PETITION FOR ZONING RE-CLASSIFICATION AND/OR SPECIAL EXCEPTION more PFEA County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition (1) that the zoning status of the herein described property be re-class to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, from an __zone, for the following reasons: That the setion of the County Council in placing subject property is present scaling classification was in error. and (2) for a Special Exception, under the said Zoning Law and Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property, for. Gasoline Service Station Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulati I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above re-classification and/or Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore Hamon to B Duyson & Wender Program Legal Owner Contract purchaser Address 8025 Stort Rd D ten trad Boone and Cook 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson 4, Maryland Protestant's Attorney ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this.....7th ---, 196.3., that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as ired by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation through-Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning issioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore

Zoning Commissioner of Ballimore County.

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HAMMOND B. PIERPONT and WANDA L. PIERPONT

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY ATIAW

IN THE CIRUCIT COURT

NATHAN H., KAUFMAN, JR., G., MITCHELL AUSTIN and CHARLES STEINBOCK, JR., Constituting the

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Miscellaneous Docket 7.

Folio 363, Case No. 2975

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MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER OF COURT

This zoning case involves an application for a special exception for a gosoline service station on the Liberty Road. The property in question is zoned in a B-L (Business, Local) classification. The lat for which a special exception is requested fronts 150 feet on Liberty Road with a depth of 150 feet. It is situate near Rolling Road and Milford Mill Road. It is not at an intersection, and the only ingress to and egress from the proposed gasaline service station is on and aff Liberty Road. There is a school in the immediate vicinity of the proposed site.

The applicable principles and conditions governing the granting of any special exception are set forth in Section 502.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. This Section reads

502.1 - Before any Special Exception shall be granted, it that the use for which the Special Exception is requested will no

Be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the locality involved;
 Tend to create congestion in roads, streets or

alleys therein;
c. Create a potential hazard from fire, panic or

other dangers;
d. Tend to overcrowd land and cause undue con-

Tend to overcrowd land and cause undue con-centration of population; Interfere with adequate provisions for schools, parks, water, sewerage, fromsportation or other public requirements, conveniences or improvement Interfere with adequate light and air.

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County denied the Petition for a special exception giving as his reasons therefor that the Petitioners did not prove satisfactorily that there would be compliance with subparagraphs a, and b, of the above quoted section

An appeal was taken to the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County and the Petition for special exception was likewise denied by that Board, and the reasons stated are as

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The Board is unanimous in its opinion that the testimony presented by the petitioner did not prove that the conditions set forth in Section 502.1, paragraphs A and B could be complied with and for this reason, the Board is denying the special exception.

ORDER

For the reasons set forth in the aforegoing opinion, it is this 20th day of February, 1964, by the County Board of Appeals ORDERED that the special exception petitioned for, be and the

Any gone of from this decision must be in accordance with Chapter 1100, subtitle 8 of Maryland Rules of Procedure, 1961 edition.

A review of the transcript of record discloses that the following witnesses testified on behalf of the Petitioner:

- 1. Hammond B. Pierpont. This witness was the owner of the property in quesony did not contribute materially to a decision of the issue before the County Board of Appeals. His testimony did reveal, however, the lack of a need for a gasoline station in this area if the question of need is material to the issue in this case.
- 2. John G. Krebs. This witness is a district representative of real estate for the Shell Oil Company, the company desiring to install a gasoline service station on the site in question. The testimony of this witness, who was a representative of the interested applicant, as to traffic congestion seems to be pertinent. His relevant testimony, therefore, is quoted verbation as fallows (on 26-28)-
 - Q Is it not also a fact, that as you leave the intersection of Milford Mill and Liberty Road, going east toward the subject property, it narrows down to its usual width?
 - That is right.
 - 0 And reaches its parrowest point just about at the site of this tract?
 - A It doesn't, because that is the width of Liberty Road all the way except where they widened it out for the Beltway and widened it for the
 - Your only access is going to be off and onto Liberty Road?
 - That is right.
 - Q Did you ever make any observations as to whether or not traffic backs up as far as the subject property from the light at Milford Mill Road?
 - I would say at the rush hours, when people are coming home, it is possible it does back up that far.
 - O As a matter of fact, in that particular area?
 - That is going west, of course.
 - Q Going west and east, is it not a fact that at that particular intersection 2008 and that particular section of Liberty Road, it is quite congested at this time, during rush hours?

I wouldn't say it is heavily congested. There is heavy traffic, ere is no backing of traffic going east. The backup is South, rest or southeast of the Milford Mill light.

Joseph D. Thompson. This witness was offered as an expert on behalf of the applicant. He is a duly qualified civil engineer having many years experience in Baltimore County. He made certain observations of the property in question and the truffic flow along Liberty Road at the site of the property. He admitted, however, that he made no observations at the rush hours on said highway and neither did he make any traffic aount at any other hours. On page 55 of the transcript of testimony before the Board of Appeals upon questioning by Mr. Steinback, a member of the County Board of Appeals, this witness testified as follows:

Q (By Mr. Steinbock) Mr. Thompson, from your knowledge of Liberty Road, do you feel that the capacity of that road is exceeded at times of the day?

- A It is pretty well near the saturation point.
- Q It is near it, but has not exceeded its normal capacity?
- A Well, there are a number of phases that come into that, as to the capacity of it, taking it from an academic standpoint it has reached the point of saturation.
- Q Do you feel that cars attempting to turn left into this subject property would have difficulty?
- A Traffic going west and turning into this property, in the rush nouse, would experience possible difficulty. I, and this is just a general statement, my knowledge of traffic in general area, that the noin amount of traffic is to the west in the afternoon, and reversed to
- 4. Frederick P. Klaus. This witness qualified himself as a realtor, appraiser, developer and real estate consultant. His testimony was not, however, in the view of the Court, pertinent to the traffic congestion question with which the Court is mainly concerned

The sale witness offered on behalf of the Protestants was Elmer W. Wood, a resident of the neighborhood, the substance of whose testimony sought to establish the nature of the traffic be and at the location

One of the most recent cases before the Court of Appeals of Maryland involving a soline service station is the case of Elliott v. Joyce, 233 Md. 76. The Court quotes from the opinion in that case at page 80 as follows:

We have set forth, on innumerable occasions, the function of the Court of Appeals when determining questions of reclastifications in noning. The Court will not some over rezone, nor will it substitute in own judgment as to the wisdom or soundness of the oction taken by the Board, if supported by substantial evidence. In other words, if there be room for reasonable debote as to whether the facts worranted the Board in deciding the need for in action, the decision must be upheld. For once of the many cases stating the rule, see Missouri Really v. Romer, 210 Md. 442, 140 A. 24 655. Judga Marbury, term for Court, in City of Boltimore v. Sopen, 230 Md. 291, 180 A. 2484 stated the substantial evidence test to be: "(II) means whether on the record the agency could reasonably make the finding. This is the extent of the reviewing court's inquiry."

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PROPERTY SUBMITTED FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT

WesterilV February 25, 1963 AREA 5E(.2.B DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO BE LEASED BY SHELL OIL COMPLY FROM HAMMOND B. PIERCOY & MITE, LOCATED ON LIBERTY ROLD STAR ABBIE PLACE, END ELECTION DISTRICT, PARTHORN COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Being a part of the land which by a deed dated September 17, 1955 and recorded smong the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber ol.1. No. 4750, Follow 180, was granted and conveyed by Walter J. Pierpost and Live O. Pierpost, his wife, to Exemend B. Pierpost and Wand L. Pierpost, his wife, to Exemend

BALLMORE COUNTY, MARYIMAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO Mr. John G. Rose, Zoning Commissioner Date May 3, 1963

PROMER George E. Gerrelia, Reputy Director

SUBJECT #5898-Xa Special Exception for Gasoline Service Station. South side of Liberty Road 311 feet West of Abbie Place. Being property of Hammond Pierport.

2nd District

HEARING: Honday, May 13, 1963 (1:00 P.M.)

The staff of the Office of Flamming and Zoning has reviewed the subject petition for special exception for a gasoline service station. It has the following stringer comment to make with respect to pertinent planning factors:

The Flanning staff is not in accord with a gasoline service station here.

legislative enactment in the amendment of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations rather than by Court interpretation.

For the reasons stated, it is this 21st day of October, 1964, by the Circuit Court for Baltimore County ORDERED that the decision of the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County dated February 20, 1964, be and the same is hereby sustained, and the appeal therefrom be and the same is hereby dismissed.

> (s) Walter M. Jenifer JUDGE

Dated: October 21, 1964.

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The trial judge stated:

"In my opinion, there is no evidence wholever which would upport the Board's action in granting this reclassification. The chonge which were testified to in the record were changes which either took place long before the Board's action, and, inclineatilly, the adoption of the food as sap for the ores, or were so for removed from the upper property or and to have any effect upon the subject property or and to have any effect upon the subject

We agree that the record before us fails to meet the requirements

It also feels that the language in that case at page 81 is also applicable:

Reclassification in zoning as well as original zoning must boar some recombine relationship to the general public interest in promoting the health safety or wellfare of the community. Code (1975), Article 645 Sec. 21/ Missori Realty v. Sames, supray Furnace Bennch Land Company v. Board of City Comm. 2372AM 336, A 24174 A. 73 640. Mr. Gorvalli, Deputy City Comm., 332 Ma. 330, A 2d 194 A. 2d 640. Mr. Govrelii, Deputy Director of Plonning for the County, who was called by the petitioners, stated that the office of Planning and Zoning is not in favor of the petition for reclassification and special exception because; it is not appropriate due to the control of the country of the c for reclassification and special exception because, it is not appropriate due to the surroundings; connected change in the area have been confined to the security boulevard (a treat so see 1, 500 to 2, 000 feet south of the subject paperty). Dogwood Road frontage has not been changed; and it would be not all danacter with the residential surrounding (this last resons seems to be included in the first). The record at 1 has been presented to us, we think, clearly support hate conclusions. In addition to the facts which we set forth obeyer, there was testimosy that two schools are located in the neighborhood of the interaction of Dogwood Road and Clark Avenue, and there is a school bus stop at this interaction. These faction contribute to producing a heavy posterior and Riz, e.d., since Dogwood has an olidevallet and accomw uncome on stop at this interaction. These factors contribute to producine heavy pedartion metfit; and, since Daywood has no iderwalks and accommodates but two lanes of traffic, Mr. Strinbock was of the opinion that the 'turn in movement to and from the proposed service stration's " " would tile up traffic in both directions (on Daywood) and create hazards, which are not presently usuifing at this point."

It is the opinion of the Court in the instant case that there is a burden on the applican to prove that the provisions of Section 502.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations will be complied with. It is apparent that this burden has not been met and that there was substantial evidence before the County Board of Appeals to support its finding. As stated by the Court of Appeals of Maryland if and where substantial and supporting facts of a probative nature are before the Board which would justify its holding or that the question before the Board was fairly debatable under the evidence presented, this Court should not substitute its judgment for that of the Board.

Coursel for the Petitioner in this case has made the contention that the Court should consideration that in view of the fact that the subject property is zoned for B-L (Business Local) use whether or not the exercise of a use as permitted in the 8-L zone would result in any greater traffic congestion than would be involved under the use permitted by the special exception requested. The Court feels that there is a burden upon any applicant under the provisions of Section 502.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations and that if that burden is not removed or alleviated in conjunction with the permitted uses in a B-L zone, it should be taken care of by

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION : BEFORE for a Gazoline Service Station S/S Liberty Road, 311 from COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS W/S Abbie Place OF 2nd District Hammond B. Pierpont, et al, BALTIMORE COUNTY No. 5848-X

OPINION

This is a petition for a special exception for a gasoline service station on the south side of Liberty Road, 311 feet from the west side of Abbie Place in the Second District of Baltimore County. The subject tract is approximately 150' x 150' in area and is zoned "B-L". The petitioner also owns 6.9 acres of adjoining land which is zoned

Liberty Road at the area of the subject property is a two lane highway with a payed width of 24 feet with no sidewalks.

There was considerable testimony concerning traffic on Liberty Road. Mr. Joseph D. Thompson, Engineer who testified for the petitioner, conceded that traffic on Liberty Road had reached the saturation point and that it was difficult to make left hand turns. Protestants who resided in the area contended that the granting of this special exception would create traffic hazards and would be detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the community.

The Board is unanimous in its opinion that testimony presented by the notitioner did not prove that the conditions set forth in Section 502.1, paragraphs A and B could be complied with and for this reason, the Board is denying the special exception.

For the reasons set forth in the aforegoing Opinion, it is this 20 th day of February, 1964 by the County Board of Appeals, ORDERED that the special exception petitioned for, be and the same is hereby denied.

Any appeal from this decision must be in accordance with Chapter 1100, subtitle B of Maryland Rules of Procedure, 1961 edition.

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

ACTING CHAIRMAN Charles Stewleck, fr

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Towson, Maryland

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> BANDIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF FINANCE

No. 16488

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for Gasoline Service Station
S.S. Liberty Road 311 from W.S. Abbie
Place, 2nd District, Hammond B. Pierpont
and Wanda L. Pierpont, Petitioners

BEFORE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Mr. Clerk:

TELEPHONE 823-3000

Will you kindly enter an appeal to the County Board of Appeals from the order of the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, dated June 4, 1963, denying the Petition for Special Exception requested in

EFFICE OF PLANNING & CONING

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Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of property and public hearing on the above potition for a special exception for a gasoline service station on the south side of Liberty Road 311 feet there would be compliance with Section 502.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, sub-paragraphs a. and b. provides as follows:

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For the above reason the special exception should

be denied.

It is this day of June, 1963, by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, OMDERED that the special exception for a gasoline service station, be and the same is hereby

Zoning Commissioner of

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARY ND No. 20814

OFFICE OF FINANCE

DATE 3/19/64

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