

Development Processing County Office Building Tow n, Maryland 21204

iune 25, 1998

Amresco Capital, L.P.
Jos Ann Ramsey, Esquire
McGure, Woods, Bartie & Boothe, L.L.P.
1. North Charles Street
Suite 1300
Baltimore, MD, 21201

RE: The Lafayette Building 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue Zoning Case #74-239-A 9th Election District

Ladies and Gentlemen

Jablon. Director of Permits a to Development Management, has been referred to me for reply. The zoning of this size per the 1°=20° scale zoning map number NE-10A is B.M.-C.T. (Business Major: Commercial town-center core). As such, the use of an office building is permitted 2s of high

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I trust that the information set forth in this letter is sufficiently detailed and responsive to the request. If you need finther information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-887-3391

Very truly yours,

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John J. Sullivan, Jr. Planner II Zoning Review

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Mr. Arnold Jablon Mr. Arnold Jablon
Department of Permits and
Development Management
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204



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NOCKVILLE, ND TOWSON, ND

Re: Zoning Verification for 40 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Baltimore County, MD 21204

Dear Mr. Jablon:

COLUMBIA, MD

THE NS SON'S E WASH.

Please provide a letter verifying zoning for the above-mentioned property and indicate whether there are current or outstanding zoning violations on the subject property.

MILES & STOCKBRIDGE

IO LIGHT STREET

TELEPHO: Æ 410-727-6464 FAX 410-088-0700

June 3, 1998

RE MARYLAND 21202-1467

Your letter should follow the format of the form letter enclosed. The letter should be addressed to Amresco Capital, L.P. c/o Ann Ramsey, Esq. McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe, L.L.P. 1 North Charles Street, Suite 1300, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Also enclosed is a check for \$40.00 to cover the fee for this request.

Please feel free to call me directly at (410) 385-3570 should you have any further questions.

Very truly yours, Tuth Mates Ruth E. Mateo Legal Assistant

cc: Ann L. Ramsey, Esq. Glenn C. Ercole

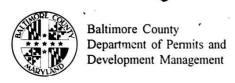
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DATE:

TO: AMRESCO CAPITAL, L.P. c/o [Outside Counsel]

ZONING VERIFICATION

| Re: | PROJECT: The Lafayette Building ADDRESS: 40 West Chesapeake Avenue |
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| Ladies and 0 | Gentlemen: |
| above-descr | have been advised that AMRESCO CAPITAL, L.P. is considering financing to libed project. In that regard, we have been asked to provide you with certain zonal in connection with this project. |
| 1. the project a | Current Zoning: The project is currently zoned which permits the use is a as a matter of right (if current zoning do |
| attach appl | ne use of the project as its current use as a matter of right, please explain) [pleaticable ordinance]: |
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| project is no | Non-conforming If non-conforming or legally non-conforming, to the best of your knowledge in-conforming [or legally non-conforming] in the following respects: |
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| 3. | Right to Rebuild Following Casualty: In the event of casualty to the project |



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

February 22, 1999

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. (USA) c/o John G. Wharton, Esquire Niles Barton & Wilmer **Suite 1400** 111 South Calvert Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Ladies and Gentlemen:

RE: Zoning verification. The Lafavette Building, 40 West Chesapeake Avenue, Zoning case #74-239-A, 9th Election District

A letter from Nancy E. Whiteman of the Law Offices of Miles & Stockbridge to Arnold Jablon, Director of Permits and Development Management, has been referred to me for reply. The zoning of this site, per the 1" 200' scale zoning map number NE-10A is B.M.-C.T. (Business, Major - Commercial, town-center core). As such, the use of an office building is permitted as of right.

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Sincerely.

John J. Sullivan, Jr.

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FROM AREA AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS 74

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

the we, Baltimore County Revenuegal owner...of the property situate in Baltiv .re County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section 303.2 - B.M. to permit a Variance with respect to the depth of the property and permit the building 4/0

with respect to the deprn or the property and severe to 0 feet. The line to come to the sidewalks/;and Section 409, [Offstreet Parking]. to reduce the required parking from 227 spaces to 102 spaces which would be provided in the adjacent offstreet parking spaces which of the Zoning Law of Baltimere County, the Zoning Law of Baltimere County, the Zoning Law of Baltimere County, for the College County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

To deny the Variance in this case would result in not only an impractical difficulty but also an unreasonable hardship to the users of the property and it would deny them the effective use of the land in question.

To grant the Variance would not affect any private or public cons but rather would result in the upgrading of the area and benefit of the general public.

The requirements of the Zoning Regulations are intended to generally apply to situations, and the specific circumstances which occasion the need for the Variance requested will not subvort the Regulations but will in both instances be compatible with the protections Property is to be poted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulation. intended by the Eure we agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising posting, etc., upon filing of the lations, posting, and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Ballimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Ballimore County.

Arthur L. S. Waxter Sidney Silber Contract purchaser

Baltimore County Revenue Authority By Charles E. Heiotz, Jr. Executive Director Legal Owner

402 Equitable - Towson Blug. Address 10 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, Maryland 21204

, 1934 ..., that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had bea. The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore 197 h at 10:30/clock County, on the 2hth day of April

-A--M

Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County,

Towson, Maryland 21204

FROM THE OFFICE OF GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, TR. & ASSOCIATES, INC. EMGINEERS P.O. BOX 6828, TUYSON, MD. 21204

Description to Accompany Zoning Application Requesting Variance for Front Setback West Chesponake Avenue

January 28, 1974

COUNTY REV. Chesapeake k Rd.

AVE. 151.06' W 9th

Beginning for the same on the north side of Chesapeake Avenue, 60 feet wide, at a point distant 151.06 feet westerly from the west side of York Road and running thence binding on the north side of said Chusapeake Avenue (1) N 82º 13: 59" W 265.02 feet, thence (2) N 7° 00: 36" E 44.87 feet to the south side of the Chesapeake Core Parking Facility, thence along the south side of said Facility (3) S 82° 59: 24" E 265.00 feet, thence (4) S 7° 00° 36" ¥ 48.37 feet to the place of beginning.

Saving and excepting from the above description a strip of land along the north side of Chesapeake Avenue varying in width from 1.87 feet at the west end to 5.37 feet at the east end for the widening of Chesapeake Averue.



RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE W of York Road - 9th District Baltimore County Revenue Authority NO. 74-239-A (Item No. 137)

BEFORE THE DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

BALTIMORE COUNTY

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This Petition represents a request by the Baltimore County Revenue Authority for Variances to building setback and parking requirements. The property in question represents residue from a larger tract recently improved by the Revenue Authority with a 900 space parking garage. Said property is located on the north side of Chesapeake Avenue, 151,06 feet west of York Road, in the Ninth Election District of Baltimore County.

At the very out-set of the hearing, the Revenue Authority made clear that they do have sufficient parking spaces to comply with Baltimore County Zoning Regulations insofar as the proposed structure is concerned and that the Variance had been requested by the contract purchasers of the property on the basis that there was an inequity in the parking requirements as applied to the Towson area and their property in particular.

The Revenue Authority also made clear that they had planned the subjecresidue property from the conception of the parking garage in order that they could capitalize on the commercial value of the Chesapeake Avenue frontage to help defray the cost of the garage.

The contract purchasers of the residue property proposed to construct siz story office-commercial complex with 4,130 square feet of restauran space on the lower level, 8,260 square feet of retail space on the lobby leve and 10,148 square feet of office space on each of the upper five levels. The structure would be 265 feet long, 43 feet deep and 92 feet high. The front foundation wall would be setback zero feet at street level, and would extend over the sidewalk area, approximately eight feet at the second floor level.

The setbacks were based on the width of the right-of-way of Chesapeake Ave nue after the proposed widening and would be in keeping with the setbacks of other major construction in the immediate area

However, a recently cons'ructed drive-in bank building on the west side of the subject property has raised questions as to whether or not the proposed structure would meet the average setback requirement, and for this reason. the setback Variance has been requested. They felt that they were faced with as to whether or not the small drive-in bank building was a permanent structure and the fact that the plans for the garage building, including the subject residue property, were approved with construction beginning before the drivein bank building was started.

With regard to the parking Variance, the contract purchasers made clear that they would lease from the Revenue Authority the 102 spaces required to totally comply with the parking requirements for the office space. How already in Towson and situated in parking spaces, i.e., the people in their proposed office building and the people in other surrounding office buildings. To substantiate this fact, a real estate leasing and development expert presented figures based on existing office buildings and Baltimore County employment information indicating that there is a population in excess of 13,000 eneral Towson central business district. The population estimates did not include any existing retail outlets. They also pointed out that two adjoining rants had flourished several years with very little if any parking, deending almost entirely on walk-in trade

It was the opinion of both the Revenue Authority and the contract purchasers, that the above circumstances established serious doubts as to

whether or not p. rking would actually be necessary for the restaurant and retail facilities, and that the annual cost of the required parking for the restaurant, amounting to approximately \$24,000, would create an unreasonable hardship and would make a restaurant facility at this location economically im-

The bulk of the Petitioner's testimony will not be repeated in this Opinion, however, Memorandums detailing said testimony have been submitted by attorneys for both the Petitioner and contract purchaser and have been included as part of this case file.

Also included in the case file is a letter from the President of the Southland Hills improvement Association opposing the granting of the parking Variance on the basis of parking problems that presently exist in the area.

The Baltimore County Department of Traffic Engineering, who reviewed the Petitioner's proposed development plans along with several other County and State agencies, stated that parking in Towson has been a problem for several years and that to reduce the number of parking spaces, as requested, could be expected to make the traffic problem more serious.

After carefully reviewing all the testimony and evidence presented, it is the opinion of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner that the narrow depth of the existing available property, coupled with the proposed widening and existing setbacks of surrounding construction, create difficulties with regard to compliance with the front yard setback area and that the request for setback Variances should be granted

With regard to the parking Variance, there is no doubt that Towson has grown into a towncenter complete with many high-rise commercial type buildings and can no longer be compared with any other area of Ballimore County. Parking, though available, is no longer free and convenient as it once was, and the mode of development have changed to a point that the parking regulations can no longer be judiciously applied. For these reasons, it is also apparent that the Petitioner is faced with parking problems not applicable to

BALT.MORE COUNTY, MARYLA .D INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO S. Eric DiNenna, Zoning Commissioner Date April 19, 1974

FROM William D. Fromm, Director of Planning

SUBJECT Petition #74-239-A. North side of Chesapeake Avenue 151.06 feet West of York Road.

Petition for Variance for Front Yard and Off-Street Parking
Petitioner - Baltimore County Revenue Authority

9th District

HEARING: Wednesday, April 24, 1974 (10:30 A.M.)

The staff of the Office of Planning and Zoning has reviewed the subject petition and has the following comments to offer.

The granting of the setback variances will not adversely affect the 1980 Guideplan, the County's official master plan.

The parking variance would be consistent with the planning principles being formulated if the parking spaces are to be rade available in the parking structure immediately behind the proposed buildings.

William D. Fromm Director of Plancing

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other sections of the County and should be granted a Variance of sorts with certain conditions and restrictions that would insure utilization of the adjoining parking garage by any customers of the restaurant or retail store that has need of an off street parking space while utilizing the subject premises

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this _____ day of June, 1974, that the herein Petition for Variance to permit a front yard setback of zero feet and to reduce the required parking spaces from 227 to 102 should be and the same are hereby GRANTED, from and after the date of this Order. Said granting is subject to the following restrictions:

- 1. The Revenue Authority must assure at all times that number of spaces equal to the amount required for the retail stores and restaurant will be available in the garage when and if required for customers shopping or eating in the proposed office-commercial complex.
- 2. Validation tickets for free parking space in said garage shall be made available to all customers of the restaurant and/or retail shops who have a need for such parking space
- Signs advertising free parking privileges for said cus-Signs advertising tree parking privileges for said customers shall be clearly posted in the parking garage and in the individual restaurant and shops.
- 4. Approval of a site plan by the Department of Public Works and the Office of Planning and Zoning.

June 13, 1974

Richard C. Whiteford, Esquire 305 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Variance N/E at Chesapeake Avenue, 151.06' W of York Road - 9to District NO. 74-239-A (Item No. 137)

Done Mr. Whiteford

I have this date passed my Order in the above captioned matter in

Very truly yours, JAMES E. DYER Deputy Zoalng Commissioner

JED/me

cci R. Taylor McLean, Esquire 102 West Pennsylvania Avenue Tocson, Maryland 21204

Mr. Charles E. Heints, Jr. Baltimore County Revenue Ass 10 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Mr. John M. Sheehar and Hills Improvement Assoc. 41? Lorgia Court Towson, Maryland 21204

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Richard C. Whiteford, Esq., 305 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Variance Petition Item 137 Baltimore County Revenue

Dear Mr. Whiteford:

The Zoning Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petitis m and has made an on site field inspection of the property. The following comments are a result of this review and inspection.

These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. The birector of Planning may file a written report with the coming Commissioner with recommendations as to the appropriateness of the reported zoning. These comments are not intended to indicate

The subject property is located on the north side of Chesapeake Avenue, approximately one hundred and fifty-one (151) feet west of York Road and is presently unimproved.

The mite is directly adjacent to the Revenue Authority parking garage. To the south, across Chessaid to the cast, along York Rood are various business challsiments which comprise part of the central business district of Towson.

The petitioner is requesting a Variance to permit a front yard setback of zero (0) feet instead of the required twenty (20) feet and a

Richard C. Whiteford, Esq. Fage 2 March 8, 1974

Variance to permit one hundred and two (102) parking spaces instead of the required two hundred and twenty-seven (227).

This petition is being withheld from filing until ... ch time as the plans are revised to reflect the comments of the Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Traffic Engineering, and the Project and Development Planning Office.

Very truly yours.

Garrice E. Eppros I JAMES B. BYRNES, III Chairman, ... Zoning Advisory Committee

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Enclosure

cc: George William Stephens, Jr. and Associates, Inc. 303 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND JEFFERSON BUILDING TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

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DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

EUGENE J. CLIFFORD P.E.

WM T. MELTER

March 11, 1974

Mr. S. Fric DiNappa County Office Building Towion, Maryland 212 4

Re: Item 137 - 2AC - Fabruary 12, 19.14
Property Owner: Baltimore County Revenue Authority
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from 227 spaces to 102 spaces,

The subject petition is for a variance to the setback from the right of way line and to reduce the parking requirement from 227 spaces to 102 spaces. Parking in the Townon area has been a problem for several years and to reduce the parking requirement can be expected to make this problem more serious. Plans should be revised so that the parking being leosed by the petitioner show. Include a breakdown of the already committed parking by the Revenue Authority and a statement. as to the fact that the petitioner is leasing the parking from the

Very truly yours.

michael & Hanger Michael S. Flanigan Traffic Engineer Associate

MSF/pk

Baltimore County Fire Department

J. Austin Deitz



Towion, Maryland 21204 825-7310

Office of Placaing and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, Harviand 21204

Attention: Mr. Jack Dillon, Chairman Zoning Advisory Consittee

Re: Property Owner: Baltimore County Revenue Authority

Location: N/S of Chesapeake Avenue, 151.06 feet W of York Road

Item No. 137

Zoning Agenda February 19, 1974

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this 3ureau and the comments below marked with an "x" are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for

() 1. Fire hydramis for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals of feet along an approved road in accordance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department of Public Morks.

2. A second means of while access is required for the site.

3. The vehicle dead-end condition shown at

EXCERDI the maximum allowed by the Fire Department.
The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning

The site shall be made to comply with all applicable par of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginni The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Sational Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "The Life Safety Code", 1979 Sation prior to occupancy. Site plans are approved as drawn. The Fire Prevention Sureau has no comments at this time.

Reviewer: 7 Carlon Planning Group
Special Inspection Division

Approved: Paul H Chinebe

Bareau of Engineering

ELLSWORTH N. DIVER. P. E. CHIEF

Mr. S. Frie Diverne Zoning Commissioner County Office Building

Dear Mr. DiMenna:

Towson, Maryland 2120h

WILLIAM D. FEOMM S. ERIC DINENNA JONING COMMISSIONER



Baltimore County, Margland Bepartment Of Public Works

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

February 28, 1976

The following comments are furnished in regard to the plat submitted to this office for review by the Zoning Advisory Committee in connection with the subject item.

Chaspanke formus, an existing County street, is proposed to be improved in the future as a bi-foot classifier country cross-section generally on a 76-foot right-of-way. In respect with the property of the proposed right-of-way line is to proposed right-of-way line is to propose digitally and lower levels of the proposed structure and the upper floors will overhand the proposed citization-from by 6 feet.

Highway improvements including highway right-of-way widening will be required in connection with any grading or building permit application. Further information may be obtained from the Baltimore County Bureau of Engineering and the plan must be revised accordingly.

The entrance locations are subject to approval by the Department of Traffic Engineering, and shall be constructed in accordance with Baltimore County Standards.

Development of this property through stripping, grading and stabilization could moult in a sediment pollution problem, damaging private and public holdings downstream of the property. A grading parent is, therefore, messaary for all grading, including the atripping of top soil.

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Re: Item #137 (1973-1976)

March 8, 1974

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Mr. S. Eric DiNenna, Zoning Commissioner Zoning Advisory Committee
Office of Planning and Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. DiNenna

Comments on Item #137, Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting, February 12, 1974, are as follows:

Property Owner: Baltimore County Revenue Authority Location: N/S of Chesapeake Avenue, 151.06 feet W of York Road Existing Zoning: B.M. Proposed Zonings Unriance to permit the building line to come to the sidewalks approximately twenty (20, feet to zer (0) feet, and reduce required parking from 227 spaces to 102 spaces. No. of Acres: 265' X 48.37'

This plan has been reviewed and there are no site-planning factors requiring comment.

Very truly yours.

John Z Wimbley John L. Wimbley

Planning Specialist II
rroject & Davelopment Planning Division

BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING SUITE 301 JEFFERSON BUILDING 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

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Storm Drains:

The fetitioner must provide necessary drainage facilities [temporary or parament) to prevent creating any mutaanous or damages to adjacent properties, especially by the concentration of murface waters. Correction of any republem which may result, due to I proper grading or improper installation of drainage facilities, would be the full responsibility of the Parliament.

Public water supply and samitary sewerage are available to serve this property.

It appears that additional fire hydrant protection may be required in the

This property is tributary to the Towson Run - Roland Run - Jones Falls sanitary severage system and is subject to State Department of Health imposed moratorium

Very truly yours,

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END: BAM: FWR: an

cc: G. Reier J. Trenner

N-NW Key Sheet 38 NE 3 Pos. Sheet NE 10 A Topo 70 and 7CA Tox Maps

60 BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

TOWSON, MARYLAND - 21204

Date: February 5, 1974

Mr. S. Eric DiNenna Towson, Maryland 21201

Z.A.C. Meeting of: February 12, 1974

Re: Item 137 Property Owner: Baltimore County Revenue Authority
Location: N/S of Chesapeake Ave, 151.06 ft. W. of York Rd.

Present Zoning: R.M.

Proposed Zoning: 48.1.

Proposed Zoning: Variance to permit the building line to come to the sidewalks approximately twenty (30) ft. to zero (0) ft. had reduce required parking from 227 games to 102 spaces.

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Dear Mr. DiNerra.

No bearing on student population.

Very truly yours, W web tetrond

W. Nick Petrovich Field Representative

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ALVIN LEVECK

RICHARD W. TRACES VAN

Towson, Maryland 21204 March 5, 1974

CHARLES CENTER BALTIMORY, MARYLAND 21201

Mr. James Byrnes Office of the Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> Petition for a Zoning Variance Property of Baltimore County Revenue authority Chosapeake Avenue Contract purchasers - Arthur L. S. Waxter Sidney Silber

Dear Mr. Byrnes:

When I originally filed the Petition in the abovecaptioned matter, I indicated to you that there was a possibility that there were some leasing Agreements between the owner and contract purchaser. A review of my file indicates that this is not the case and there is a binding Contract of Sale between the parties. I believe, therefore, that you have all of the information that you need at this time.

If there is any additional information that I may have overlooked, please do not hesitate to call.

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LAW OFFICES WHITEFORD, TAYLOR, PRESTON, TRIMBLE & JOHNSTON

TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

April 29, 1974



Mr. James E. Dyer
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning Jefferson Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Item No. 137 - Variance Petition Baltimore County Revenue Authority Our File No. D-11,806

Dear Mr. Dver:

This letter is in response to your request at the end of the zoning hearing on April 24, 1974, for a memorandum in support of the Petitioner's position.

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In regard to our Petition requesting a zero set-back from the front of the building, we have produced the tentinency of the County Revenue Authority, who indicated that the Revenue Authority, in its financial planning for the Chesapeake Avenue parking facility, accounted for expected receipts from the sale of the land. The land has an extremely narrow depth from Chesapeake Avenue varying from 44 feet to 48 feet. A portion of this depth will be deeded to Baltimore County for future widening of West Chesapeake Avenue. The maximum depth at the ground floor level of this structure as planned is 35 feet. The upper floors for the first think indicated that unless the variance as to the front yard is granted, he would encounter substantial problems in selling the property because there would be insufficiant depth to construct a building.

In regard to the Petitioner's request for parking variances, Mr. Hointr testified that he had no objection to the variance. He also affirmed that the Revenue Authority was prepared to enter into a long-term lease commitment with the owner of the property to provide necessary parking for the proposed bullding.

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May 1, 1973

Mr. Charles E. Heintz, Jr. The Caltierre County Powenus Authority 10 V. Chasaranke Avenue

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Mr. Arthur Waxier testified that a building with a Mr. Arthur Waxier testified that a building with a 35-foot depth at ground level and a 43-foot depth on the upper floors was the minimum-sized structure that he could economically justify building upon the land. If the front yard variance was not granted and if the set-back was required equaling the average between the First National Bank driverin facility on the west and the locksmith's shop on the cast, no building could be built. This average of set me cast, no building could be built. This average of set and apparently required by did not be average of set and the would need the commercially developed. Thus, without the front yard variance, he would not purchase the property.

In regard to the parking variance, the Petitioner In regard to the parking variance, the Patitioner asked a variance frem parking for the proposed restaurant facility to be cortained on the bottom floor and the retail shops to be located on the first floor. The cost to provide 83 parking slots in the adjacent Chesapeake Avenue parking facility would be 524,900.00 annually for the restaurant. This equals 56.00 per square foot per year in addition the the rent of the restaurant. If faced with thought of the restaurant is the builded have to contain the builded have to parking cost, when added to the normal rental cost (another 56.00 per square foot) would make a restaurant facility economically impossible.

Mr. Waxter further testified that the cost for Mr. Waxter further testified that the cost for parking per square foot on the retail space would be extremely burdensome. Shopping centers, such as Towson Plaza, lease retail space for approximately \$7.00 per square foot. This is the approximate figure for which the developer could lease retail space. If required to provide 42 parking places, the cost to the developer could be an additional \$1.50 per square foot, on the rent on the relail space \$5.00 per square foot, a level much higher than competitive space in shopping centers.

In further testimony, Mr. Waxter stated that he will enter into a long-term lease commitment with the Baltimore County Revenue Authority for parking spaces to serve the structure.

Mr. Waxter is asking for a variance on the restaurant and retail store parking requirements only and not for the parking requirements for the office spaces.

Mr. Philip C. Iglehart, a real estate leasing and development expert, testified that there are approximately 13,000 people in the contral Towson core on a normal business

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REFERENCE ARCADE ASSOCIATES

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Based on the office building facts listed below, and the Baltimore County Employment Information, we have estimated that there is a population in excess of 11,000 people within six blocks of the unit block of West Chesapeake Avenue, in the general Towson Central Business District. These population estimates do not include any retail

The following office buildings, and square footage areas, were used to arrive at the above estimated population.

Alex Brown Building - 47,000 SF
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rentinouse Bullding - Office Space - 28,000 Sf 11 West Pennsylvania Avenue - 5,000 Sf Shell Oil Building -44,500 Sf 621 York Road - 18,000 Sf Miscellednous converted residences - 40,000 Sf

Total square footage area - 1,083,500 square feet

Resed on 100 square feet per person, the resulting population is



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day. I have attached a copy of Mr. Iglehart's memorandum computing the Townon business population. These people are selected in the provide and already occupying Townon parking spaces. Mr. Description of the professional and clerical personnel already in the Townon area. Mr. Iglehart felt that it was unnecessary to provide parking facilities for people who were already in the restaurant and retail outlets.

Mr. Iglehart also verified the impossibility of establishing a restaurant if that restaurant would have to bear the cost of 83 parking spaces. The restaurant facility would simply have to be abandoned unless there was a variance on those spaces.

Mr. Iglehart indicated that it would be much more difficult to lease the retail space if the retail store tenant was burdened with the \$1.50 per square foot cost of

In summary, I believe that the Petitioner's testimony shows that strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations would result in practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Petition be granted.

Yours very truly.

La lord Chouse Richard C. Whiteford

RCW: kaq

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Sidney Silber Mr. Arthur L. S. Waxter R. Taylor McLean, Esquire

Page Two April 22, 1974 MEMORANDUM Mr. Richard C. Whiteford

Baltimore County employees housed in the Baltimore County Administration Building and Baltimore County, Houses number 2.190.

The total population - 17,025 people.

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Mr. S. Eric DiNenna Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Regarding 'Petition for Variance for Off-Street Parking, North Side Chesapeake Avenue 151.06 ft. West of York Road, Public Hearing, Wednesday, April 24, 1974, 10:30 A.M.', I will be unable to attend this hearing but would still like to offer comments for the record in opposition to decreasing required parking spaces from 227 to 102:

- Mr. Richard Moore, of Traffic, stated to me over the telephone that he would be willing to testify that 102 spaces is not enough. I therefore request that he be subpoened to appear and make such a statement.
- The growth of parking problems in the residential areas around Towson has been partly attributable to commercial and office uses not providing enough parking believe the 300 sq. ft. divider should be used for all first and an office, not just the first floor. (I note that park-ing for offices here is based on the 500 sq. ft. divider).
- 3. I spot-checked, on Friday, April 19, 1974, at 11:00 A.M. (which was a rainy day), the parking garage, and counted 250 empty spaces (not 258 (500-602) as shewn on petitioners drawing). I would suggest that if spot-checks were made by the County we would see a pattern of actual use exceeding bet lamtes of use sagin pointing to the inadequacy of the methods of estimating.
- In any case, even the petitioner's own calculations indi-cate that the parking garage has more than enough spaces to take care of the 227 required by law.

I therefore urge you deny this requested variance.

Sincerely yours, John M. Sheehan President

JMS/bq Mr. Sheriff:

Please issue summons in accordance with the above.

Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

ROYSTON, MUELLER, THOMAS & MCLEAN ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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ZONING DEPARTMENT

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Mr. James E. Dyer Deputy Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Jefferson Building

Towson, Maryland 21204 Re: Item No. 137 (1973-74) Property Owner - Baltimore County Revenue Authority North side Chesapeake Avenue

Dear Mr. Dver:

This letter is being written in response to your request at the end of the hearing today on the above referred to request for variance that Mr. Whiteford and I provide you with memoranda

The front yard depth variance as provided in \$303.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations is only required in this case if the recently constructed, but still unused, First National Bank Drive-in is considered a "permanent commercial building" within the meaning of \$303.2. That structure has a substantial setback because of the nature of drive-in banking business and the need for "stack lamos" for the cars using the facility. There is no need for a variance for the proposed Waxter-Silber structure based on the locatic. Of the other buildings in the block.

Assuming a variance is required, we believe it should be granted. The testimony is that it is not economically feasible to build a commercial building with a depth of less than 35 feet. Common sense, as well as the expert's testimony, makes this plain, we believe. Thus, if the variance is not granted, the zoning regulations will have the effect of rendering the property useless. Such a result clearly works an unreasonable and confiscatory hardship on whomever owns the property.

Mr. Jamra E. Dyer April 2 1974

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It also frustrates the plan of the Revenue Authority to so locate its parking facility that the Chesapeake Avenue frontages could still be used for retail and office use as was the case before the Revenue Authority condemned this land. It would have been an easy matter to extend the parking facility to the south side of Chesapeake Avenue, but this was not considered in the best interests of the public. Alro, at the time the plan was conceived and the parking facility commenced, the First National Bank structure (Which structures on Chesapeake wennessary) did not exist, and the other structures on Chesapeake other structures on Chesapeake Avenue were and are so located as to make a front yard depth variance unnecessary.

In view of the above the variance should be granted, perhaps a comment that it may not be necessary at all.

With regard to the request for parking variance, the Revenue Authority is willing to provide the purchaser with all the parking it needs at the going rate of \$25 per month per space. On the other hand, the Revenue Authority does bolieve that the people who will be patronizing the restaurant and retail stores will already be in the Towson community through their employment. To the extent that there are people who drive to Towson just to patronize the stores and restaurant, there is plenty of space for them in the Revenue Authority's parking facilities either at their expense or through a parking validation plan.

Please contact me if you have any questions or wish anything

Very truly yours,

Tay he bitem R. Taylor McLean

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cc/Richard C. Whiteford, Esq. Mr. Charles E. Heintz, Jr.

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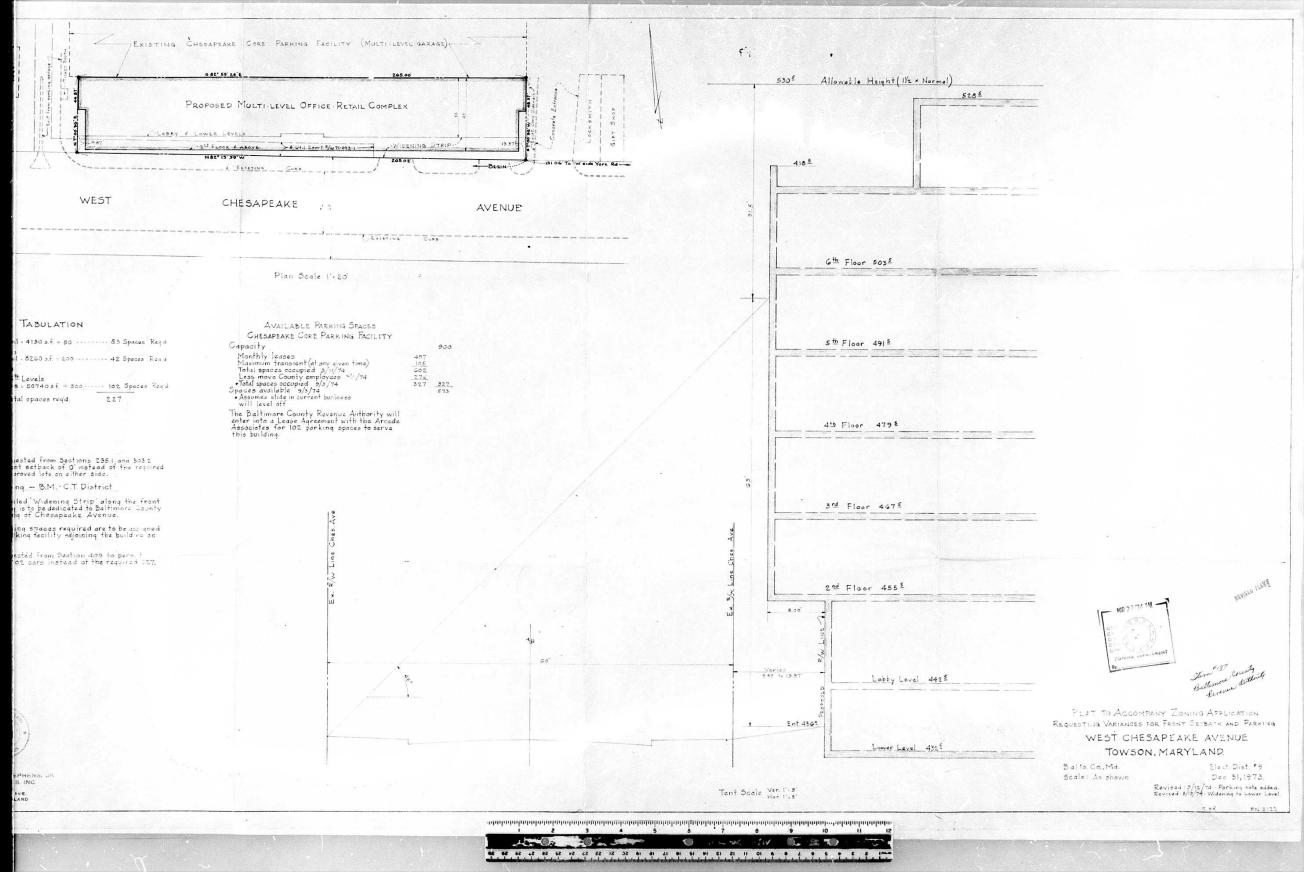
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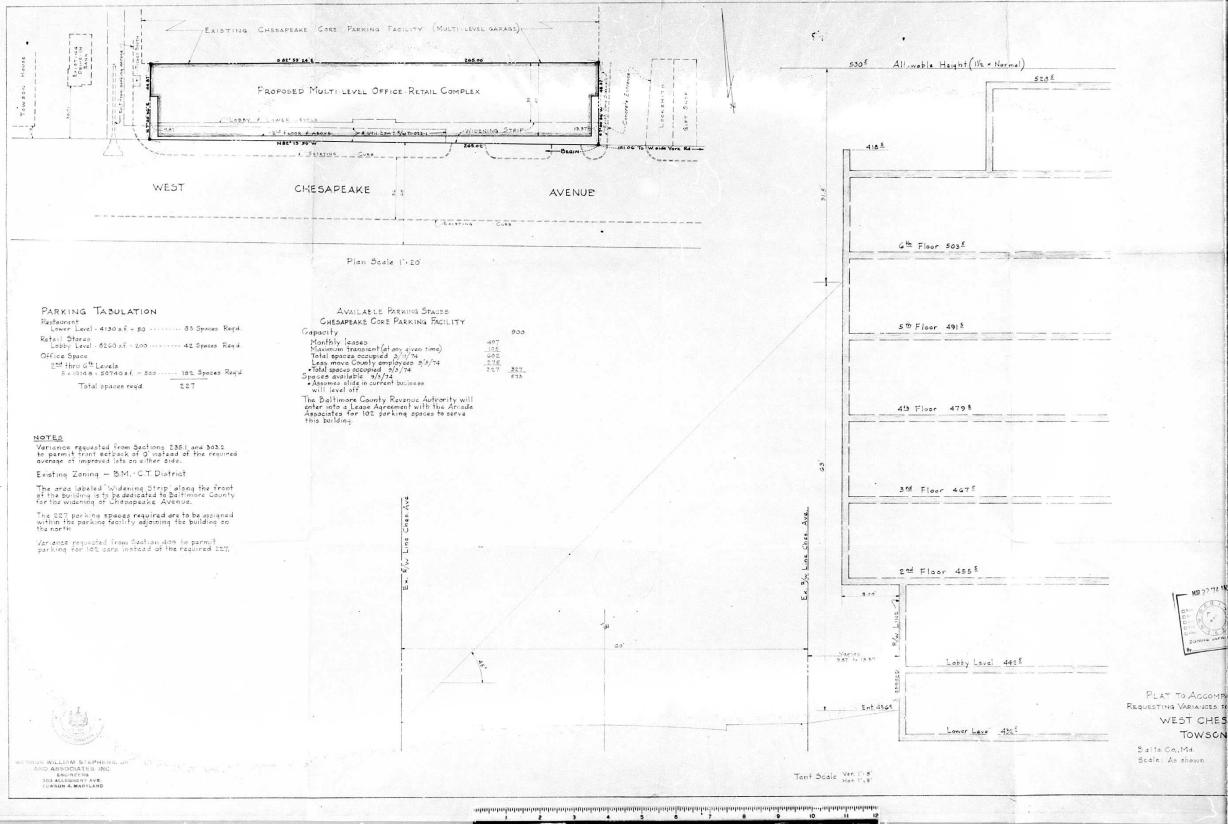
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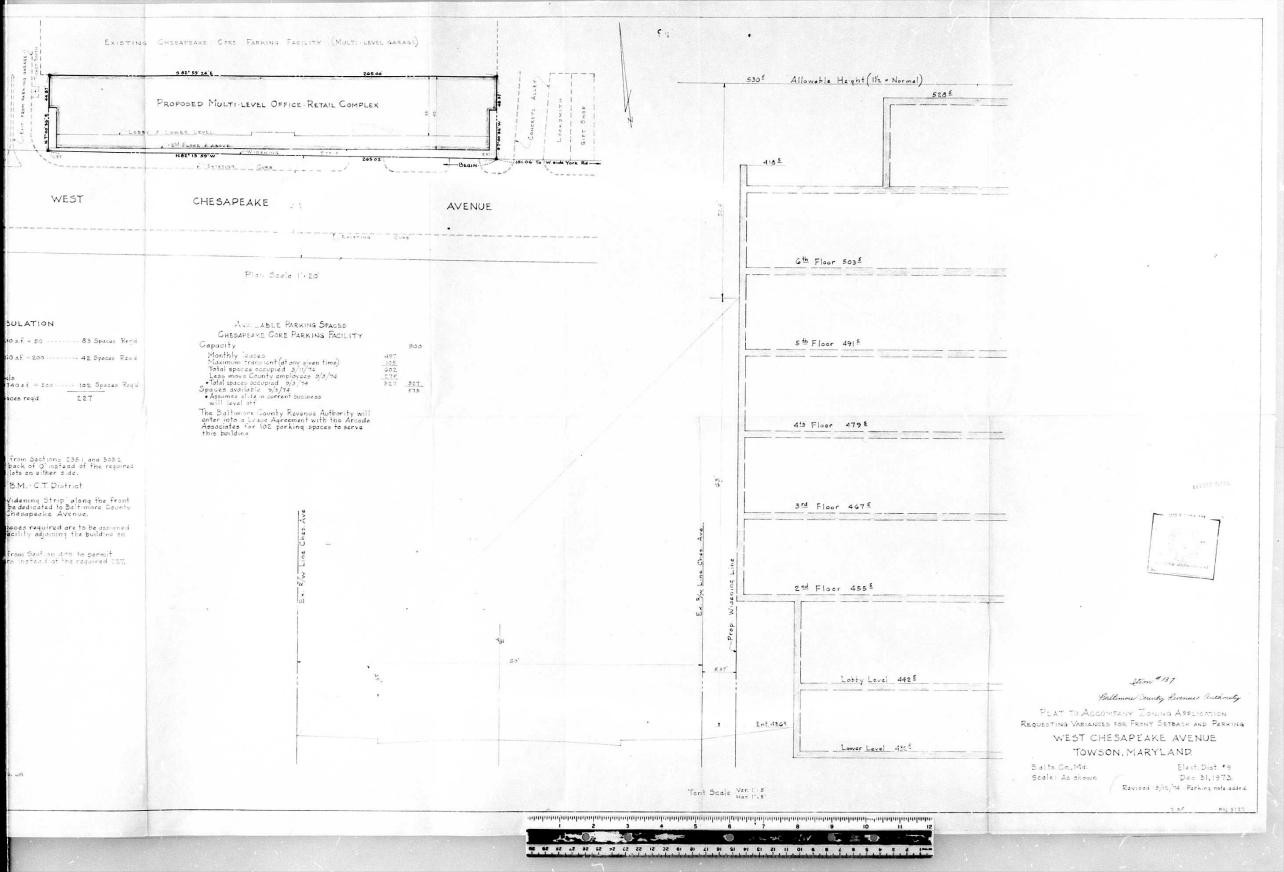
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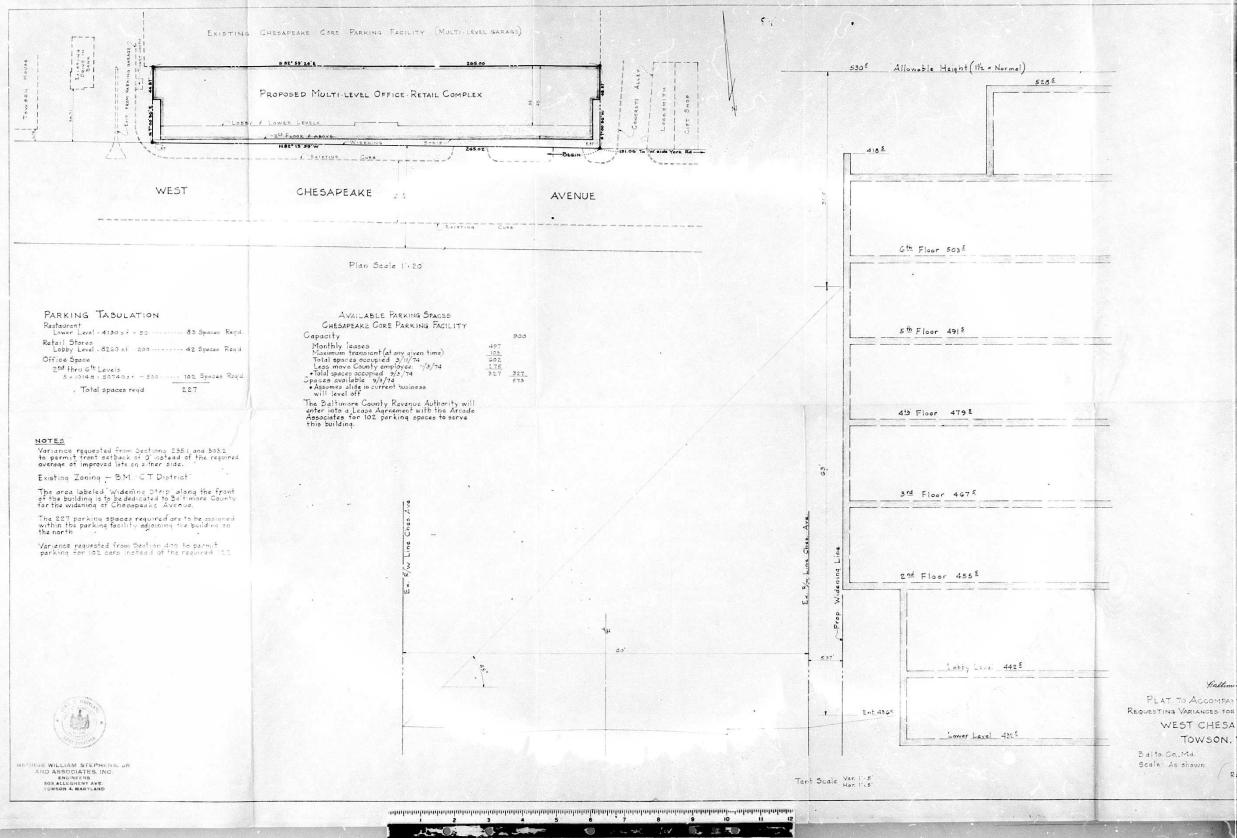






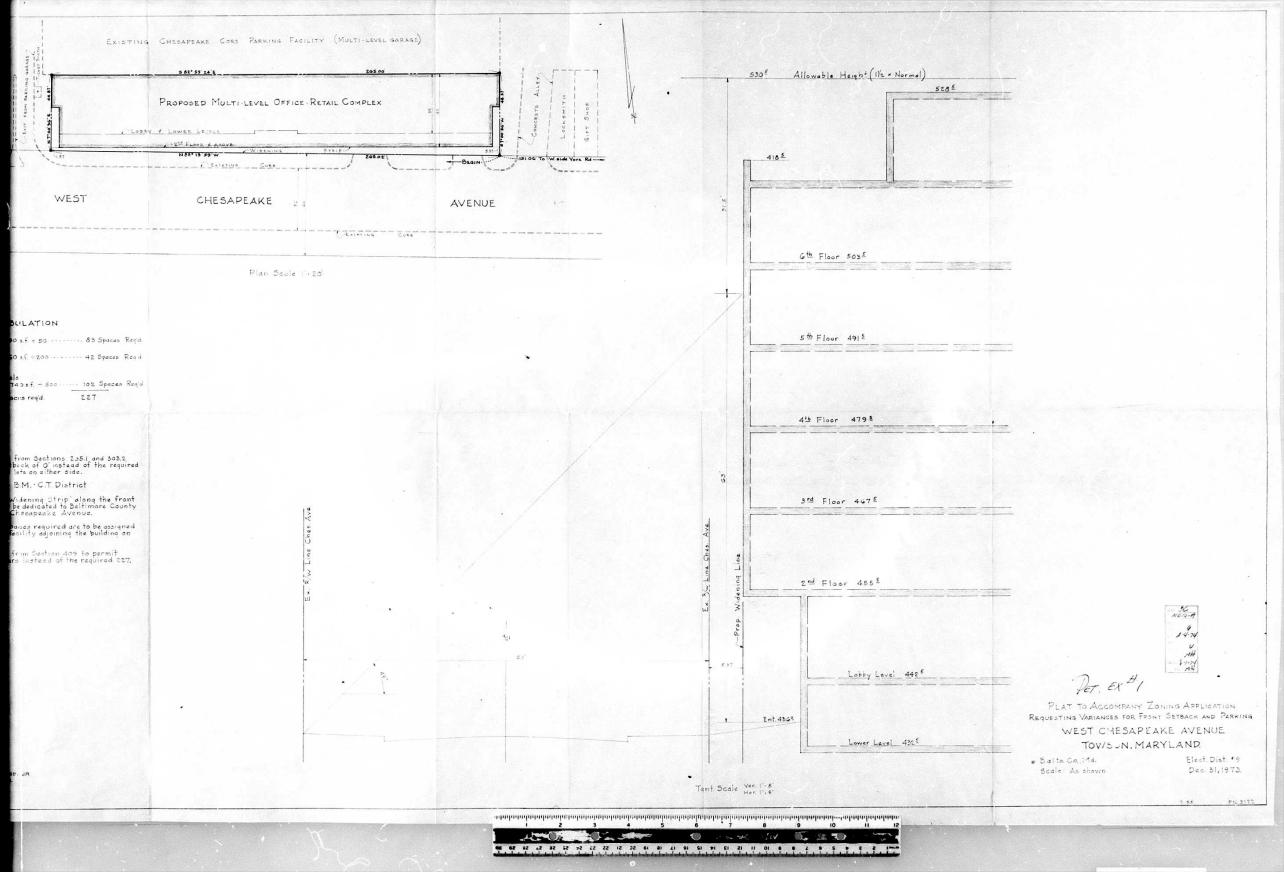
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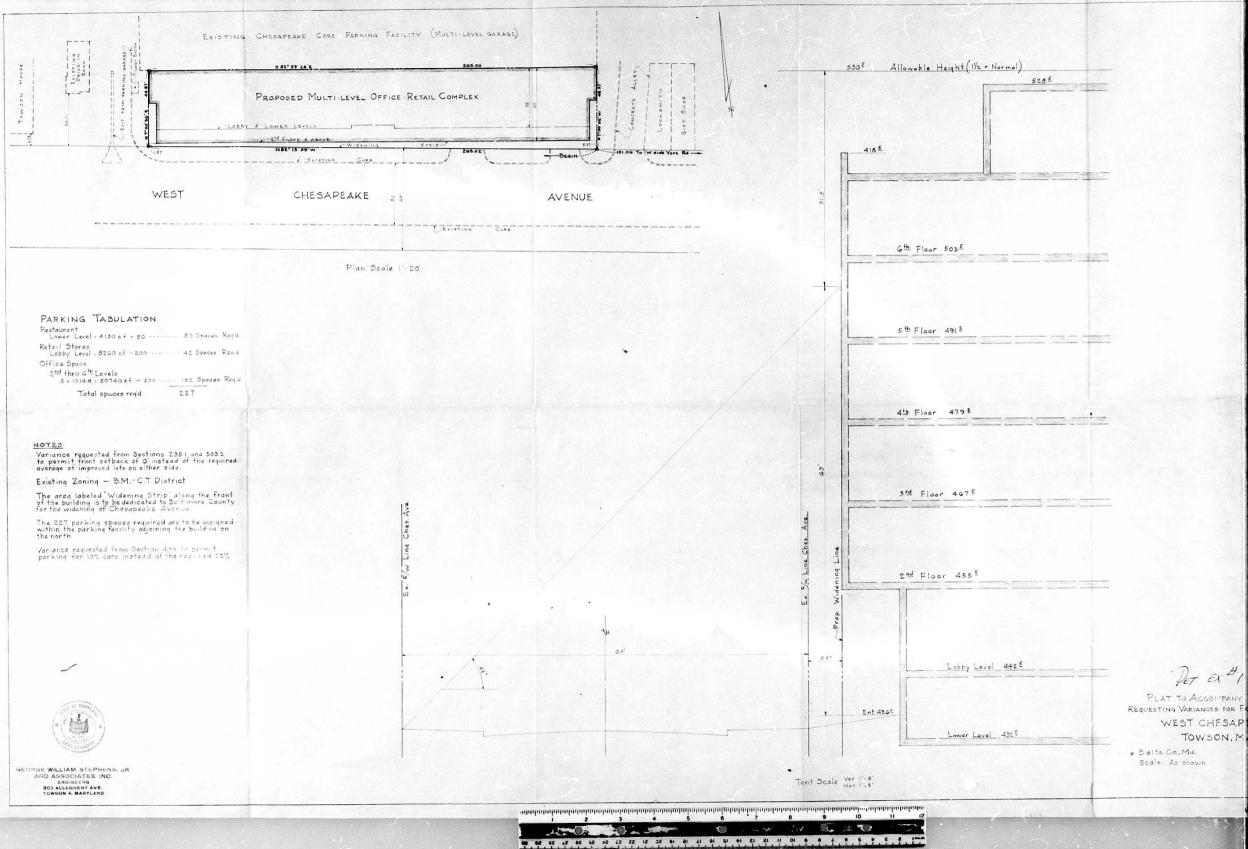


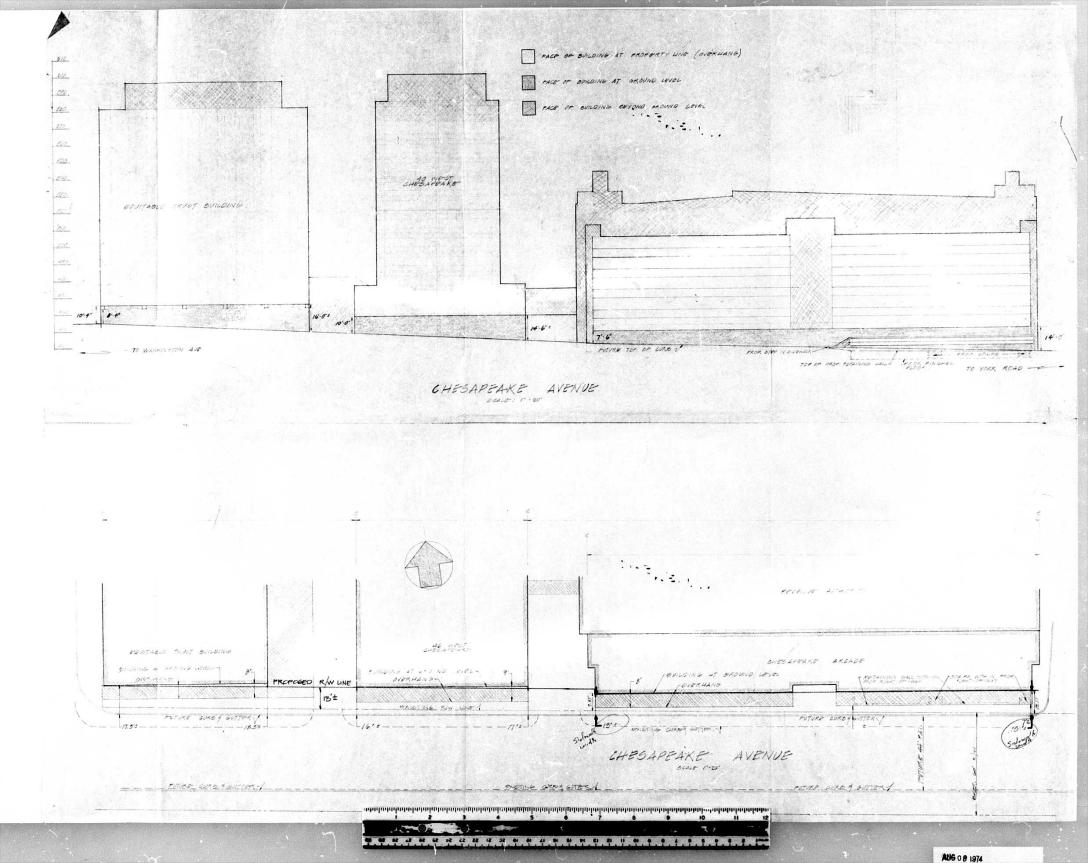


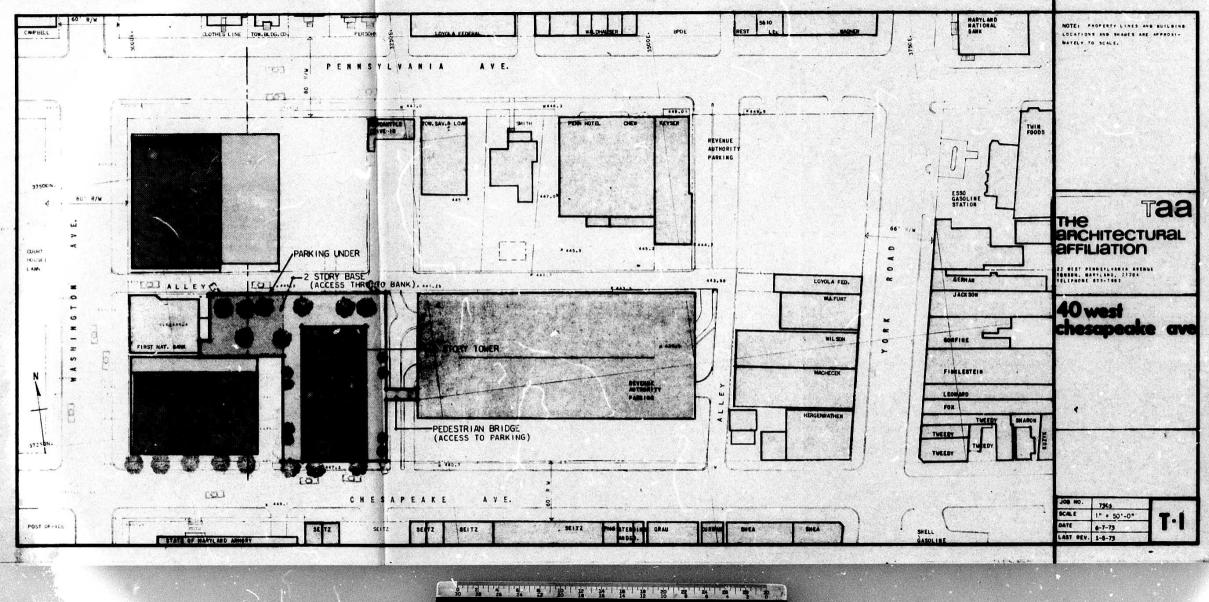
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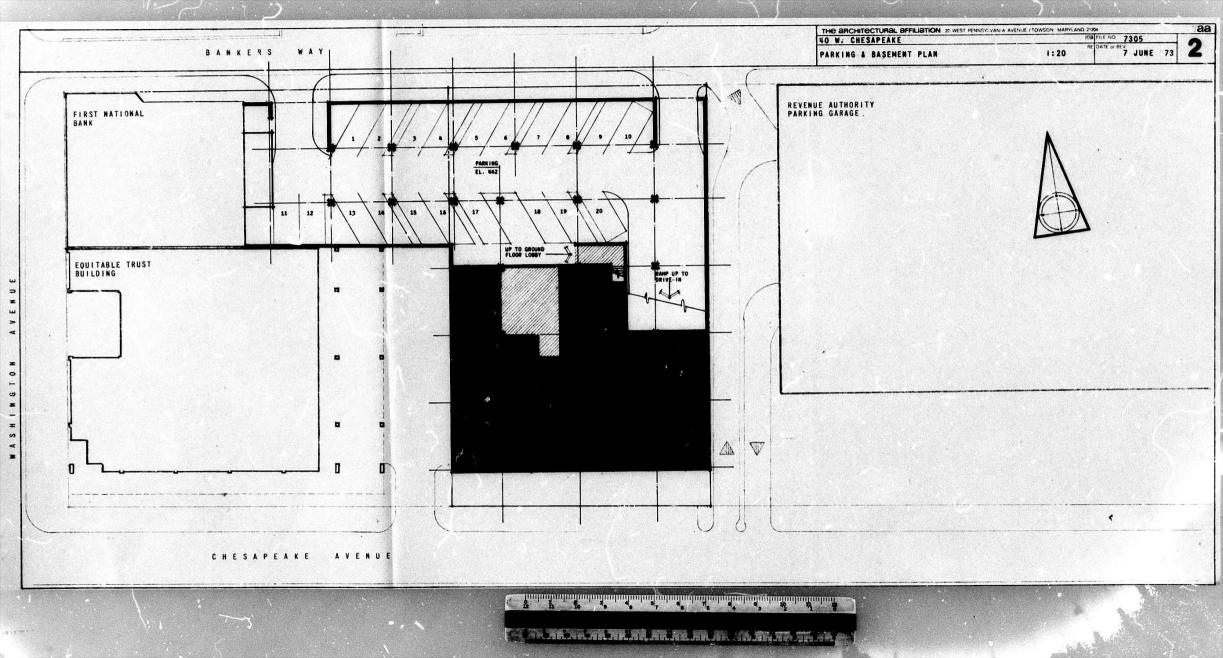


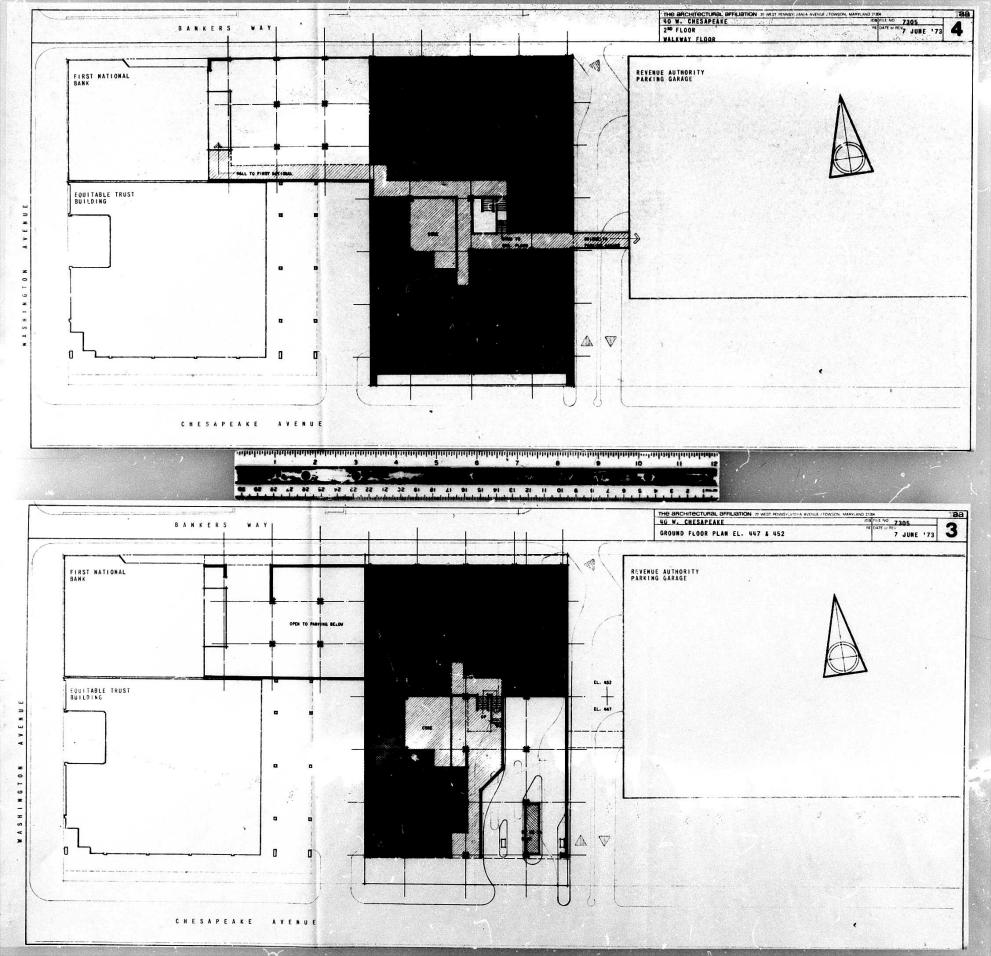


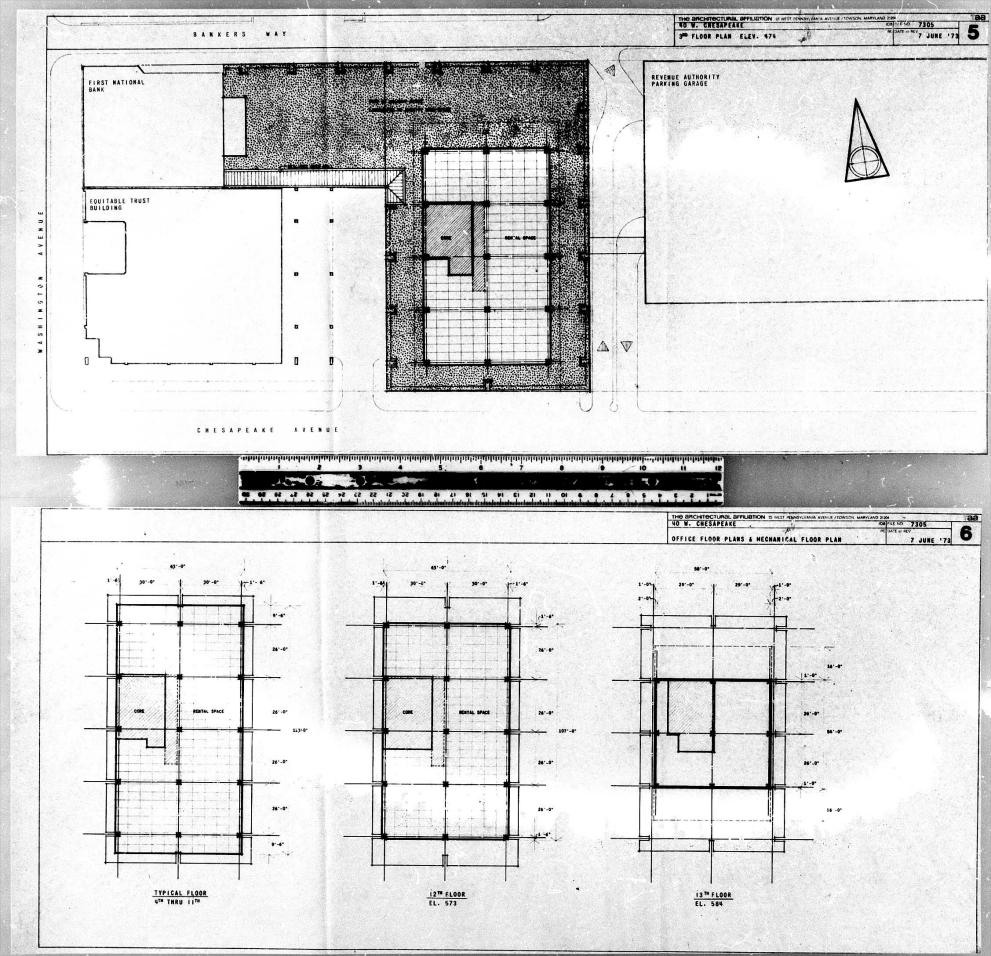


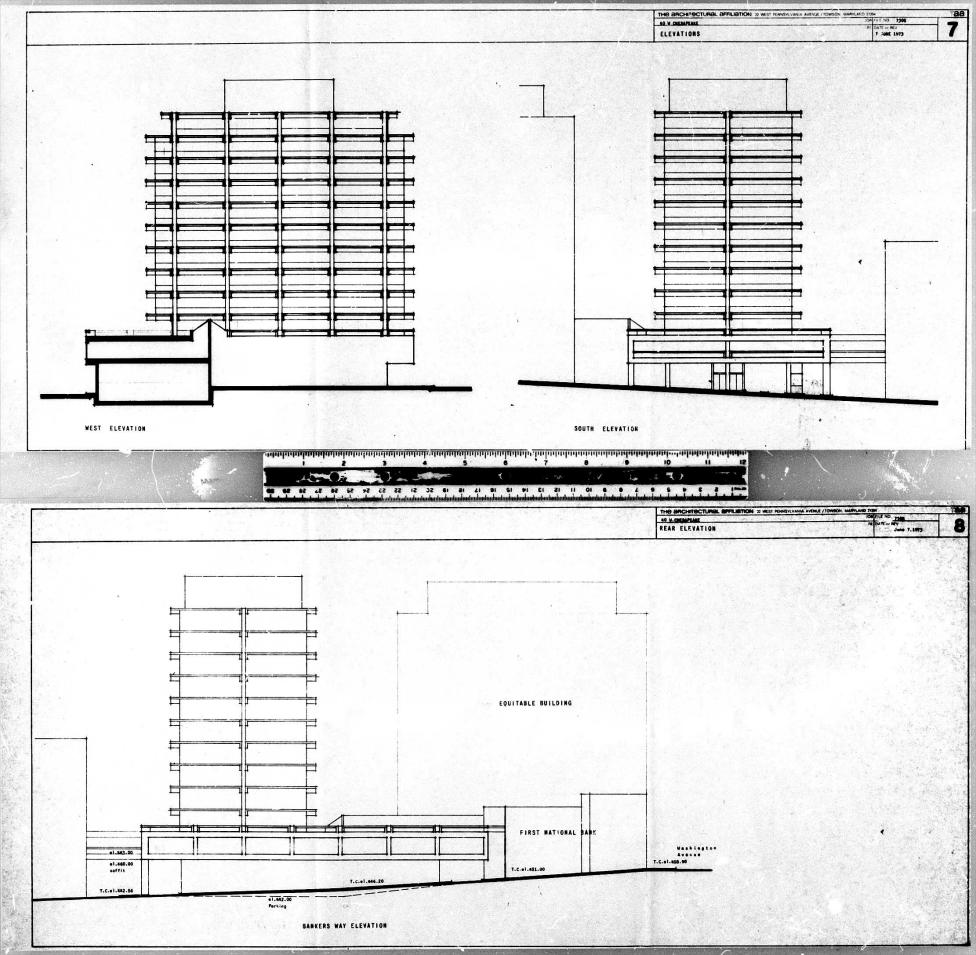


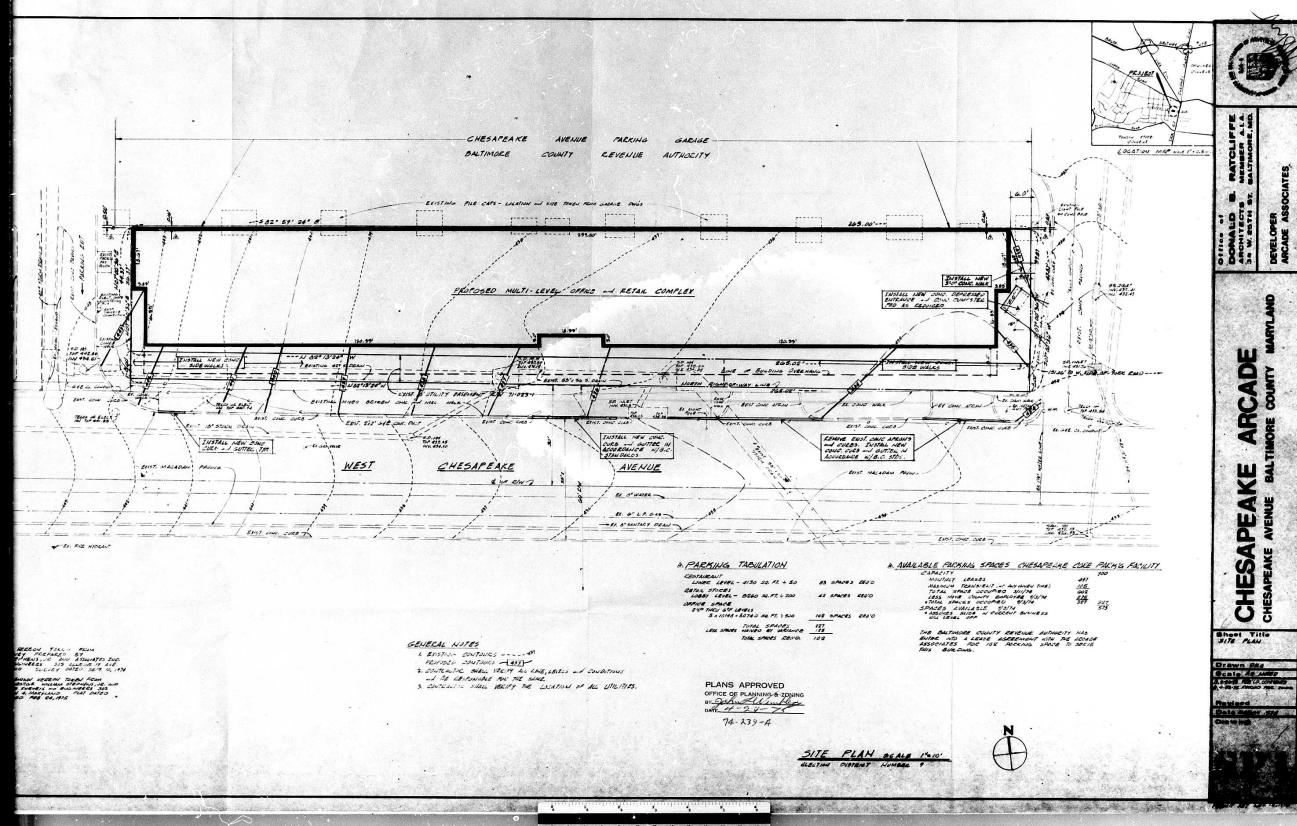


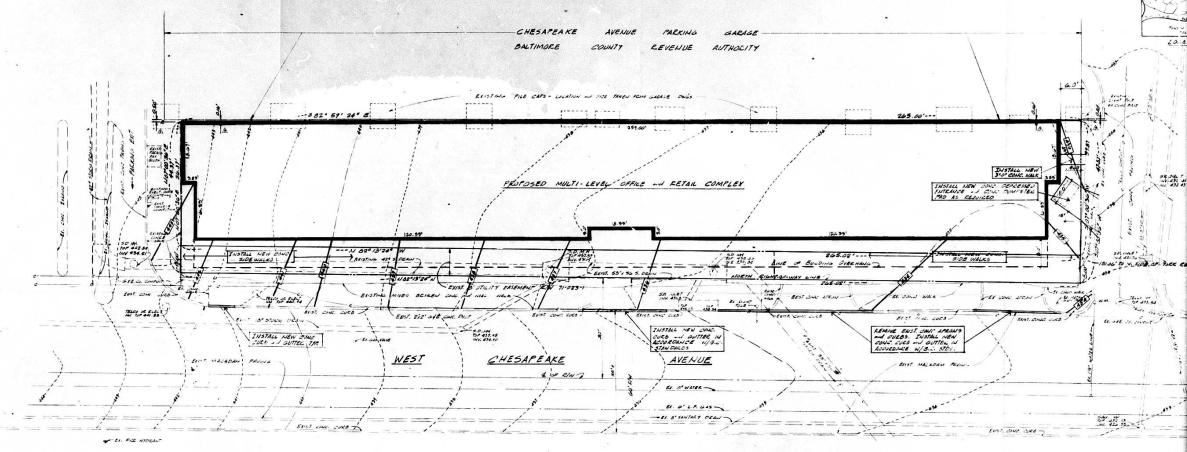












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