# PETITION ON ZONING RE-CLA ... ICATION AND/OR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

I, or we, Schmidt Ford, Inc. legal owner of the property situate in Baltimore
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-classified, pursuant
to the Zon'ng Law of Baltimore County, from an R-6 zone to max
To increase the size of the lot zoned BR to provide sufficient
area for the proper operation of an automobile dealership.
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See attached description

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	adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore
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County, on the 2th day of July 196.6 at 10:130 clock

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No. 67-6- R -. Scheidt Ford, Inc.

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Emenuiel H. Horn, Esq., 704 Court Square Building

Fred. E. Waldrop, Esq., Masunic Building Counsel for petitioner

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RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION :
from an R-6 zone to a B.R. zone
NW corner Liberty Road
and Burmont Avenue,
2nd District
Schmidt Ford, Inc.,
Petitioner

BEFORE

COUNTY EOARD OF APPEALS

OF

BALTIMORE COUNTY

No. 67-6-R

#### OPINION

The petitioner in this case seeks a reclassification of a 6.87 acre percel of land from an R-6. one to a B.R. zone. The subject parcel is part of a twenty-six acre tract of inaid wmed by the petitioner and is situated at the northwest carner of Liberty Roed and Burmant Avenue in the Second Election District of Baltimore County. There acres of the total twenty-six acre tract is presently zoned B.R., this being the land having a frantage along the north side of Liberty Road west of Burmant Avenue of approximately five hundred and fifty-four fore and a depth of two hundred and forty feet, and is sirectly in front (south) of the subject parcel on which reclassification is requested. The existing zoning around the subject tract on three sides is R-6 while, as stated above, the fourth side is zoned B.R., and is across the street from a Business-Roadside zone on the south side of Liberty Road.

At the outset of the hearing the petitioner withelrew his request for BusinessBoodside zoning on an area of land on the northeast and west of the tract as shown on
petitioner's exhibit \*2 in batch marks. This withshowed thus reduces the size of the recel requested to be rezoned from 6.87 acres to 3.3 acres and, in effect, asks that the
existing Business-Roadside zoning be extended on additional two hundred and ninety-nine
feet in depth beyond the presently existing two hundred and farty feet Business-Roadside

Mr. Lawrence Faster, President of Schmidt Ford, Inc.. the patitioner, testified that he purchased the twenty-six acre parcel in late 1963 or early 1964 for a relocation of his Ford auto dealenship from its present location on the Liberty Road at the intersection of Offut Road. The further testified that the present dealenship or Liberty and Offut Road a situated on three acres and that this space was inadequate, hence, he purchased the subject parcel with the intention of relocating his dealership on a larger tract of ground. Mr. Posner has been in the automobite business for treaty vers and owned and operated on new corr dealership or Liberty and Offut Road until May of 1966. After May of 1966 he took over the operation of a Ford dealership in Baltimore City and rented the Liberty and Offutt Road until Road until Road property to another dealership known as Joe Grimm

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Appellant

ANSWER TO ORDER OF APPEAL TO CIRCUIT
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THE ZONING COMMISSIONER AND BOARD
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An expert witness appearing on behalf of the pertitioner. Mr. Augustine J. Muellor, on engineer and recognized expert in zoning matters, testified that there are no Business-Mojor zones along the Liberty Road for a distance of two to three miles east or west of the subject property and that, in his agintion, the two hundred and forty foot depth of the existing Business-Roadside zone is not sufficient for many of the uses that are allowed in a B.R. zone. He cited as examples automobile select ogencies, lumber years, etc. the further felt that if the one hundred and fifteen foot buffer strip is to remain in R-0 around the subject property, then the use of the property for any of the Business-Roadside uses permitted, Including an outomobile agency, would not be detrimental to the surrecording prop-

George E. Gavrelis, the Director of Planning for Baltimore County, was ned by the petitioner and testified in great detail as to his thoughts on the proposed reclassification. In accordance with his comments, dated June 23, 1966 and introduced as petitioner's exhibit #1, he felt that in view of the increased site area requirements for automobile dealers some enlargement of the commercial zoning here would be logical, but he did not agree with the original proposal to reclassify the 6.87 acre tract, and recommended a buffer strip of approximately one hundred and fifteen feet around the treet to lessen the effect of the commercial on the surrounding residential properties. While on the witness stand he examined exhibit #2 that had been introduced by the petitioner, and stated that, in his opinion, the plan as shown on this exhibit represented good planning practice and that by leaving the buffer strip as he had recommended he felt that the reclassification here would not set any precedent for the granting of possible future requests by nearby property owners for commercial zoning. He stated that since the adoption of the zoning map in 1962 the site area requirements for automobile dealerships have dramatically increased and that in recommending the land use map for the Liberty Road area, the large co. mercial areas placed on the map that are as yet undeveloped were identified in the minds of the Planning Staff as being sites for neighborhood or community shopping centers as apposed to roadside uses, and the map did not provide, in his opinion, areas of suitable commercial depth generally along the Liberty Road for automobile der "trships. He testified that practically all of the Business-Major zoning put on the various County zoning maps is put on with the idea that it would go into a shapping center use, and that to his knowledge he knows of only one automobile agency in Baltimore County which is located in a shopping center. He further stated that since auto dealerships are permitted uses only in Business-Major and Business-Roadside zones, that in order for an automobile dealership to relocate to a piece of property zoned in sufficient depth to accommodate the increased needs for such dealerships would require them, in seventy-five percent of the cases, to go through a rezoning procedure. The witness indicated that this lack of B.R.

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Enclosed please find a copy of the Opinion and Order proped by the County Board of Appeals today in the above entitled

Very truly yours,

Edith T. Elsenbert, Secretary

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zoning in depth and the inability of automobile agencies to locate in Business-Major zones does present a problem, but he did not feel that the regulations should be amended but rather felt that since there are so few requests for locations by auto dealers that it should be handled on an individual basis, stating that he did not necessarily think the map covering this area is in error, but rather that the site erea requirements for new car dealerships have changed to an extent necessitating evaluation in terms of specific properties and situations to determine the extent that zoning must be changed. In answer to a question by the Board, Mr. Gavrelis stated: "This is a change in land use requirements for new car dealerships that now then has to be evaluated in terms of a specific proposal to find out whether or not it did make any sense in terms of adjustment. Basically those land area requirements were not foreseen by the Planning Staff." The Board infers from Nr., Cavrelist testimony that in view of the increased site area requirements for auto c. Lers and established County policies, there is not adequate provision for new car dealerships under the existing zoning regulations. However, from a planning standpoint Mr. Gavrelis believed that it would be better to handle these petitions on an individual basis and make an adjustment in the map from time to time to accommodate this specific need rather than amend the zaning regulations to allow auto dealers in Business-Local zones.

A number of the residents of the surrounding neighborhood appeared at the hearing in opposition to the proposed reclassification, and five witnesses took the stand on behalf of the protestants. A Jerome Mazer appeared on behalf of the Beth Israel Congregation, a sympogopie which is situated on the south side of the Liberty Road directly across from the Schnidt Ford tract. He stated the congregation owns approximately ten acres and the value of the improvements are apparently executed in Business-Roadide property. He was primarily opposed to the reclassification because of the possibility of increased traffic on the Liberty Road, however, he tid agree, an cross-exemination, that possibly some of the other 8.8, uses that could be placed on the existing 8.8, zone would produce just as well bright for an usual bedestable.

Mrs. Eloise Louterbach testified that she and her hubband owned property of 9323 Liberty Road, presently zoned B.1.1., on the south side of Liberty Road east of the subject property between Burmant Avenue and Chapman Road. Her resons for objecting to the proposed reclossification is that if this reclinatification is granted it will resuce the opportunity for her to dispose of her property to the Ford Mater Campany.

Bernard Caplan, a nearby resident, felt that any additional commercial zoning might depreciate the value of his home. His house appears to be approximately nine hundred and sixty feet north of the Liberty Road in the Pikeswood development, and

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apparently would still be approximately four hundred and twenty feet away (or six lots assuming the lots to have a sixty foot frontage) from the commercial zone even if extended as requested by the petitioner.

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Mrs. Pearl Lessner objected to what she felt might possially be the unsightly appearance of an automobile dealership. Milton Siegel, who testified he lived in the fifth lower north of Liberty Road on Pikeswood Drive, objected generally to the requested reclossification, however, he did state that he had no objection to the location of an automobile dealership on the existing Business-Roadside zone along the north side of Liberty Road.

From the testimony before the board, the peritioner's request for the extension of the B.R. zoning an additional two hundred and ninety-nine feet is a reasonable and logical one, and that it would not controvene the spirit and intent of the zoning map in the erec in question. We further find that the petition as it was presented to the Board will have no detrimental, colvers or depreciating effect on the immediate neighborhood.

#### ORDER

For the reasons set forth in the aforegoing Opinion, it is this 2 day of March, 1967 by the County Board of Appeals, ORDERED that the reclassification petitioned for, be and the same is hereby GRANIED for the property described as follows:

"BEGINNING for the same at a point N59940430" or 504 from a point in the 6th or \$550 14 10" W 818. 31" line of the land which by deed dated September 2. 1965 and recorded among the land records of Baltimore County in Liber OTG 4512, Folio 274, was conveyed by Grace L. Stierholf et al to Schmidt Ford, Inc., said point in 6th line being N59° 14"10" E 52.73" from the beginning of said 6th line, said point being also distant 273' measured at right angles from the centerline of Liberty Road, running thence from said point of beginning paralle! to and distant 2734 measured at right angles from the centerline of Liberty Road N59º40º30" W 410º more us less to a point distant 115t measured at . ight angles from the 2nd or N18957\*12" E 2191.814 line of the whole tract, thence N18057112" E 3C5\*, thence \$59°40\*30" E 535\* more or less to a point 1274 measured at right angles from the aforesaid 6th line

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The court went on to conclude that there was up proof of a basic mistake or of a substantial change and so affirmed the lower court's decision that the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners allowing the extension of zoning was illegal and void, because it was arbitrary, capricious and not latrly debatable. We also Alvey v Michaels, 221 bid 22.

Mr. Cavrel.s, Director of Planning, was called as a witness for the Pt. 'tioner. The Board on Pags 3 of its Opinion states' "The Board infers from Mr. Gavrells' testicony that is view of the increased site eras confirmments for auto dealers and established County policies, there is not adequate provision for new car dealerships under the existing zoning regulations.

This inference loses force, however, in the face of the testin ony of Mrr. Suellar, also called on behalf of the Pathtoner, who on direct examination was questioned on Pages 63 and 64 of the transcript as to the existing zoning classifications. Mr. Mueller stated that if earso on the south side of Liberty flood across from the subject tract was zoned 8-R to a depth of 350 feet. He also testified that is mediately to the east of this percel and almost directly across from the subject tract the 8-R zoning extends to a depth of 660 feet which depth has a 1200 foot frontage on Liberty Road.

This teathropy of Mr. Mustler likewise weakens the theory of Mr. Gavrelis as put forth on Page 140 of the transcript where Mr. Gavrelis states, "The map did not take into account the fact that as this area grow there would be a need for yet additional new car facilities, and it did not provide, I believe areas of suitable commercial depth generally along Liberty Road."

Reciting further from Pages 2 and 3 of the Board's Opinion, The Board observed that: 'The witness (Mr. Gavrells) indicated that this lack of B-R coning in depth and the inability of automobile agencies to locate in business major zones does present a problem, but he did not feel that the regulations

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in the whole tract, running thence parallel and 1274 measured at right angles from sold 6th line \$59914\*10\* W 210\* running thence \$59940\*30\* E 95\* to a point, thence \$59941\*10\* W 135\* more or less to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING 3.3 ocres of land more or less.

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and subject to site plan approval by the Department of Planning and Zoning, the State Roads Commission, and the Bureau of Public Services.

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

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Thus, the County Board of Appeals susmed up its decision in the final paragraph of its Opinion:

"From the testimony before the Board, the Petitioner's request for the extension of the B-R coning on additional 299 feet to a reasonable and logical one, and that it would not contravene the april and intent of the coning map in the area in question. We further find that the petition as it was presented to the Board will have no detrimental, owhere or deprending effect on the Smarddin angianchood."

The Board In its opinion, however, seems to have ignored the oft repeated language of the Court of Appeals when they granted the reclassification from R-6 soning to B-R soning in this case. The Court of Appeals has repeatedly held that there is a strong presumption of the correctness of original soning, <u>Board of County Commissioners v Edmonds</u>, 240 Md 680; <u>Baltimore v.N.A.A.C.P.</u>, 221 Md 323; <u>Shadymook Instruvement Association v Mollay</u>, 232 Md 265; <u>Greenblatt v Tosov Robious Proporties Corp.</u>, 235 Md 9, and that before a Foning Board resones a Property there must be proof either of whatke in original soning or that the character of the neighborhood has thanged to such an extent that such reclassification ought to be granted. <u>Montagenery County of State</u>, 233 Md 414; <u>Didlake v Fottact</u>, 226 Md 586.

In the record before the Board there was evidence of neither error nor substantial change. In his cross-examination on Page 162 of the transcript, Mr. Gavrolis testified in response to a question by Mr. Schwartzwelder. "No. MILTON SECRET.
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COUNTY SCARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Zaning File #67-6-R Schmidt Ford Co., Petitioner

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# MEMORANDUM OPINION

This is an appeal from an Order of the County Board of Appeals of Bakin ore County granting reclassification of approximately 3,3 acres of land in the Fands-listown area of the Second Election District of Baltimore County, from an R-6 pone to a 8-R zone. The Patitioner's original application was denied by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner. An appeal was taken to the County Board of Appeals from this Order and on March 28, 1967, the County Board of Appeals granted the reclassification. The Appellants are homer-owners whose properties are close to the Grant in question and a representative of the Beth Israel Congresation which is located immediately across the street from the subject area.

As recited in the Board's opinion, the parcel which is the subject of the petition is part of a twenty-six acre trace of land owned by the Petitioner and is situated at the northwest corner of Liberty Road and Surnont Avenue. Three acres of the total twenty-six acre tract are presently soned B-R, this belief the land naving a frontage on the north side of Liberty Road west of Burnont / venue of approximately .54 feet and a depth of 240 feet, and is directly in front (south) of the subject parcel on which reclassification is requested. The existing soning around the subject tract on three sides is R-6, while, as stated above, the fourth side is B-7, and is across the street from a B-R zone on the south side of Liberty Road.

I don't think original error is my theory at all." On Page 164 when being questioned with respect to change in the use requirements of new car dealerships, Mr. Gawells categorically stated, " It is not a change in the character of the neighborhood, absolutely.

Since there is no logally sufficient evidence of original mistake or substantial change in the character of the neighborhood,to grant Patt'soner's application to change one existing use, established under a comprehensive zoning plan, to another existing established use, would result in spot zoning and would be in effect, "either to open the floodgates of uncontrolled admitistrative discretion or to authorize courts to rome and rezone." See <u>Peard of County Commissioners v Turf Valloy Associates</u>, 247 Md 556. Therefore the Board's decision is found to be erbitrary and capitatous and lacking, in the record, legally sufficient evidence of change or error in original zoning to sustain it and these without substantial evidence to present a reasonably debatable question for the discretion of the Board.

It is therefore this  $\chi^{e^2}$  day of April, 1968, by the Circuit Court for Saltimore County, ORDERED that the Order of the County Soard of Appeals, dated March 28, 1967, be and the same is hereby reversed.

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Mr. Lawrence Pomer, the President of Schmidt Ford, Inc., the Petitioner, restilled that he purchased the subject tract in 1963 or 1964 for the purpose of relocating his cuto dealership which is presently located on Liberty Road at the intersection of Offut Road. Mr. Posner stated that although it would be physically positible to operate an auto dealership on a three acre site, more space is needed for the proper arrangement and operation of showroom, survice department and parking facilities. (Transcript Page 13)

The Court of Appeals was presented with a situation similar to the Instant case in <u>Didiage v Pottesi</u>, 220 Md 388, where the property owners owned four adjoining lots or the masterly aide of Langley Road. Two and a part of the third lot were sound heavy that eretal and the transinder was round cottage—
type residential. Fig. An allasts filed a patition to reclassify and extend the zoning of their property to cover the renaling portions of lots 3 and 1 to a neavy commercial zoning, so that the editional parce could be used in connection with their bus business for the parking of additional bases needed to comply with increased demand. At Page 391, the court states. There was no ettempt to show any mistake as to the zoning of the property involved at the time of the adoption of the comprehensive zoning plan in 1932. The only avidence produced by the Lichlakes in support of their claim of changes in the setting better that the population in the general area of this portion of the county had greatly increased. When asked at the hearing why be needed this additional rezoning. Mr. Didlake answered:

Additional ous parking, population increasing and it is necessary to the general public.

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C. Then you want this property zoned because your business got too big for the land you own?

RS: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION NM/corner of Liberty Road and Burmont Avenue 2nd District Schmidt Ford, Inc. Petitioner

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BEFORE THE

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OF

BALTIPORE COUNTY

NO. 67-6-8

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The Pelitioner has requested a reclassification of his property, consisting of approximately seven acres of land, from an R-6 mone to a ER some to permit the construction of an automobile sales agency.

Mithout reviewing the testimony in detail, the Deputy Zoning Commissioner is of the opinion that the Petitioner has failed to meet the bursen of proof in abouting error in the original soning map or such substantial changes in the character of the self-bentoned to justify the results sought.

For the aforegoing reasons, IT IS operated by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Saltimore County this day of August, 1966, that the above reclassification be and the same is hereby DENIED and that the above described property or area be and the area is hereby continued and to remain an Red come.



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Beanuel H. Horn, Esq. 170% Court Square Building Baltimore 2, Hd.

The enclosed memorandum is sent to you in compliance with Section 23-22 of the 1961 Supplement of the Baltimore County Code.

Any questions of correspondence in regard to the enclosed subject matter must be directed to the Director of Planning and Zoning (or his Deputy) and NOT to the Zoning Commissioner.

If you dusine to have a member of the Planning Staff testify, it will be necessary for you to summons him through the Sheriff's office.

Yours very truly,

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION ZONING COMMISSION OF

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BALTIMORE COUNTY : (Petition #67-6-R)

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Mr. George Gavrelis Director, Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning Towson, Md.

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to testify for Petitioner.

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NOTICE OF HEARING Her Patition for Reclassification for Schmidt Ford, Int.

Mayroday, July 7, 1966 PLACE: ROUM 106 COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE

TOWSON, MARYLAND.

TO Mr. John G. Rose, Zoning Commissioner Date. June 23, 1966

FROM George E. Gavrelis, Director of Planning

Petition \$67-6-R. Northwest corner of Liberty Rood & Burmont Avenue.
Petition for Reclassification from R-6 to B.F.
Schmidt Ford, Inc. - Petitioners.

HEARING: Thursday, July 7, 1966. (10:30 A.M.)

The planning sraff of the Office of Flanning and Zoning has reviewed the subject

The B. R. zoning established along this Liberry Road fromage was intended for uses such as that proposed by the petitioner. In view of the increased situ-area requirement of outnoteablic decial restablishments, some enlargement of the commercial zoning here would be logical - but definitely not an enlargement of the commercial zoning here would be logical - but definitely not an enlargement of the extent requested. A buffer strip of R-6 zoning adjection to three sides of the parcel under consideration should remain, thereby evolding the restablishment of inhammonium uses not to other property zoned R-6 and avoiding the probability of yet more commercial extensions. Part of this strip could be used for parking under a use pemit, thereby assuring appropriate controls for landscaping, screening, etc.

The buffer strip we recommend is thown on a plot in the Office of the Director's files maintained by the Zoning Administration division. The strip is 115 feet in depth so as not to practicate the possibility of R-6 development.

BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this

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AN G. ROSE

Schmidt Ford, Inc.

Petitioner's Attorney Emmuel N. Horn

Reviewed by Auto Starten of Advisory Committee

BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

June 3, 1966

GEORGE E. GAVE

JOHN G. ROSE

58: Schwidt Ford, Inc. (Item 1, May 31, 1966)

The above referenced petition is accepted for filing as of the date on the enalosed filing vertificate. Notice of the hearing date and time width will be held not less than 3° days nor more than 30 days after the date on the filing certificate will be forwarded to you in the mear future.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please so not hesitate to contact me at VA 3-3000, Extension 353.

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Hon. John G. Rose Zoning Commissioner Councy Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Appeal from Denial of Petition for Reclassification NW/corner of Liberty Road and Burmont Ave. 2nd District Schmidt Ford, Inc., Petitioner NO. 67-6-R

Please note and enter an Appeal on behalf of the above named Petitioner, Schmidt Ford, Inc., from the Order dated August 9, 1966 issued by Deputy Zoning Commissioner, Edward D. Hardesty, Esq. in the above captioned matter.

\*Check of \$75.00 for costs thereof is herewith onclosed made payable to Baitimore County, Maryland.

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For Schmidt Ford, Inc.

Loreted M/Cor of Liberty Food and Burmont Avenue, 2nd First (Item 1, Nay 21, 2566)

The Sowing Advisory Committee has reviewed the subject petition red makes the following comments:

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Fred. E. Waldrop, Esq., Masonic Building Towson, Maryland 2:204

Re: Patition for Reclassification From R-6 Zone to B-R Zone IMM Cor. Liberty Road and Burmount Rand, 2nd District -Schmidt Ford, Znc., Petitioner No. 67-6-R

Please be advised that an appeal has been filed from the decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner rendered in the above matter.

You will be duly notified of the date and time of appeal hearing when scheduled by the Board of Appeals.

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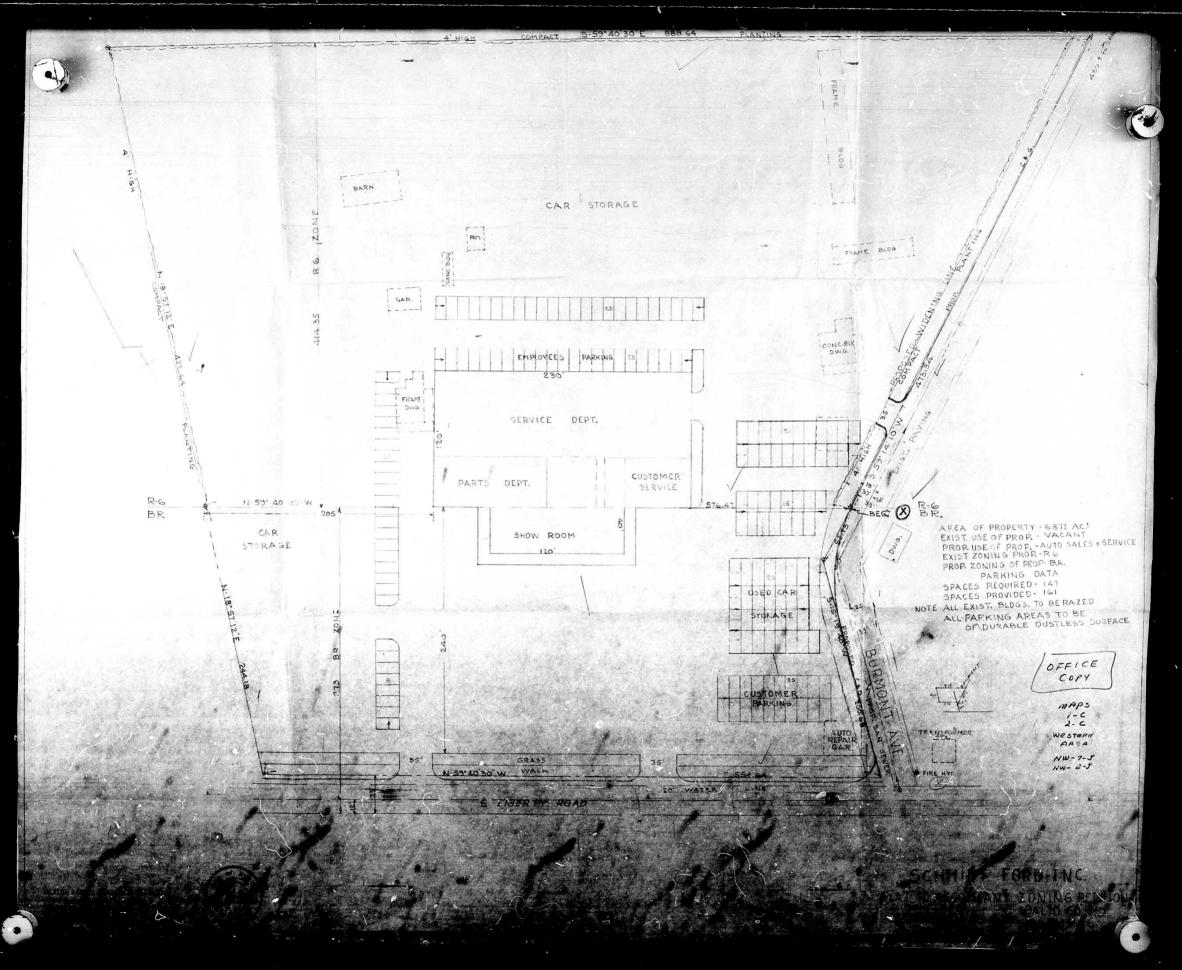
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# PETITION A ZONING RE-CLA ... ICATION AND/OR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

I, or we, Sch	midt. Ford, Inclegal owner of the property situate in Baltimore
County and which	is descrived in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof,
hereby petition (1)	that the raising status of the herein described property be re-classified, pursuant
to the Zoning Law	of Baltimore County, from an R-6 zone to anx
3.R	zone; for the following reasons:
To increase	the size of the lot zoned BR to provide sufficient

area for the proper operation of an automobile dealership.

See attached description

and (2) for a Special Exception, under the said Zoning La	and Zoning	Regulations of	Baltimore
County, to use the herein described property, for			

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above re-classification and or Special Exception adv posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning

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An expert witness appearing on behalf of the petitioner. Mr. Augustine J. Mueller, an engineer and recognized expert in zoning matters, testified that there are no Business-Major zones along the Liberty Road for a distance of two to three miles east or west of the subject property and that, in his opinion, the two hundred and forty foot depth of the existing Business-Roadside zone is not sufficient for many of the uses that are allowed in a B.R. zunc. He cited as examples automobile sales agencies, tumber yards, etc. He further felt that if the one hund and fifteen foot buffer strip is to remain in R-6 around the subject property, then the use of the property for any of the Business-Roadside uses permitted, including an automobile agency, would not be detrimental to the surrounding prop-

George E. Gav:elis, the Director of Planning for Baltimore County, was summoned by the petitioner and testified in great detail as to his thoughts on the proposed reclassification. In accordance with his comments, dated June 23, 1966 and introduced as petitioner's exhibit #1, he felt that in view of the increased site area requirements for automobile dealers some enlargement of the commercial zoning here would be logical, but he did not agree with the original proposal to reclassify the 6,87 acre tract, and recommended a buffer strip of approximately one hundred and fifteen feet around the tract to lessen the effect of the commercial on the surrounding residential properties. While on the witness stand he examined exhibit #2 that had been introduced by the petitioner, and stated to it, in his opinion, the plan as shown on this exhibit represented good planning practice and that by leaving the buffer strip as he had recommended he felt that the reclassification here would not set any precedent for the granting of possible future requests by searby property owners for commercial zoning. He stated that since the adoption of the zoning map in 1962 the site area requirements for automobile dealerships have dramatically increased and that in recommending the land use map for the Liberty Road area, the large commercial areas placed on the map that are as yet undeveloped were identified in the minds of the Planning Staff as being sites for neighborhood or community shopping centers as apposed to roadside uses, and the map did not provide, in his opinion, areas of suitable mercial depth generally along the Liberty Road for automobile dealerships. He testified that practically all of the Business-Major zoning out on the various County zoning maps is put on with the idea that it would go into a shapping center use, and that to his knowledge he knows of only one automobile agency in Baltimore County which is located in a shopping center. He further stated that since auto dealerships are permitted uses only in Business-Major and Business-Roadside zones, that in order for an autom bile dealership to relocate to a piece of property zoned in sufficient depth to accommodate the increased needs for such dealerships would require them, in seventy-five percent of the cases, to go through a rezoning procedure. The witness indicated that this lack of B.R.

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zoning in depth and the inability of automobile agencies to locate in Business-Major zones does present a problem, but he did not feel that the regulations should be amended but rather felt that since there are so few requests for locations by auto dealers that it should be handled on an individual basis, stating that he did not necessarily think the map covering this area is in error, but " "er that the site area requirements for new car dealerships have changed to an extent necessitating evaluation in terms of specific properties and situations to determine the extent that zoning must be changed. In answer to a question by the Board, Mr. Gavrel's stated: "This is a change in land use requirements for new car dealerships that now then has to be evaluated in terms of a specific proposal to find out whether or not it did make any sense in terms of adjustment. Basically those land area requirements were not increseen by the Planning Staff." The Board infers from Mr. Gayrelis! testimony that in view of the increased site area requirements for auto dealers and established County policies, there is not adequate provision for new car dealerships under the existing zoning regulations. However, from a planning standpoint Mr. Gavrelis believed that it would be better to handle these petitions on an individual basis and make an adjustment in the map from time to time to accommodate this specific need rather than amend the zoning regulations to allow auto dealers in Business-Local zones.

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A number of the residents of the surrounding neighborhood appeared at the hearing in apposition to the proposed reclassification, and five witnesses took the stand on behalf of the protestants. A Jerome Mazer appeared on behalf of the Beth Israel Congregation, a synagogue which is situated on the south side of the Liberty Rood directly across from the Schmidt Ford tract. He stated the congregation owns approximately ten acres and the value of the improvements erected thereon is approximately \$750,000. A good portion of these improvements are apparently erected on Business-Roadside property. He was primarily apposed to the reclassification because of the possibility of increased traffic on the Liberty Road, however, he did agree, an cross-examination, that possibly some of the other B.R. use: that could be placed on the existing B.R. zone would produce just as much traffic as an auto dealership

Mrs. Flaire Leuterhach testified that the and her husband owned property at 9323 Liberty Road, presently zoned B.R., on the south side of Liberty Road cost of the subject property between Burmant Avenue and Chapman Road. Her reason for objecting to the proposed reclassification is that if this reclassification is granted it will reduce the apportunity for her to dispose of her property to the Ford Motor Company

Bernard Caplan, a nearby resident, Tell that any additional commercial zoning might depreciate the value of his home. His house appears to be approximately nine Fundred and sixty feet north of the Liberty Road in the Pikeswood development, and

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apparently would still be approximately four hundred and twenty feet away (or six lots assuming the lots to have a sixty foot frontage) from the commercial zone even if extended

Mrs. Pear! Lessner objected to what she felt might possibly be the unsightly appearance of an automobile dealership. Milton Siegel, who testified he lived in the fifth house north at Liberty Poad on Pikeswood Drive, objected generally to the requested reclassification, however, he did state that he had no objection to the location of an automobile dealership on the existing Business-Roadside zone along the north side of Liberry

From the testimony before the Board, the petitioner's request for the extension of the B.R. zaning an additional two hundred and ninety-nine feet is a reasonable and logical one, and that it would not controvene the spirit and intent of the zoning map in the area in question. We further find that the petition as it was presented to the Board will have no detrimental, adverse or deoreciative, effect on the immediate neighborhood.

For the reasons set forth in the aforegoing Opinion, it is this 2 V day of March, 1967 by the County Board of Appeals, CRDERED that the reclassification petitioned for, be and the same is hereby GRANTED for the property described as follows

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RE: PETITION FOR RECLASSIFICATION from an R-6 zone to a B.R. zone NW corner Liberty Road and Burmont Avenue, 2nd District Schmidt Ford, Inc.,

BEFORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

OF

BALTIMORE COUNTY No. 67-6-R

OPINION

The petitioner in this case seeks a reclassification of a 6.87 acre parcel of land from an R-6 zone to a B.R. zone. The subject parcel is part of a twenty-six acre tract of land akined by the petitioner and is situated at the northwest corner of Liberty Road and Burmont Avenue in the Second Election District r Baltimore County. Three acres of the total twenty-six acre tract is presently zoned B.R., ... being the land having a frontage along the north side of Liberty Road west of Burmon. Avenue of approximately five hundred and fifty-four feet and a depth of two hun? — and forty feet, and is directly in front (south) of the subject parcel on which reclassification is requested. The existing zoning around the subject tract on three sides is R-6 while, as stated above, the fourth side is zoned B.R., and is across the street from a Business-Roadside zone on the south side

At the outset of the hearing the petitioner withdrew his request for Business-Roadside zoning on an area of land on the northeast and west of the tract as shown on petitioner's exhibit \*2 in hatch marks. This withdrawal thus reduces the size of the parcel requested to be rezoned from 6.87 acres to 3.3 acres and, in effect, asks that the existing Business-Roadside zoning be extended an additional two hundred and ninety-nine tent in depth beyond the presently existing two hundred and forty feet Business-Roadside

Mr. Lawrence Posner, President of Schmidt Ford, Inc., the petitioner. testified that he purchased the twenty-six acre parcel in late 1963 or early 1964 for a relocation of his Ford auto dealership from its present location on the Liberty Road at the intersection of Offutt Road. He further testified that the present dealership at Liberty and Offutt Road is situated on three scree and that this sacce was inadequate, hence the purchased the subject parcel with the intention of relocating his dealership on a larger tract of around. Mr. Posner has been in the automobile business for twenty years and owned and operated a new car dealership at Liberty and Offutt Roads until May of 1966. After May of 1966 he took over the operation of a Ford depletship in Rollimore City and rented the Liberty and Offutt Road property to another dealership known as Joe Grimm

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and subject to site plan ap<sub>1</sub> roval by the Department of Planning and Zoning, the State Roads Commission, and the Bureau of Public Services.

Any appeal from this decision must be in accordance with Chapter 1100 subtitle 3 of Maryland Rules of Procedure 1961 aition.

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BEFORE THE DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF .

NO. 67-3-R

The Petitioner has requested a reclassification of his property, consisting of approximately seven acres of land, from an R-O some to a RR some to permit the construction of an automobile sales agency.

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Without reviewing the testimony in detail, the Deputy Zoning Commissioner is of the opinion that the Petitioner has failed to meet the burden of proof in showing error in the original soning map or such satial changes in the character of the neighborhood to justify the resoning sought.

For the aforegoing reasons, IT IS QUEERD by the Deputy Acming Cormissioner of Saltinore County this and the same is favory NARDS and that the above reclassification be and the same is favory NARDS and that the above described property or area be and the same is hereby continued and to remain an 8-5 come.

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SCHMIDT FORD, INC.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Mr. Clerk

Will you kindly enter an appeal to the Court of Appeals of Maryland

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copy of the aforegoing Notice of Appeal was mailed this /of day of May, 1968 to Marry S. Swartzwelder, Jr., Esq., 341 Saint Paul Place, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, and to the County Board of Appeals, County Office Building, Towson, Maryland 21204.

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James H. Cook

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ORDER POR APPEAL

Please enter an Appeal on behalf of Milton Siegel, may, Bernard Caplan, and Jerome Maser, Protestantsfrom the Opinion and Order of the County Board of Baltimore County, dated March 28, 1967, in case to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, from an B-B zone on the M/W corner of Liberty Youd and mue in the Second Election District of Baltimore

> HARRY S. SWARTSWELDER, JR. 1708 Munsey Building Beltimore, Maryland, 21202 727-4929 Attorney for Appellants

1967, a copy of the aforegoing Order for Appeal was mailed to Maryland, 21206, and the County Board of Appeals, County Office

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LESSNER, CAPLAN, MAYER, ET AL.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY MISCELLANEOUS

No. 3723

VS. COUNTY EOARD OF APPEALS

Appellees SCHMIDT FORD INC

Appellants

Intervenor

ORDER TO DISMISS

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Please dismiss the Appeal heretofore entered in the above entitled

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51 22 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towaca, Maryland 21204 Attorneysfor Schmidt Ford, Inc. SCHMIDT FORD, INC.

NW corner Liberty Road & Burmont Avenue

NO. 67-6-R

Reclassification from R-6 to B-R May 31, 1966 Petition filed

Aug. 9 Reclassification DENIED by D.Z.C. " 22 Appealed to C. B. of A.

Mar. 28, 1967 Reclassification GRANTED by the Board on 3.3 acres as modified by petitioner at time of hearing April 13 ک

Order of Appeal filed in Circuit Court by Harry S. Swartzwelder, Eig., for Milton Siegel, Pearl Lesner, Bernard Coplan, and Jerome Mazer, Protestans € " 10, 1968 Opinion of Circuit Court (Lester L. Barrett, J.)

reversing Order of Board € / May 1, , April 3, 1970

Order for Appeal filled in Court of Appeals by Messrs, Horn and Cook
Appeal dismissed in the Court of Appeals
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April 12, 1967

County Board of Appeals County Office Building Towson, Maryland, 21704

Re: Schmidt Ford Reclassification Case No. 67-6R

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find copy of Petition For Appeal and Order For appeal, in connection with the above entitled matter.

very truly yours, Cary Schaffelly

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COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Zoning File \*67-6-R Schmidt Ford Co., Petitioner

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#### MEMORANDUM OFINION

This is an appeal from an Order of the County Soard of Appeals of Saltin ore County granting reclassification of approximately 3.3 acres of land in the Fausalistown area of the Second Election District of Saltin ore County, from an R-6 cone to a 8-R sone. The Petitioner's original application was denied by the Preputy Poning Countssioner. An appeal was taken to the County Soard of Appeals from this Order and on Faren 28, 1967, the County Soard of Appeals from this Order and on Faren 28, 1967, the County Soard of Appeals transed the reclassification. The Appellants are not e-powers whose properties are close to the tract in question and a representative of the 3eth Interest Countragation which is located immediately across the street from the suffect area.

As rectied in the Board's epinion, the parcel which is the subject of the petition is part of a twenty-six acre tract of land owned by the Petitioner and is situated at the northwest corner of Liberty Toad and Burnont Avenue. Three acres of the notal twenty-six acre acct are presently round B-R, this belief the land savin, a fronts, e on the north size of Liberty Boad went of Burnont Avenue of approximately \$31 teet and a ceptin of 240 feet, and is circuity in front (south) of the subject percel of which reclassification is requested. The existing rounder around the subject tract of three sides is R-6, while, as stated above, the fourth side is B-P, and is accusate the street inc. a B-R zone on the south side of Liberty Roam.

I don't think original error is my theory at all." On Page 164 when being questioned with respect to chance in the use requirements of new car declarables. Mr. Garfells categorically stated, " It is not a change in the character of the paintheoricad, quaditativ.

since there is no legally sufficient evidence of original sintake or substantial change in the character of the neighborhood,to grant Patitioner's application to change one existing wee, established under a comprehensive zoning plan, to another existing weep, established under a comprehensive zoning plan, to another existing established use, would result in spot zoning and would be in effect, "either to open the floodgates of uncontrolled administrative elegation or to authorize courts to zone and resone." See Board of County Commissioners of the Villay Associates, 247 Md Sude. Therefore Abe Board's decision is found to be arbitrary and expectedue and locking. In the record, legally sufficient evidence of change or error in original zoning to sustain it and thus without substantial evidence to present a reasonably depotable question for the discretion of the Board.

It is therefore this  $-\chi^{(1)}$  day of April, 1968, by the Circuit Court for Saltimore County, CADEKED that the Order of the County Soard of Appeals, dated March 28, 1987, be said the same is heroby reversed.

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Not. Lawrence Posner, the President of Schmidt Ford, Inc., the Petitioner, testified that he purchased the subject tract in 1965 or 1964 for the purpose of relocation his auto dealership which is presently located on Liberty Road at the intersection of Offut Road. Mr. Posner stated that although it would be physically possible to operate an auto dealership on a three acre site, were space is needed for the proper arrangement and operation of showtoon, service department and parking facilities. (Transcript Page 13)

The Court of Appeals was presented with a situation similar to the instant case in <u>Lidiage v Pottucit</u>, 220 Md 568, where the property owners owned four adjoining lots on the easterly side of Langley Road. Two and a part of the third lot were sound beavy connected and the remailable was round cottage—type residential. For Appellants filed a political to reclassify and extend the zoning of their property to cover the remaining portions of lets 3 and 1 to a neary connectial zoning, so that the additional space could be used in connection with their bus business for the parking of additional bases needed to comply with increased oenced. At Page 391, the court states. There was no attent to show any mistake as to the zoning of the property involved at the time of the adoption of the comprehensive zoning plan in 1932. The only evidence produced by the Didlakes in support of their claim of changes in the neighborhood was to the effect that the sopulation in the general area of this portion of the county and greatly increased. When asked at the hearing why he species this additional recombs, Mr. Didlakes an asserted.

Additional bus parking, population increasing and it is necessary to the general public.

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C. Then you want this property coned decause your business got too biy for the land you own?

A. Yes. The people got too many children!"

The court want on to conclude that there was no proof of a basic mistake or of a substantial change and so affirmed the lower court's docision that the resolution of the Board of County Commissioners allowing the extansion of zoning was illegil and void, because it was arbitrary, capticious and not fairly debatable. See also Alvey v Michaels, 231 Md 22.

Mr. Gavrells, Director of Planning, v as called as a witness for the Petitioner. The Board on /age 3 of its Opinion states: "The Board infers from Mr. Gavrells' testimony that in view of the increased site area requirements for auto dealers and established County policies, there is not adequate provision for new car dealerships under the existing soming regulations.

This inference loses force, however, in the face of the testimony of Mr. Mueller, also called on behalf of the Potitioner, who on direct examination was questioned on Pages 63 and 64 of the transcript as to the existing coming classifications. Mr. Mueller stated that the area of the couth side of Liberty Road across from the subject tract was somed B-R to a depth of 350 feet. He also testified that immediately to the east of this percel and almost directly across from the subject tract the B-R Lening extends to a depth of 600 feet which depth has a 1200 foot frontage on Liberty Road.

This testimony of Mr. Mueller likewise weakens the theory of Mr.

Gavrells as put forth on Page 140 of the transcript where Mr. Gavrells status,

"The map did not take into account the fact that as this area grew there would
be a need for yet additional new car facilities, and it did not previde, I believe,

areas of suitable commercial depth generally along Liberty Road."

Ractiting further from Pages 2 and 3 of the Board's Opinion, The Board observed that: "The witness (Mr. Gavrells) indicated that this lack of B-R zoning in depth and the inability of automobile agent as to locate in business major zones does present a problem, but he did not feel that the regulations

should be amended but rather felt that since there are no few requests for locations by auto dealers that it should be handled on an individual bests, stating that he did not necessarily think the map covering this area is in error, but rather that the site area requirements for new car dealerships have changed to an extent necessitating evaluation in terms of specific properties and situations in determine the content necessitating evaluation in terms of specific properties and situations in determine the extent that could be seen to be extent that are the second of th

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Thus, the County Chard of Appeals summed up its decision in the

From the testimony before the Board, the Petitioner's request for the extension of the B-R soning an additional 299 feet is a reasonable and logical one, and that it would not contravene the spirit and intent of the soning map in the area in question. We further find that the petition as it was researced to the Board will have no detrimental, anderse or deprecating effect on the Emericale neighborhood."

The Board in its opinion, however, seems to have ignored the oft repeated language of the Court of Appeals when they granted the reclassification from R-6 zoning to B-R zoning in this case. The Court of Appeals has repeatedly held that there is a strong presumption of the correctness of original soning, Spart of Courty Commissioners v Edmonds, 240 Md 680; <u>Baltimore V.N.A.A.C.P.</u>, 221 Md 329; <u>Shadymook Incrovement Association v Molloy</u>, 232 Md 265; <u>Greenblatt v Toncy Schloss Properties Corp.</u>, 235 Md 9, and that before a Yoning Board rezones a Property there must be proof either of mistake in origing zoning or that the character of the heighborhood has changed to such an extent that such reclassification ought to be granted. <u>Montagnery County v</u> <u>String</u>, 233 Md 449; <u>Didlake v Pottest</u>, 228 Md 889.

In the record before the Board there was evidence of neither error nor substential change. In his cross-examination on Page 162 of the transcript, Nr. Gavralis testified in response to a question by Nr. Schwartzwelder, "No.

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Hon. John G. Rose Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Appenl from Denial of Petition for Reclassification NW/corner of Liberty Road and Burmont Ave. 2nd District Schmidt Ford, Inc., Petitioner NU. 67-6-R

ear Mr. Rose:

Please note and enter an Appeal on behalf of the above named Petitioner, Schmidt Ford, Inc., from the Order dated August 9, 1966 issued by Deputy Zoning Commissioner, Edward D. Hardesty, Esq. in the above captioned matter.

Check of \$75.00 for costs thereof is herewich enclosed made payable to Baltimore County, Maryland.

Very truly yours,

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Cannel H. Horn,
Attorney for Potitioner

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#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

10. Mr. John G. Rose, Zoning Commissioner Date June 23, 1966

Penas George E. Gavrells, Director of Planning

Petition <sup>6</sup>67-6-R. Northwest corner of Liberty Road & Burmont Avenue.

Petition for Reclassification from R-6 to B.R.

Schmidt Ford, Inc. - Petitioners.

2nd District

HEARING: Thursday, July 7, 1966. (10:30 A.M.)

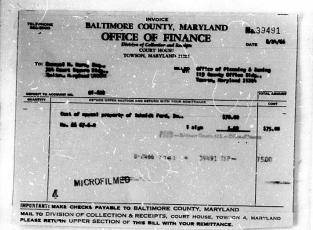
The planning staff of the Office of Planning and Zoning has reviewed the subject patition and offers the following commentss

The B.R. zoning established along this Liberty Road frontage was Interded for uses such as that proposed by the partitioner. In View of the increased she-man requirements of unknowled laced are stablishments, some enlargement of the commercial zoning here would be logical – but definitely not enlargement to the eather tegerated. A buffer satisfy of K-o zoning adjacent to those sides of the parcel under consideration should ements, freely envolding novel definitely not expense of the parcel under consideration should ements, freely envolding the probability of yet more commercial extensions. Fur of this strip could be used for parking under a use permit, thereby assuring appropriate controls for Inducationing, screening, etc.

The buffer strip we recommend is shown on a plat in the Office of the Director files maintained by the Zouing Administration division. The strip is 115 feet in depth so as not to proclude the possibility of Rc development.

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