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**Peter L. Beilenson, M.D., M.P.H., Health Officer**

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DATE: September 4, 2012

TO: BEN-KIL CONSTRUCTION  
C/O DONALD SHANNON, Via-e-mail: [SHANND1218@COMCAST.NET](mailto:SHANND1218@COMCAST.NET)

RE: **Building Permit # B12002833**  
**10809 Hunting Lane, Columbia, Maryland 21044**


Mr. Shannon,

Our records indicate that percolation testing has occurred on your client's property and a septic system is installed to accommodate the existing dwelling. Our records do not contain complete soil profiles or a percolation certification plan. In order to process your building permit, your file must contain complete soil profiles and a percolation certification plan.

The Howard County Code (sec.3.0808) requires a Percolation Certification Plan for an increase in living space of 250sq.ft. This plan delineates the existing septic reserve area and reflects any proposed changes to the property. Requirements for this plan can be found on our web site: [www.hchealth.org](http://www.hchealth.org). Prior to building permit approval, an approved Percolation Certification Plan is required. Once you have submitted your Percolation Certification Plan and it is approved, it can serve as your building plan.

In addition, floor plans for the proposed addition (garage) and for the existing house must be submitted for review. A revised building plan showing the exact location of the existing structures such as wells, septic easements, septic reserve areas, and other septic system components such as septic tank, dry wells and distribution boxes.

Because you are only requesting to build a garage which may not affect the area required to support the existing dwelling, I am recommending that you apply for a variance to request a waiver for the percolation certification plan and percolation testing. This variance will only be accepted if your floor plans **do not** show an increase in your living space requiring an upgrade to your septic system. If you need any additional guidance please don't hesitate to give me call. Your building permit will be placed "on hold" until all Health Dept. requirements are met. If you have any questions or correspondence, I can be reached at the above address or by telephone at (410) 313-2775.

Respectfully,  
  
Dana Bernard, REHS/RS  
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cc: Well & Septic program file  
Homeowner: Edward Williams,  
Columbia, Maryland 21044



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**Maura J. Rossman, M.D., Acting Health Officer**

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November 20, 2012

Mr. Ed Williams  
10809 Hunting Lane  
Columbia, MD 21044

**RE: Variance Approval**  
10809 Hunting Lane  
Columbia, MD 21044

Mr. Williams:

This letter is being issued in response to your variance request dated September 11, 2012. This agency will grant **approval** of the waiver to the required Percolation Certification Plan as required by the *Howard County Code, Subtitle 8, Section 3.805*. The waiver has been approved on the basis that the proposed addition to the existing garage does not impact the repair area available for future on-site sewage disposal because the area of the addition falls within the one hundred foot setback to the well for an on-site sewage disposal system.

Please be advised that any future addition may require percolation testing and a Percolation Certification Plan will be required. Any deviations from the site plan submitted with the request will be subject to further review by this Department.

Any questions regarding this decision may be directed to the Well and Septic Program of the Howard County Health Department.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Davis, R.S.

Assistant Director

Bureau of Environmental Health

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September 11, 2012

Mike Davis:

RE: General Variance Request

As the owner of 10809 Hunting Lane Columbia, MD 21044, I am requesting a waiver for a Percolation Certification Plan and Percolation Testing to support building permit #B12002833 to allow the construction of a garage. The garage does not infringe on any required setbacks for the well or the septic system. The garage will not create any new living space therefore; accommodation for the existing septic system is not needed. Exhibits are attached showing the placement of the garage. The exhibits also contain floor plans for the existing house and proposed addition.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ed Williams  
10809 Hunting Lane  
Columbia, MD 21044