

Tax Map/Block/Parcel
No. 73-10-196

Building Permit/Zoning
Certificate No. 00-0059

Case 4472

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

APPLICANT: June Lee
324 Klee Mill Road
Sykesville, MD 21784

REQUEST: A conditional use for an acupuncture clinic

LOCATION: Located at 1040 Liberty Road, Sykesville, MD 21784 on property zoned "R-20,000"
Residence District in Election District 5

BASIS: Basis: Article 7; Section 2(i); Ordinance 1E (The Carroll County Zoning Ordinance)

HEARING HELD: February 22, 2000

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

On February 22, 2000, the Board of Zoning Appeals (the Board) convened to hear the application of June Lee for a conditional use for a private office and an acupuncture clinic in a residence she owns at 1040 Liberty Road. The Board makes the following findings of facts.

The Applicant intends to operate a private office and acupuncture clinic in a residence at 1040 Liberty Road, Sykesville, MD 21784. This stretch of Liberty Road already contains several businesses and offices. The Applicant expects to see one or two patients per hour, and currently has no plans for additional employees. Hours of operation will be from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday. This subject property backs up to a residential development but is separated by a fence.

Professional offices of resident physicians, and other professions, are permitted in the "R-20" Residential Zone as conditional uses under Article 7, Section 7.2(i) of the Zoning Ordinance, where the Board finds that the profession is similar in use and characteristics. In this case, the Board is convinced that a resident acupuncture clinic is analogous to a resident physician or dentist office. In addition, the Board finds that the existing neighborhood is no longer strictly residential in character, but contains business uses and professional offices similar to the Applicant's proposed use. Any harmful effects from the proposed use would be no greater at the proposed location than elsewhere in the zone. Accordingly, this application for a conditional use is approved.

3/20/00

Karl V. Reichlin Date
Karl V. Reichlin, Chairman

March 20, 2000