a lot which does not meet all minimum bulk regulations presented for the zoning district in which the structure is located, and no structure shall hereafter be used, occupied or arranged for use on a lot which does not meet all minimum bulk regulations presented for the zoning district in which such structure is located.

You are hereby directed to clear these violations within thirty (30) days after the date of this notice. Compliance must be accomplished by:

- Removing the addition from the property entirely; or
- Reducing the size of the addition to meet minimum required side yard requirements and obtaining approval for a Building Permit; or
- Returning the structure to its approved use as a carport and complying with Par. 1E of Sect. 2-412 of the Zoning Ordinance, copy enclosed; or
- Making an application for and ultimately obtaining approval of a Group 9 Special Permit from the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) for an error in building

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location to allow the addition to remain at its present location on the property and obtain approval of a Building Permit for the garage addition.

A follow-up inspection will be made at the expiration of the time period outlined in this Notice. Failure to comply with the Notice will result in the initiation of appropriate legal action to gain compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.

You may have the right to appeal this Notice of Zoning Violation within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter in accordance with Sec. 15.2-2311 of the Code of Virginia. This decision shall be final and unappealable if it is not appealed within such thirty (30) days. Should you choose to appeal, the appeal must be filed with the Zoning Administrator and the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) in accordance with Part 3 of Article 18 of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance. Those provisions require the submission of an application form, a written statement setting forth the decision being appealed, the date of decision, the grounds for the appeal, how the appellant is an aggrieved party and any other information that you may wish to submit and a \$600.00 filing fee. Once an appeal application is accepted, it will be scheduled for public hearing and decision before the BZA.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (703)324-1395.

Sincerely,

O, P, Hithugh Charles P. Fitzhugh

Code Compliance Investigator II

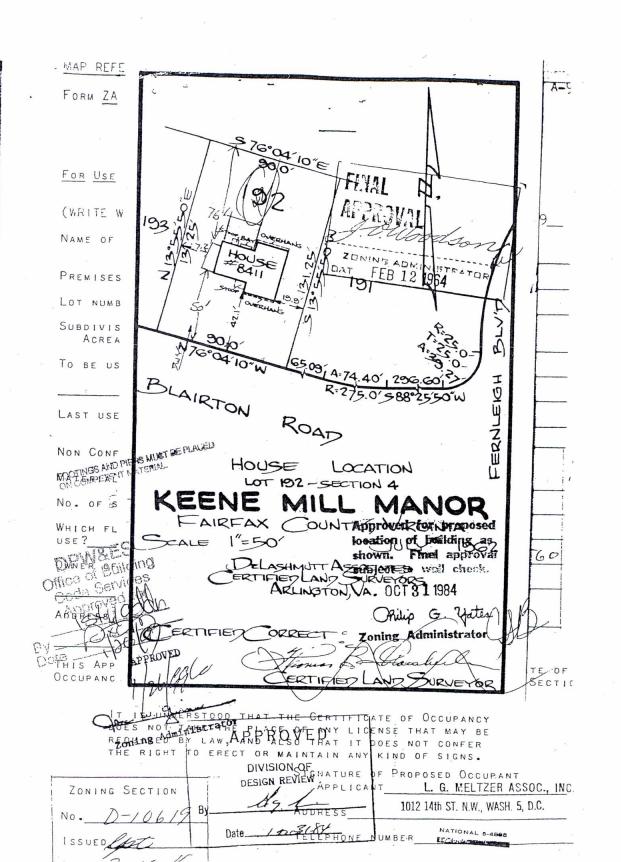
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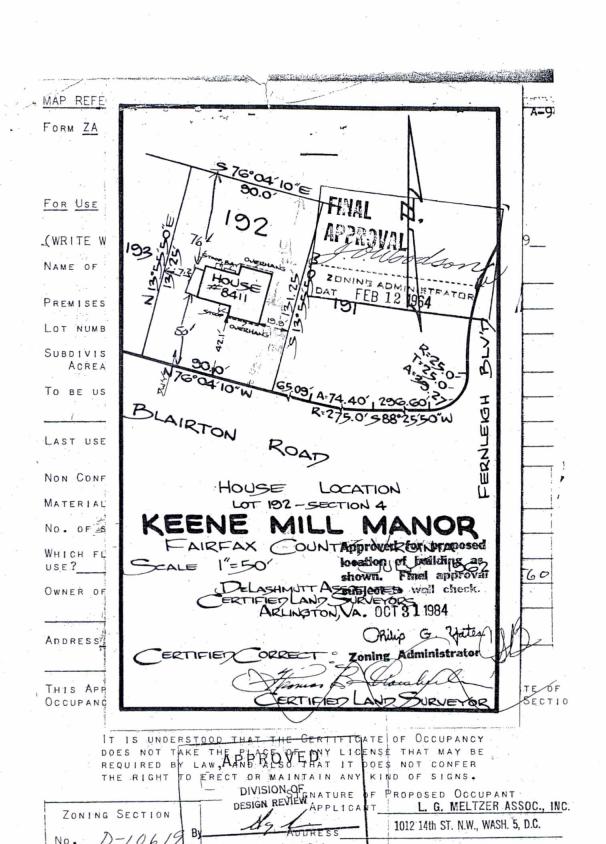
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I hereby certify that I have authority of the owner to make this application, that the information is complete and correct, and that if a permit is issued the construction and/or use will conform to the building code, the zoning ordinance and other applicable laws and regulations including private building restrictions, if any, which relate to the property. He/She and the company or organization named and represented herein is duly registered or exempt from registration in accord with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Code of Winding Virginia.



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# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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# CORRECTIVE WORK ORDER Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code

DATE OF ISSUANCE:

September 11, 2011

METHOD OF SERVICE:

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

LEGAL NOTICE ISSUED TO:

Elliott Joshua M Ii

ADDRESS:

8210 Blairton Road

Springfield, VA 22152

LOCATION OF VIOLATION:

8210 Blairton Road

Springfield, VA 22152-1805

TAX MAP REF:

79-4 ((2)) 0192

CASE #: 201000518 SR#: 66308

In accordance with Part I of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) 2009 Edition, effective March 1, 2011, an inspection on September 06, 2011 revealed a violation or violations as listed below at the referenced location. The cited violation(s) must be corrected within 30 calendar days from receipt of this notice unless otherwise indicated.

**Explanation:** On September 06, 2011, County staff inspected the above referenced premises and discovered that a attached carport has been converted to garage without the issuance of the required permit or permits, inspections, and approvals.

Order: Pursuant to Section 108.1 When applications are required, and Section 113.3 Minimum Inspections, of the USBC, 2009 edition, you are hereby directed to apply for and obtain the required permit or permits inspections and approvals for the work described above or demolition of same at the above referenced address.

Corrective Action Required: Apply for and obtain all necessary County permits for the work described above within 30 calendar days from the date you receive this Order, or obtain a County permit to demolish the work described above within the same timeframe.

1. Schedule and pass the required County inspection(s) for the work described above within 30 calendar days from the date you are issued the required permit or permits for construction or demolition.

- 2. Contact me at (703) 324-9321 within the timeframe established to confirm the violation(s) have been abated.
- 3. Call (703) 222-0455 to schedule all building inspections related to this matter. Please reference CASE #: 201000518.

You are directed to notify Rakesh Kapoor by return correspondence to 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 1016 Fairfax, VA 22035 or telephone call to (703) 324-9321 within three (3) working days from the date you receive this Order, of your election to accept or reject the terms of this Order. Failure to do so shall result in the immediate issuance of a Notice of Violation and the initiation of legal action to bring the above referenced property into compliance with the USBC.

Be advised that any Zoning Ordinance violations contained in a separate Notice of Violation must also be corrected prior to or in conjunction with the issuance of a Building Permit. If removal of unpermitted features (including appliances, cabinets and plumbing fixtures) is required, a separate demolition permit will be required for this work. If you have received a Zoning Notice of Violation, contact the inspector from the Department of Code Compliance at (703) 324-1300 who issued the Notice before coming to the Herrity Building to obtain your permit. When coming to obtain your permit, bring this notice with you.

If you have any questions, would like to schedule an appointment to meet with me, or to schedule a site visit, please contact me directly at (703) 324-9321 or the main office at (703) 324-1300.

Notice Issued By: Rakesh Kapoor

Department of Code Compliance Investigator III

Signature:

CC: Case File

Michelle Brickner, Building Official

Debra McMahon, Chief, Permit Application Center

Paul Lynch, Deputy Building Official



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

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# NOTICE OF VIOLATION Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code

DATE OF ISSUANCE:

November 09, 2011

METHOD OF SERVICE:

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

LEGAL NOTICE ISSUED TO:

Elliott Joshua M Ii

ADDRESS:

8210 Blairton Road Springfield, VA 22152

TAX MAP REF:

79-4 ((2)) 0192

LOCATION OF VIOLATION:

8210 Blairton Road

Springfield, VA 22152-1805

CASE #: 201000518 SR#: 66308

You were issued a Corrective Work Order on September 11, 2011 (copy enclosed) for violations of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) 2009 Edition, effective March 1, 2011. Staff confirmed on November 9, 2011 that the violations itemized below remain.

**Explanation:** On November 09, 2011 County staff inspected the above referenced premises and discovered that a carport has been converted to garage without the issuance of a Building Permit, inspections, and approvals.

Order: Pursuant to Section 108.1 When applications are required, and Section 113.3 Minimum Inspections, of the USBC, 2009 edition, you are hereby directed to apply for and obtain the required permits, inspections, and approvals for the work described above or demolition of same at the above referenced address.

### Corrective Action Required:

- 1. Apply for and obtain all necessary County Permits for the work described above within 30 calendar days from the date you receive this Notice, or obtain a County permit to demolish the work described above within the same timeframe.
- 2. Schedule and pass the required County inspection(s) for the work described above within 45 calendar days from the date you received this notice.
- 3. Contact me at (703)324-9321 within the timeframe established to confirm the violation(s) has/have been abated.

4. Call (703) 222-0455 to schedule all inspections related to this matter. Please reference CASE #: 201000518.

You have the right to appeal this decision within 30 days to the Fairfax County Board of Building and Fire Prevention Code Appeals. Appeal application forms may be obtained by contacting:

Fairfax County Board of Building and Fire Prevention Code Appeals

Attention:

Secretary to the Fairfax County Board of Building and Fire Prevention Code Appeals Office of Building Code Services

Department of Public Works and Environmental Services

12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 444

Fairfax, Va. 22035-5504

Telephone: (703) 324-1780

Failure to submit an application for appeal within the time limit established shall constitute acceptance of the code official's decision. Failure to correct these defects within the time limits specified shall result in enforcement action being taken under the applicable State and County Codes.

Be advised that any Zoning Ordinance violations contained in a separate Notice of Violation must also be corrected prior to or in conjunction with the issuance of a Building Permit. If removal of unpermitted features (including appliances, cabinets and plumbing fixtures) is required, a separate demolition permit will be required for this work. If you have received a Zoning Notice of Violation, contact the Zoning inspector at (703) 324-1300 who issued the Notice before coming to the Herrity Building to obtain your permit. When coming to obtain your permit, bring this notice with you.

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Notice Issued By: Rakesh Kapoor

Department Of Code Compliance Investigator III

Signature:

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Michelle Brickner, Building Official

Debra McMahon, Chief, Permit Application Center

#### 8-006 General Standards

In addition to the specific standards set forth hereinafter with regard to particular special permit uses, all special permit uses shall satisfy the following general standards:

- 1. The proposed use at the specified location shall be in harmony with the adopted comprehensive plan.
- 2. The proposed use shall be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the applicable zoning district regulations.
- 3. The proposed use shall be such that it will be harmonious with and will not adversely affect the use or development of neighboring properties in accordance with the applicable zoning district regulations and the adopted comprehensive plan. The location, size and height of buildings, structures, walls and fences, and the nature and extent of screening, buffering and landscaping shall be such that the use will not hinder or discourage the appropriate development and use of adjacent or nearby land and/or buildings or impair the value thereof.
- 4. The proposed use shall be such that pedestrian and vehicular traffic associated with such use will not be hazardous or conflict with the existing and anticipated traffic in the neighborhood.
- 5. In addition to the standards which may be set forth in this Article for a particular group or use, the BZA shall require landscaping and screening in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.
- Open space shall be provided in an amount equivalent to that specified for the zoning district in which the proposed use is located.
- 7. Adequate utility, drainage, parking, loading and other necessary facilities to serve the proposed use shall be provided. Parking and loading requirements shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article 11.
- 8. Signs shall be regulated by the provisions of Article 12; however, the BZA, under the authority presented in Sect. 007 below, may impose more strict requirements for a given use than those set forth in this Ordinance.

# 8-903 Standards for All Group 9 Uses

In addition to the general standards set forth in Sect. 006 above, all Group 9 special permit uses shall satisfy the following standards:

- 1. All uses shall comply with the lot size and bulk regulations of the zoning district in which located, except as may be qualified below.
- 2. All uses shall comply with the performance standards specified for the zoning district in which located.
- 3. Before establishment, all uses, including modifications or alterations to existing uses, shall be subject to the provisions of Article 17, Site Plans, or other appropriate submission as determined by the Director.

# 8-914 Provisions for Approval of Reduction to the Minimum Yard Requirements Based on Error in Building Location

The BZA may approve a special permit to allow a reduction to the minimum yard requirements for any building existing or partially constructed which does not comply with such requirements applicable at the time such building was erected, but only in accordance with the following provisions:

- 1. Notwithstanding Par. 2 of Sect. 011 above, all applications shall be accompanied by ten (10) copies of a plat and such plat shall be presented on a sheet having a maximum size of 24" x 36", and one 8 ½" x 11" reduction of the plat. Such plat shall be drawn to a designated scale of not less than one inch equals fifty feet (1" = 50"), unless a smaller scale is required to accommodate the development. Such plat shall be certified by a professional engineer, land surveyor, architect, or landscape architect licensed by the State of Virginia and such plat shall contain the following information:
  - A. Boundaries of entire property, with bearings and distances of the perimeter property lines and of each zoning district.
  - B. Total area of the property and of each zoning district in square feet or acres.
  - C. Scale and north arrow, with north, to the extent feasible, oriented to the top of the plat and on all supporting graphics.
  - D. Location of all existing structures, with dimensions, including height of any structure and penthouse, and if known, the construction date(s) of all existing structures.
  - E. All required minimum yards to include front, side and rear, and a graphic depiction of the angle of bulk plane, if applicable, and the distances from all existing structures to lot lines.
  - F. Means of ingress and egress to the property from a public street(s).
  - G. For nonresidential uses, the location of parking spaces, indicating minimum distance from the nearest property line(s).
  - H. If applicable, the location of well and/or septic field.
  - I. For nonresidential uses, a statement setting forth the maximum gross floor area and FAR for all uses.
  - J. Location of all existing utility easements having a width of twenty-five (25) feet or more, and all major underground utility easements regardless of width.
  - K. Seal and signature of professional person certifying the plat.

In addition, the application shall contain a statement of justification explaining how the error in building location occurred and any supportive material such as aerial photographs, Building Permit applications, County assessments records, a copy of the contract to build the structure which is in error, or a statement from a previous owner indicating how the error in building location occurred.

#### 2. The BZA determines that:

- A. The error exceeds ten (10) percent of the measurement involved, and
- B. The noncompliance was done in good faith, or through no fault of the property owner, or was the result of an error in the relocation of the building subsequent to the issuance of a Building Permit, if such was required, and
- C. Such reduction will not impair the purpose and intent of this Ordinance, and
- D. It will not be detrimental to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity, and
- E. It will not create an unsafe condition with respect to both other property and public streets, and
- F. To force compliance with the minimum yard requirements would cause unreasonable hardship upon the owner.
- G. The reduction will not result in an increase in density or floor area ratio from that permitted by the applicable zoning district regulations.
- 3. In granting such a reduction under the provisions of this Section, the BZA shall allow only a reduction necessary to provide reasonable relief and may, as deemed advisable, prescribe such conditions, to include landscaping and screening measures, to assure compliance with the intent of this Ordinance.
- Upon the granting of a reduction for a particular building in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the same shall be deemed to be a lawful building.
- 5. The BZA shall have no power to waive or modify the standards necessary for approval as specified in this Section.