

Tax Map/Block/Parcel  
No. 10-17-110

Building Permit/Zoning  
Certificate No. 00-3010

Case 4554

**OFFICIAL DECISION  
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**APPLICANT:** Ralph G. Shipley  
4126 Francis Scott Key Highway  
Taneytown, Maryland 21787

**ATTORNEY:** N/A

**REQUEST:** An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision denying a variance to allow a portable carport to remain at its current location, and an application for a variance to allow a portable carport.

**LOCATION:** The site is located at 4126 Francis Scott Key Highway, Taneytown, MD 21787, on property zoned "A" Agricultural District in Election District 1.

**BASIS:** Article 4, Section 4.12; Article 17, Section 17.2(c); Zoning Ordinance 1E

**HEARING HELD:** January 29, 2001

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION**

On January 29, 2001, the Board of Zoning Appeals (the Board) convened to hear the application for an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision denying a variance to allow a portable carport to remain at its current location, and an application for a variance to allow a portable carport.

In the subject neighborhood, there are seven houses built in a row on one-acre lots located in an Agricultural District. The Applicant's home is located in the middle of these seven homes. Six of the homes have two car garages and his home only has a single car garage. In July 2000, the Applicant erected a carport. After an inspection by a County building inspector, it was discovered that Mr. Shipley's carport was too close to the property line. As a result, an application for a variance was made. The carport consists of four aluminum poles with a canopy. It would be cost prohibitive and a great hardship for Mr. Shipley to have the carport installed on another location of his property, since a blacktop driveway already existed on the property. The single car garage that exists on Mr. Shipley's property is used for equipment storage and not for vehicles. There is no other feasible location on the property for the carport.

Accordingly, the request for a variance is granted.

2-28-01  
Date

Ronald F. Hoff  
Ronald F. Hoff, Chairman