

Re: Galiber Residence – Addition Renovation  
1001 Aster Blvd.  
Rockville, MD 20850



**Project Description:**

My mother passed away when I was 21 years old. My aunt, having no children of her own, stepped into that maternal role following my mother's death. She is now 76 years old and living on her own in North Carolina. My husband and I always knew that we would take care of my aunt when she got older. Following a health scare and surgery last year, we knew that it was time for her to move to Maryland to stay with us. Last year, my husband and I started the search for a new home. With the new addition of our son, and the prospect of my aunt coming to live with us, our family had outgrown our townhouse. Ultimately, we chose our current residence because it will accommodate all of us.

When we purchased our house, it already had an addition with a second kitchen and living area. My aunt would like to renovate the addition to make it more comfortable and accommodate her needs. The renovations will be within the current footprint and there are no plans to expand the space. The addition already has a separate entrance in the back of the house that will remain 'as is'. My aunt does drive but the property has a second driveway for her vehicle. Aside from minor window alterations to allow for more light, there will be no visual impact on the existing exterior of the house and yard.

My aunt hired an architect to ensure that the project will be code compliant. The space will include one bedroom, 1.5 bathrooms, a kitchenette and a sitting room. The kitchenette will include a sink, small microwave and small refrigerator. For the convenience of my aunt, we would like to include a small gas range. The diminutive size of the kitchenette and its appliances indicates that food preparation in the addition will be minimal. We are asking for a special exception to allow for the installation of the range as a convenience for my aunt.

The majority of my neighbors have already met my aunt, are aware of our plans and excited to have her join the community. The space to accommodate her already exists in the house and we are just taking steps to make the space legal. To that end, we hope you grant this special exception.

**Scope of Work:**

Interior renovation of an existing 500 sf accessory dwelling above 2 car garage. Demolition of existing interior partitions, fixtures, and equipment including kitchen. New Kitchen, 1 1/2 bath, and bedroom layout. Kitchen to contain 24" stove, microwave, sink, refrigerator and new casework. New lighting, electrical, and plumbing throughout. Existing doorway connection to the rest of the home to be closed for privacy and to accommodate the increased spatial needs.