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Anne Arundel County

Office of Planning and Zoning

2664 Riva Road

Annapolis MD. 21401

Attn: Sterling Seay, Zoning Administrator

Reference: 420 Fairhaven Road, Existing Garage to ADU conversion (B02440840)

Requested Variance to the requirements of Art.18-2-204

Letter of Explanation/Justification

Dear Ms. Seay:

We are the consultant for the Property Owners and Applicants, Deborah A. Fischel and Grant P. Nisson, who have owned the subject property since July, 2013. The property and the requested Variance were the subject of Pre-file Application #2025-0107-P

The subject property is an improved 5+ acre Lot containing an existing one-story home which was built in 1972, an existing detached one-story garage, built by a prior owner of the property and two existing sheds. The dwelling and garage are situated well off of the Fairhaven Road frontage and are accessed via a long existing paved driveway. We note that the existing garage has existing gutters and downspouts and that the owners have maintained flexible pipes attached to the downspouts which carry the roof run-off safely across and down the surrounding lawn areas. No erosion was noted and the surrounding lawn areas are well

stabilized. Private well and septic serve the property. The property is <u>not</u> situated in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

When the County recently revised the Code criteria regulating Accessory Dwelling Units, the owners decided that it afforded an excellent opportunity for Mr. Nisson's sister to come and live on the property with her brother and sister-in-law. Plans were prepared for them to file a Building Permit application in order to obtain a permit to construct interior walls and improvements within a 798 sq.ft. portion of the existing 1,210 +- sq.ft. existing garage. The proposed modest interior improvements planned include a single Bedroom, Galley Kitchen, Living Room, Bathroom and closets. The remaining portion of the garage would be used as work area and storage.

The property consists of 5.093 acres and was platted as Lot 15 of Fair Haven Estates, Section 2, in 1971. The property is Zoned RA. As stated, the existing home was constructed in 1972 and is situated 350+- feet from the front property line along Fairhaven Road. The existing detached garage was constructed 327+- feet back from the road after the house was built and prior to 2013 when the current owners (Fischel and Nisson) purchased the property.

During the Zoning review of the Building Permit application, it was noted that the existing garage is situated closer to Fairhaven Road than the existing house is located and therefore the granting of a Zoning Variance to Art.18-2-204 would be required before a Building Permit for the proposed interior improvements in the existing garage could be granted. We have determined that the existing garage sits 23+- feet closer to Fairhaven Road than the existing house. Both structures are situated significantly further away from Fairhaven Road than required and further from the road than the existing structures on the adjacent improved Lots to the east (Lot 13) and west (Lot 16). It is also worth noting that the existing house on Lot 13 to the east, built in 1920, is only approximately 25 feet away from Fairhaven Road. The Lot immediately to the east, Lot 14, is unimproved.

Regarding the location of the existing detached garage, it is our opinion that it was built in that location by a prior owner because that portion of the site was the <u>only</u> suitable area for its construction due to access, grade and topographic conditions and considerations. We further believe that if the garage did not exist

and if its construction were contemplated today, the existing location would still be the best location for it.

Regarding the proposed Garage/ADU Conversion, the subject property meets all of the requirements of Art. 18-10-123.

Regarding the Pre-File review comments dated 11-20-25 (attached), we respond as follows:

Zoning #1. We have added the dimensions of the existing garage to the site plan.

Zoning #2. We have addressed the requirements of Art. 18-16-305 in this letter of explanation/justification.

I&P Engineering #1. We note that the assigned I&P Engineering reviewer of the BP application approved the Site Plan as presented with the BP application B02440840 for the proposed ADU conversion. However, the owner/applicant will amend the Building Permit Site Plan to propose the installation of a 55 gallon Rain Barrel as shown on the Variance Site Plan at each downspout on the existing garage (2 rain barrels total) in order to address this Engineering Variance Pre-file review comment. We again note that the structure exists and is situated outside of the Critical Area and that no new lot cover or disturbance is proposed outside of the existing footprint.

I&P Engineering #2. We understand from the contractor that there are two options to address Fire Suppression requirements. One way would be to upgrade the existing well pump to an on-demand pump which will fit in an existing 4" casing. The other option will be to add a Fire Suppression tank in the remaining unfinished garage area for water storage for suppression. The contractor will formally address this matter during the Permit finalization stage.

Regarding the requirements for Variances cited in Art. 18-16-305 we respond as follows:

18-16-305 (a) (1): The subject property is considerably constrained by topography and forest, plus the locations of existing structures, well and septic disposal areas. The location of the existing garage is the only location for it due to these considerations.

18-16-305 (a) (2): The garage exists in the location shown which is the best and only suitable location on the subject property. Given the all of the site conditions

(topography, forest, existing structues), the Variance requested is the minimum relief necessary to enable the applicant to redevelop the property and avoid the unnecessary hardship which would be caused by attempting relocate the suitably situated existing structure to elsewhere on the property.

18-16-305 (c) (1): The 24 foot Variance requested to vary the setback/location requirements of Art. 18-2-204 in order to allow the existing garage/adu conversion to be made using the existing garage location is the minimum necessary to afford relief. We again note that the existing garage sits 23 feet closer to Fairhaven Road than does the existing house. The existing garage is situated 327 feet off of Fairhaven Road and the existing house is situated 350 feet off of Fairhaven Road. Both the subject existing garage and the existing house are located further away from Fairhaven Road than are the nearest adjacent structures to the west of and to the east of the subject property.

18-16-305 (c) (2): The granting of the requested Variance will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood nor will the grant substantially impair the use or development of any adjacent property nor will the grant be detrimental to the public welfare.

In addition to this Variance Request Letter of Explanation/Justification, we are including with this Variance application submission for your review a copy of the Site Plan, the Current Deed L26458,F374, and SDAT listings for all properties within 300 feet of the subject property. We are not including the "Individual Single Family Dwelling (SFD) Engineering Review Checklist" because there is no exterior work proposed and because the lawn area surrounding the existing garage is stable and exhibits no grade or drainage problems. Photos taken by the owner included herewith show the condition of the areas around the existing structure.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and please let us know if you have any questions or comments regarding the subject existing garage to ADU conversion.

Sincerely, Amal, Burn

Douglas D. Bourquin



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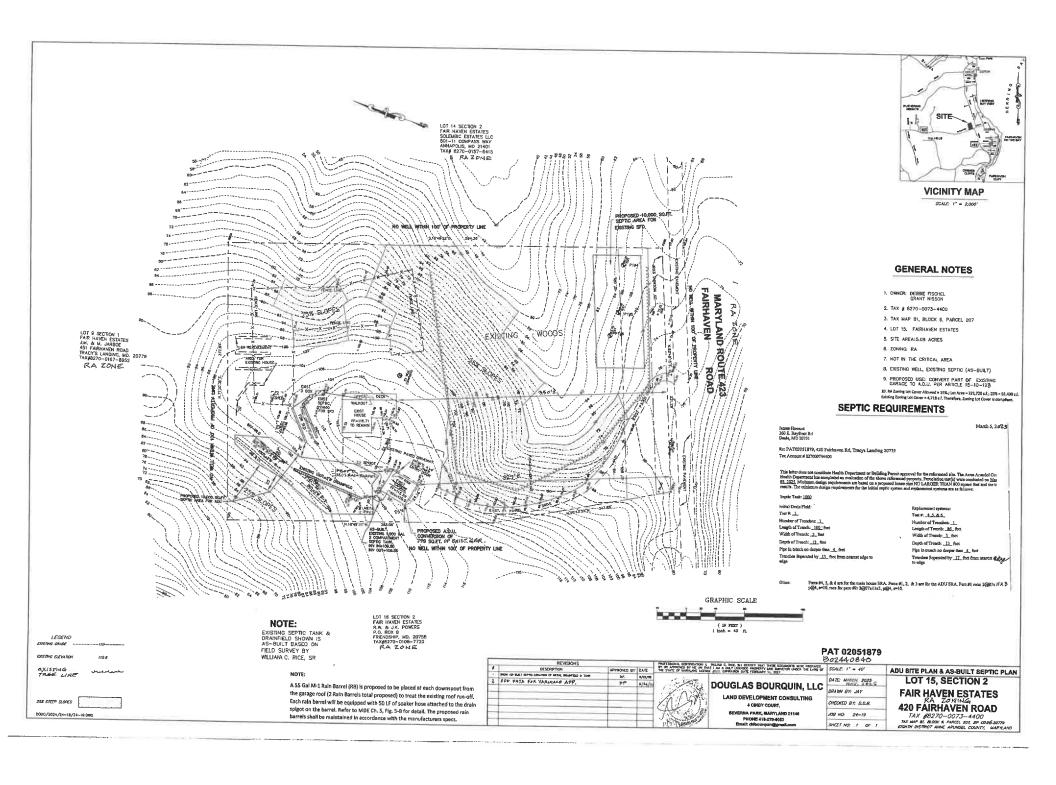
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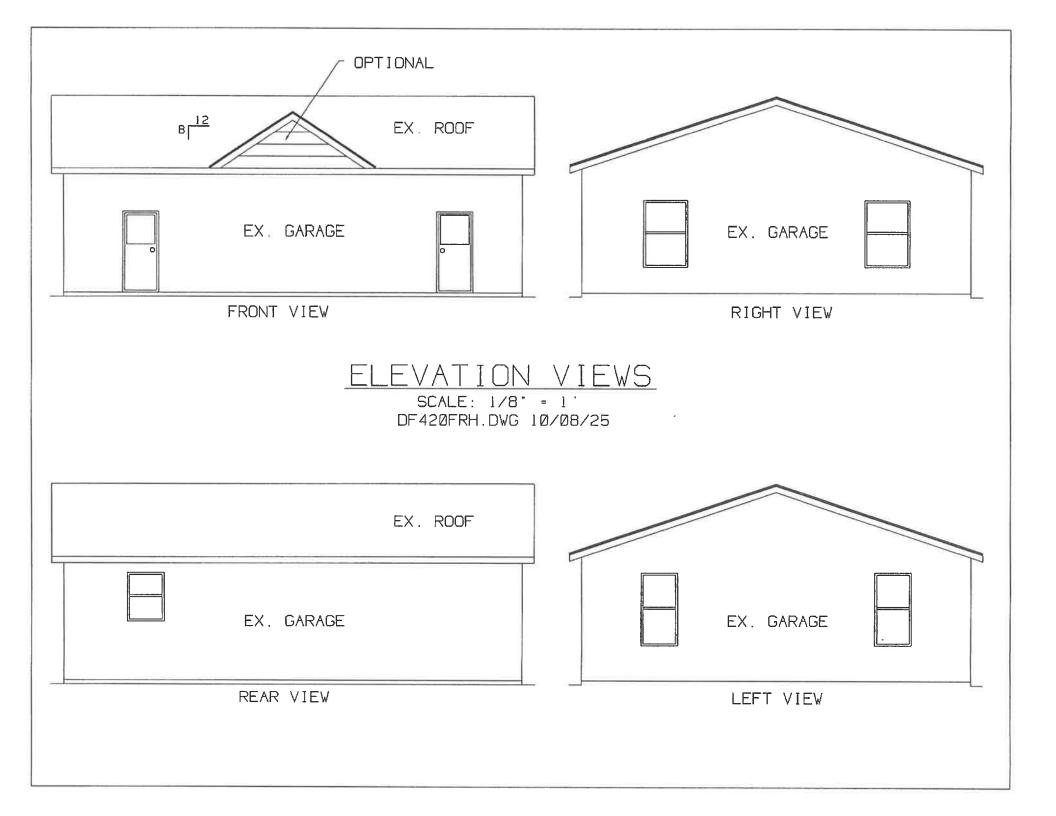
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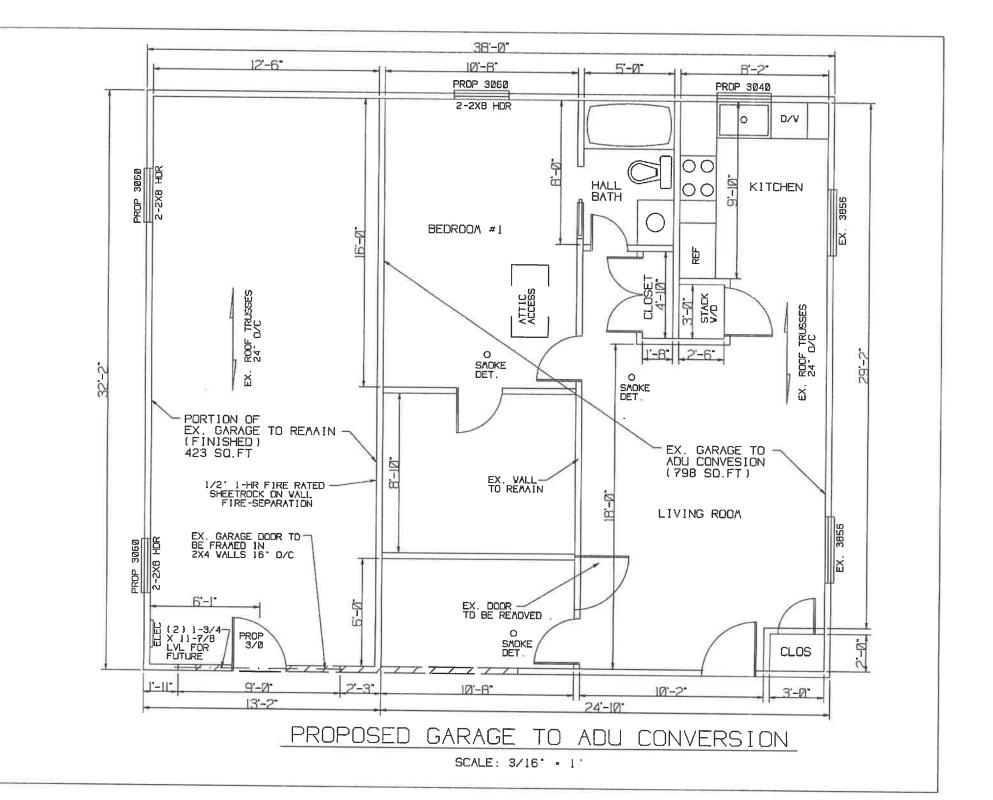
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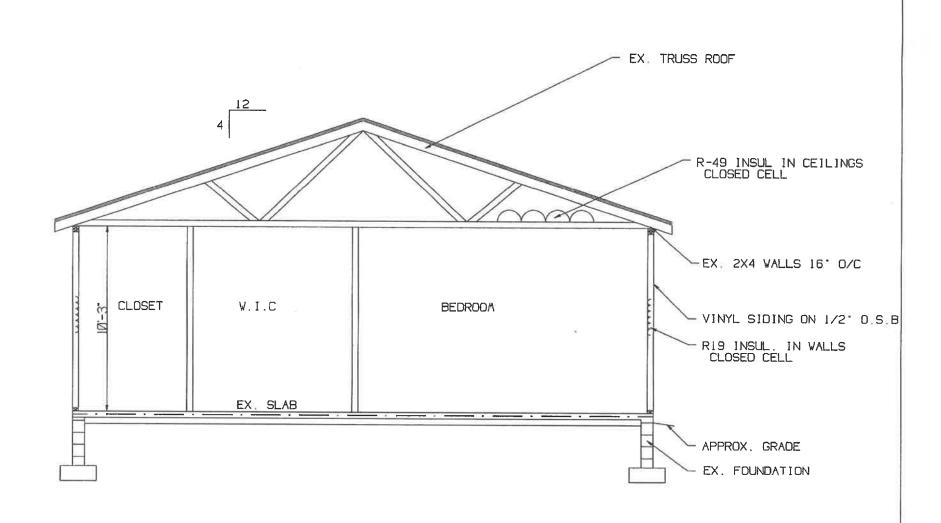
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GARAGE SECTION VIEW

SCALE: 3/16. - 1.

NOTE: GARAGE SLAB GRADE TO BE HIGHER THAN EXT. GRADE Bill No. 25-24 Page No. 12

daylight, or other approved means. No areaway drain may discharge into a subsoil drain. 1 2

Drains serving areaways not exceeding 100 square feet shall have a minimum 2-inch

- diameter pipe. Areaway drains exceeding 100 square feet but not exceeding 1,000 square
- feet shall be provided with a minimum 3-inch diameter pipe. Areaway drains exceeding 5
 - 1,000 square feet shall be sized in accordance with the [[2018]] 2021 International Plumbing

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[[R405.1.5]] R405.3.3 Foundation weep holes. Where subsoil drains are required by section [[R405.1.1]] R405.3, foundations of hollow core masonry shall have foundation weep holes. Weep holes shall be placed a maximum of 4 foot O/C intervals and shall discharge into the aggregate of the interior subsoil drainage system."

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(23) IN SECTION R408.8, STRIKE "IN CLIMATE ZONES 1A, 2A AND 3A BELOW THE WARM-HUMID LINE," AND CAPITALIZE "A".

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(25) IN SECTION N1101.13.5, AFTER ITEM 3, INSERT:

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"4. FOR BUILDINGS COMPLYING WITH SECTION N1102.1.3.1, THE STRUCTURE SHALL ALSO COMPLY WITH THE ADDITIONAL ENERGY FEATURES IN SECTION N1108.3."

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(26) AFTER SECTION N1102.1.3, INSERT:

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"N1102.1.3.1 MARYLAND ALTERNATIVE R-VALUE. ASSEMBLIES WITH R-VALUE OF INSULATION MATERIALS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THAT SPECIFIED IN TABLE N1102.1.3.1 SHALL BE AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE U-FACTOR IN TABLE N1102.1.2 WHEN COMBINED WITH SECTION N1108.3. THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION N1108.2.1 SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE BASE MODEL HOUSE TO ESTABLISH THE REFERENCE BASE DESIGN ESTABLISHING ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

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MD ALTERNATIVE INSULATION MINIMUM R-VALUES AND FENESTRATION REQUIREMENTS BY COMPONENT A

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CI = CONTINUOUS INSULATION.

A. R.-VALUES ARE MINIMUMS. U-FACTORS AND SHGC ARE MAXIMUMS. WHERE INSULATION IS INSTALLED IN A CAVITY THAT IS LESS THAN THE LABEL OR DESIGN THICKNESS OF THE INSULATION, THE INSTALLED R-VALUE OF THE INSULATION SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN THE R-VALUE SPECIFIED IN THE TABLE.

B. THE FENESTRATION U-FACTOR COLUMN EXCLUDES SKYLIGHTS. THE SHGC COLUMN APPLIES TO ALL GLAZED FENESTRATIONS. EXCEPTION: IN CLIMATE ZONES 0 THROUGH 3, SKYLIGHTS SHALL BE PERMITTED TO BE EXCLUDED FROM GLAZED FENESTRATION SHGC REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED THAT THE SHGC FOR SUCH SKYLIGHTS DOES NOT EXCEED

c. "10Cl OR 13" MEANS R-10 CONTINUOUS INSULATION (CI) ON THE INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR SURFACE OF THE WALL OR R-13 CAVITY INSULATION ON THE INTERIOR SIDE OF THE WALL. "15CI OR 19 OR 13 & 5CI" MEANS R-15 CONTINUOUS INSULATION (CI) ON THE D. R-5 INSULATION SHALL BE PROVIDED UNDER THE FULL SLAB AREA OF A HEATED SLAB IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIRED SLAB EDGE INSULATION R-VALUE FOR SLABS. AS INDICATED IN THE TABLE. THE SLAB-EDGE INSULATION FOR HEATED SLABS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO EXTEND BELOW THE SLAB.

E. THERE ARE NO SHGC REQUIREMENTS IN THE MARINE ZONE.

F. BASEMENT WALL INSULATION IS NOT REQUIRED IN WARM HUMID LOCATIONS AS DEFINED BY FIGURE R301.1 AND TABLE R301.1.

G. THE FIRST VALUE IS CAVITY INSULATION; THE SECOND.-VALUE IS CONTINUOUS INSULATION. THEREFORE, AS AN EXAMPLE, "13 & 5" MEANS R-13 CAVITY INSULATION PLUS R-5 CONTINUOUS INSULATION.

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LA MAXIMUM U-FACTOR OF 0.32 SHALL APPLY IN CLIMATE ZONES 3 THROUGH 8 TO VERTICAL FENESTRATION PRODUCTS INSTALLED IN BUILDINGS LOCATED EITHER:

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² IN WINDBORNE DEBRIS REGIONS WHERE PROTECTION OF OPENINGS IS REQUIRED BY SECTION R301.2.1.2 OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE."

- (27) IN SECTION NI 102.2.1, AFTER "NI 102.1.3", INSERT "OR SECTION NI 102.1.3.1".
- (28) IN SECTION NI 102.2.2, AFTER "NI 102.1.3", INSERT "OR SECTION NI 102.1.3.1".
- (29) AFTER SECTION N1108.2.5, INSERT:

"N1108.3 MARYLAND ALTERNATIVE ADDITIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY PACKAGE OPTIONS. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE APPLIED AS PART OF THE PRESCRIPTIVE COMPLIANCE PATH OF SECTION N1102.1.3.1. ADDITIONAL ENERGY EFFICIENCIES FROM TABLE N1108.3 MUST BE SELECTED TO MEET OR EXCEED A MINIMUM PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF 6%.

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	ENERGY FEATURE	PERCENTAGE INCREASE FOR CLIMATE ZONE 4
1	≥ 2.5% REDUCTION IN TOTAL UA 5	1%
_ 2	≥ 5% REDUCTION IN TOTAL UA 5	2%
3	> 7.5% REDUCTION IN TOTAL UA 5	2%
4	0.22 U-FACTOR WINDOWS 5	3%
5	HIGH PERFORMANCE COOLING SYSTEM (GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 18 SEER AND 14 EER AIR CONDITIONER) ²	
6	HIGH PERFORMANCE COOLING SYSTEM (GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 16 SEER AND 12 EER AIR CONDITIONER) ²	3%
7	HIGH PERFORMANCE GAS FURNACE (GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 96 AFUE NATURAL GAS FURNACE) ²	5%
8	HIGH PERFORMANCE GAS FURNACE (GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 92 AFUE NATURAL GAS FURNACE) ²	4%
9	HIGH PERFORMANCE HEAT PUMP SYSTEM (GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 10 HSPF/18 SEER AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP.) ²	6%

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-	HIGH PERFORMANCE HEAT PUMP SYSTEM (GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 9 HSPF/16 SEER AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP.) ²	3%
	GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP (GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 3.5 COP GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP.) ²	0%
	FOSSIL FUEL SERVICE WATER HEATING SYSTEM (GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 82 EF FOSSIL FUEL SERVICE WATER-HEATING SYSTEM.)	370
1	HIGH PERFORMANCE HEAT PUMP WATER HEATING SYSTEM OPTION (GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 2.9 UEF ELECTRIC SERVICE WATER-HEATING SYSTEM.)	8%
1	HIGH PERFORMANCE HEAT PUMP WATER HEATING SYSTEM. (GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 3.2 UEF ELECTRIC SERVICE WATER-HEATING SYSTEM.)	8%
1:	0.4 SOLAR FRACTION SOLAR WATER-HEATING SYSTEM)	6%
16	MORE EFFICIENT HVAC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. (100 PERCENT OF DUCTLESS THERMAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OR HYDRONIC THERMAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM LOCATED COMPLETELY INSIDE THE BUILDING THERMAL ENVELOPE.)	10%
17	100% OF DUCTS IN CONDITIONED SPACE. (100 PERCENT OF DUCT THERMAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM LOCATED IN CONDITIONED SPACE AS DEFINED BY SECTION R403.3.2.)	12%
18	REDUCED TOTAL DUCT LEAKAGE. (WHEN DUCTS ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE CONDITIONED SPACE, THE TOTAL LEAKAGE OF THE DUCTS, MEASURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH R403.3.5, SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: A. WHERE AIR HANDLER IS INSTALLED AT THE TIME OF TESTING, 2.0 CUBIC FEET PER MINUTE PER 100 SQUARE FEET OF CONDITIONED FLOOR AREA. B. WHERE AIR HANDLER IS NOT INSTALLED AT THE TIME OF TESTING, 1.75 CUBIC FEET PER MINUTE PER 100 SQUARE FEET OF CONDITIONED FLOOR AREA.)	1%
	INSTALLED.) 3 RECOVERT VENTILATOR (HRV)	10%
20	CODE.)4	1%
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1. ENERGY EFFICIENCY PERCENTAGE INCREASES AS ESTABLISHED BY PNNL.
2. FOR MULTIPLE COOLING SYSTEMS, ALL SYSTEMS SHALL MEET OR EXCEED THE MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS IN THIS SECTION AND SHALL BE SIZED TO SERVE 100 PERCENT OF THE COOLING DESIGN LOAD. FOR MULTIPLE HEATING SYSTEMS, ALL SYSTEMS SHALL MEET OR EXCEED THE MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS IN THIS SECTION AND SHALL BE SIZED TO SERVE 100 PERCENT OF THE HEATING DESIGN LOAD. INCREASES TO MINIMUM EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS ARE LIMITED TO ONE SELECTION.
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4 RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES SHALL BE PERMANENTLY INSTALLED THAT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO PRODUCE A MINIMUM OF 1.0 WATT OF ON-SITE RENEWABLE ENERGY PER SQUARE FOOT OF CONDITIONED FLOOR AREA. THE INSTALLED CAPACITY SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY ONSITE RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIRED BY SECTION R404.4. TO QUALIFY FOR THIS OPTION, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF DOCUMENTATION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE CODE OFFICIAL:

A SUBSTANTIATION THAT THE RECS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ON-SITE RENEWABLE ENERGY ARE OWNED BY, OR RETIRED ON BEHALF OF, THE HOMEOWNER.

B. A CONTRACT THAT CONVEYS TO THE HOMEOWNER THE RECS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ON-SITE RENEWABLE ENERGY OR CONVEYS TO THE HOMEOWNER AN EQUIVALENT QUANTITY OF RECS ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER RENEWABLE ENERGY.

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- (31) In section M1307.5, strike "Chapters 14, 15, 19, 20, and 34 through 43 of this Code" and substitute "the National Electrical Code, [[2017]] 2020 edition".
 - (32) STRIKE SECTION G2417.4.1 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTE:

"G2417.4.1 (406.4.1) TEST PRESSURE. THE TEST PRESSURE TO BE USED SHALL BE 20 PSIG (138 KPA GAUGE). A TAG SHALL BE AFFIXED TO THE GAUGE LISTING THE TIME AND DATE THE TEST WAS STARTED."

(33) AFTER SECTION P2602.2, INSERT:

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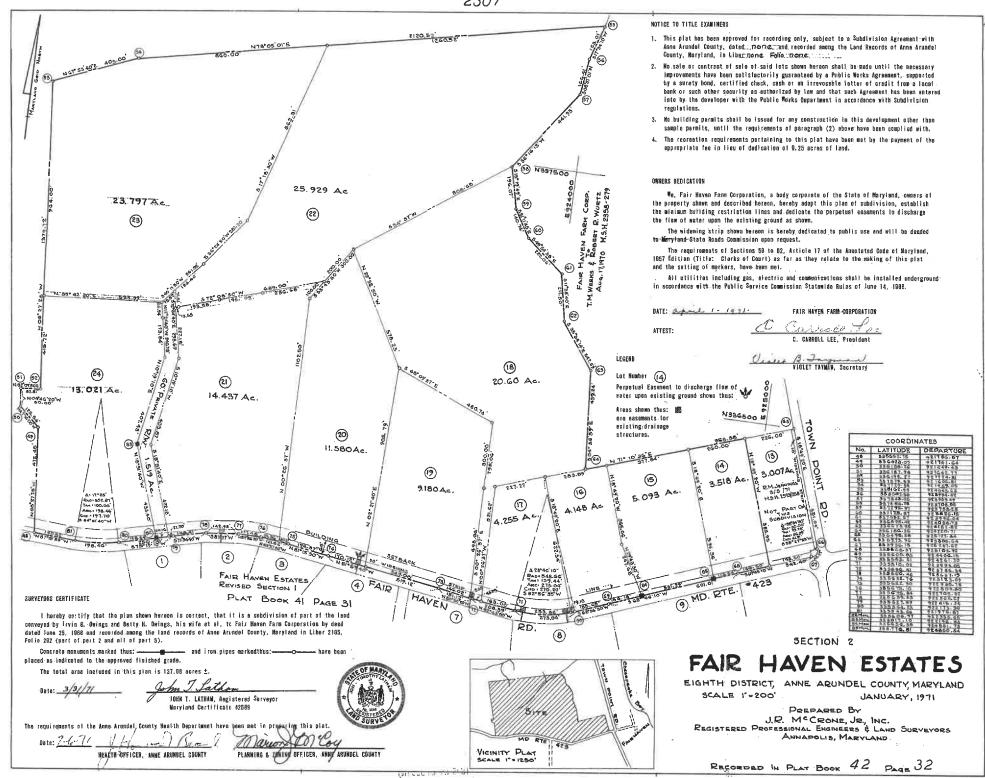
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Tonii Gedin, RN, DNP Health Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Sadé Medina, Zoning Applications

Planning and Zoning Department, MS-6301

FROM:

Brian Chew, Program Manager

Bureau of Environmental Health

DATE:

November 24, 2025

RE:

Deborah A. Fischel 420 Fairhaven Road

Tracys Landing, MD 20779

NUMBER:

2025-0233-V

SUBJECT:

Variance/Special Exception/Rezoning

The Health Department has reviewed the above referenced variance to allow an accessory structure (detached garage partial conversion to ADU) in the front yard of a nonwaterfront lot with less setbacks than required.

The Health Department has reviewed the on-site sewage disposal and well water supply system for the above referenced property. The Health Department has determined that the proposed request does not adversely affect the on-site sewage disposal and well water supply systems. The Health Department has no objection to the above referenced request.

If you have further questions or comments, please contact Brian Chew at 410-222-7413.

cc:

Sterling Seay





