IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA

No. 256A02

FILED: 28 FEBRUARY 2003

G. WILLIAM DOBO and wife, BARBARA B. DOBO, Petitioners

V.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON and CITY OF WILMINGTON,

Respondents

Appeal pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-30(2) from the decision of a divided panel of the Court of Appeals, 149 N.C.

App. 701, 562 S.E.2d 108 (2002), affirming an order entered

5 October 2000 by Judge Stafford G. Bullock in Superior Court,

New Hanover County. On 27 June 2002, the Supreme Court granted discretionary review of additional issues. Heard in the Supreme Court 4 February 2003.

Kenneth A. Shanklin and Matthew A. Nichols for petitioner-appellants.

Thomas C. Pollard, City Attorney, and Dolores M. Williams, Assistant City Attorney, for respondent-appellees.

PER CURIAM.

For the reasons stated in the dissenting opinion, the decision of the Court of Appeals is reversed and the case is remanded to the Court of Appeals for further remand to the Superior Court, New Hanover County, for proceedings not inconsistent with the dissenting opinion.

REVERSED AND REMANDED; DISCRETIONARY REVIEW IMPROVIDENTLY ALLOWED.