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April 19, 1983

The Honorable William E. Hammond
Office of the Zoning Commissioner
County Office Building
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: 1102 Hart Road
Paul Faraca, Owner
Petition for Special Hearing

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

I have entered my appearance in the above captioned matter and request that prior to setting the matter in for hearing your office contact me so as to avoid any potential conflicts with my position as Master in Chancery for the Circuit Court for Baltimore County.

Very truly yours,

S. ERIC DINENNA

SED:wjt

cc: Mr. Nicholas Commodari
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Faraca



BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 27, 1983

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Towson, Maryland 21204

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S. Eric DiNenna, Esquire
406 West Pennsylvania Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Item No. 175 - Case No. 83-276-SPH
Petitioner - Robin Morfe, et al
Special Hearing Petition

Dear Mr. DiNenna:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following 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 Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

In view of your clients' proposal to prove that the existing riding stable is a nonconforming use, this hearing is required.

For information on the comments from the Health Department, you should contact Mr. Rob Powell at 494-2762.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

Very truly yours,

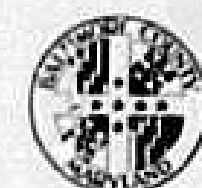
Nicholas B. Commodari, Esq.

NICHOLAS B. COMMODARI, Chairman
Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

NBC:bsc

Enclosures

cc: Gerhold, Cross & Etzel
412 Delaware Avenue
Towson, Md. 21204



BALTIMORE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

HARRY J. PISTEL, P.E.
DIRECTOR

May 2, 1983

Mr. William E. Hammond
Zoning Commissioner
County Office Building
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Item #175 (1982-1983)
Property Owner: Paul Faraca & Robin Morfe
S/S Hart Rd. 225' S/E from centerline of
Denby Rd.
Acres: 5.47 District: 9th

Dear Mr. Hammond:

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.

General:

Hart Road, an existing public road, is proposed to be further improved in the future as a 30-foot closed section roadway on a 50-foot right-of-way.

This property is utilizing a private onsite sewage disposal facility. Public 8-inch sanitary sewerage exists offsite. Sanitary Manhole 45274 is located approximately 400 feet southerly of Hart Road and 100 feet easterly of Denby Road, see Drawing #73-0521, File 1.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Morton, P.E., Chief
Bureau of Public Services

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R-SE Key Sheet
44 NE 10 & 11 Pos. Sheets
NE 11 C Topo
61 Tax Map

May 9, 1983
Date

BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning
County Office Building
Towson, Maryland 21204

Zoning Item # 175, Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of March 15, 1983

Property Owner: Paul Faraca & Robin Morfe

Location: S/S Hart Road District 9

Water Supply Public Sewage Disposal Private

COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- () Prior to approval of a Building Permit for construction, renovation and/or installation of equipment for any existing or proposed food service facility, complete plans and specifications must be submitted to the Plans Review Section, Environmental Support Services, for final review and approval.
- () Prior to new installation/s of fuel burning equipment, the owner should contact the Division of Air Pollution Control, 494-3775, to obtain requirements for such installation/s before work begins.
- () A permit to construct from the Division of Air Pollution Control is required for such items as spray paint processes, underground gasoline storage tank/s (5,000 gallons or more) and any other equipment or process which exhausts into the atmosphere.
- () A permit to construct from the Division of Air Pollution Control is required for any charbroiler operation which has a total cooking surface area of five (5) square feet or more.
- () Prior to approval of a Building Permit Application for renovations to existing or construction of new health care facilities, complete plans and specifications of the building, food service area and type of equipment to be used for the food service operation must be submitted to the Plans Review and Approval Section, Division of Engineering and Maintenance, State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for review and approval.
- () Prior to any new construction or substantial alteration of public swimming pool, wading pool, bathhouse, saunas, whirlpools, hot tubs, water and sewerage facilities or other appurtenances pertaining to health and safety; two (2) copies of plans and specifications must be submitted to the Baltimore County Department of Health for review and approval. For more complete information, contact the Recreational Hygiene Section, Division of Environmental Support Services.
- () Prior to approval for a nursery school, owner or applicant must comply with all Baltimore County regulations. For more complete information, contact the Division of Maternal and Child Health.
- () If lubrication work and oil changes are performed at this location, the method providing for the elimination of waste oil must be in accordance with Water Resources Administration requirements.

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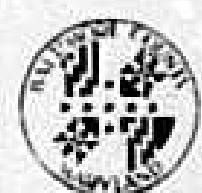
Zoning Item # 175
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- () Any existing underground storage tanks containing gasoline, waste oil, solvents, etc., must have the contents removed by a licensed hauler and either be removed from the property or properly backfilled.
- () Soil percolation tests have been conducted.
() The results are valid until _____
() Revised plans must be submitted prior to approval of the percolation tests.
- () Prior to occupancy approval, the potability of the water supply must be verified by collection of bacteriological and chemical water samples.
- () In accordance with Section 13-117 of the Baltimore County Code, the water well yield test shall be valid until _____.
() is not acceptable and must be retested. This must be accomplished prior to conveyance of property or approval of Building Permit Applications.
- () All roads and parking areas should be surfaced with a dustless, bonding material.
- () No health hazards are anticipated.

(X) Others 1) The existing septic system appears to be functioning properly.
2) There are two abandoned drilled wells onsite that should be properly abandoned and backfilled under the supervision of a Health Department representative.

John J. Forrest, Director
BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

SS 20 1080 (2)



BALTIMORE COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
625-7310

PAUL H. REINCKE
CHIEF

April 11, 1983

Mr. William Hammond
Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning and Zoning
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, Maryland 21204

Attention: Nick Commodari, Chairman
Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

RE: Property Owner: Paul Faraca and Robin Morfe

Location: S/S Hart Road 225' S/E from centerline of Denby Road

Item No.: 175

Zoning Agenda: Meeting of March 15, 1983

Gentlemen:

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

- () 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals or feet along an approved road in accordance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department of Public Works.
- () 2. A second means of vehicle access is required for the site.
- () 3. The vehicle dead end condition shown at _____ EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department.
- () 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.
- () 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1976 Edition, prior to occupancy.
- () 6. Site plans are approval, as drawn.

(X) 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

REVIEWED BY: [Signature] Noted and Approved: [Signature]
Planning Group Fire Prevention Bureau
Special Inspection Division

JK/mb/cm

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Malcolm F. Spicer, Jr., County Attorney
Thomas Bollinger, Asst. County Attorney Date: March 6, 1984
FROM: Peter Max Zimmerman, Deputy People's Counsel
SUBJECT: Paul Faraca, et al. Petitioners - Zoning Case No. 83-276-SPH (Item 175)

It appears that this case, being a special hearing upon nonconforming use, is within the jurisdiction of your office rather than ours. Please note that if an appeal is desired, the time limit for filing is Wednesday, April 4, 1984.

Peter Max Zimmerman
Peter Max Zimmerman
Deputy People's Counsel

Enclosure:
Order dtd. 3-5-84

PMZ:ah

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Malcolm F. Spicer, Jr., County Attorney
Thomas Bollinger, Asst. County Attorney Date: April 6, 1984
TO: _____
FROM: Peter Max Zimmerman, Deputy People's Counsel
SUBJECT: Paul Faraca, et al. Petitioners - Zoning Case No. 83-276-SPH (Item 175)

The above-entitled decision by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner dated March 5, 1984, was previously referred to you on March 6, 1984 (see attached). We have just received the enclosed Order for Appeal and are sending it to you for your case file.

Peter Max Zimmerman
Peter Max Zimmerman
Deputy People's Counsel

Enclosures

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✓cc: CBA

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

William E. Hammond
 TO: Zoning Commissioner
 Norman E. Gerber, Director
 FROM: Office of Planning and Zoning
 SUBJECT: Zoning Petition No. 83-276-SPH
 Paul Farace, et al

Date: May 17, 1983

In view of the type of issue being considered (i.e., non-conforming status), this office
 offers no comment.

Norman E. Gerber
 Norman E. Gerber
 Director of Planning and Zoning

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cc: Arlene January
 Shirley Hass

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Robert Y. Dubel, Superintendent

Towson, Maryland - 21204

Date: March 15, 1983

Mr. William E. Hammond
 Zoning Commissioner
 Baltimore County Office Building
 1111 West Chesapeake Avenue
 Towson, Maryland 21204

Z.A.C. Meeting of: March 15, 1983

RE: Item No: 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176
 Property Owner:
 Location:
 Present Zoning:
 Proposed Zoning:

District:
 No. Acres:

Dear Mr. Hammond:

All of the above have no bearing on student population.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Nick Petrovich
 Wm. Nick Petrovich, Assistant
 Department of Planning

WNP/bp

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Nicholas Commodari
 Planning and Zoning
 TO: Building Plans Review
 FROM: Zoning Advisory Committee
 SUBJECT: Meeting of March 15, 1983

Date: March 21, 1983

Item #169 See Comments
 Item #170 See Comments
 Item #171 Standard Comments
 Item #172 See Comments
 Item #173 Standard Comments
 Item #174 Standard Comments
 Item #175 No Comments
 Item #176 See Comments

Charles E. Burnham
 Charles E. Burnham
 Plans Review Chief

dji

PAUL FARACE, ET AL

#83-276-SPH

S/s Hart Rd., 225' SE of c/l of Denby Rd. 9th District

SH-Non-conforming riding stable.

Apr. 13, 1983 Petition filed
 June 9 Hearing before D.Z.C.
 March 5, 1984 Order of D.Z.C. GRANTING the special hearing
 sub. to restrictions
 Apr. 3 Order for Appeal to C.B. of A. from Scott
 Barhight, Esq., on behalf of Protestants.
 Oct. 16 Hearing on appeal before the Board
 Dec. 5 Continued hearing
 Dec. 26 " "
 March 26, 1985 Order of the Board AFFIRMING D.Z.C.'s Order,
 and GRANTING the special hearing
 Apr. 24 Order for Appeal filed in Cir. Ct. by Scott
 Barhight, Esq., on behalf of M. E. Krompholz,
 Protestant.
 Apr. 24 Certificate of Notice sent out
 June 5, 1985 Record of proceedings filed in the Circuit
 Court for Baltimore County
 Nov. 25 Board AFFIRMED by Judge Wm. R. Buchanan, Sr.*
 Dec. 18 Order for Appeal filed in the Court of Special
 Appeals by Appellant-Protestant

July 2, 1986 Board AFFIRMED by Court of Special Appeals
 7/3/86 - cc: A. Jablon
 B. Dubois
 J. Hoswell
 Law, P. Corcoros

Case No. 83-276-SPH S/S Hart Rd., 225' SE of the c/l of Denby
 Item No. 175 Road - 9th Election District
 Date: April 3, 1984 Paul Farace, et al - Petitioners

SH-Non-conforming riding stable

- ☒ 1. Copy of Petition
 - ☒ 2. Copy of Description of Property
 - ☒ 3. Copy of Certificate of Posting (1 sign)
 - ☒ 4. Copy of Certificates of Publication
 - ☒ 5. Copy of Zoning Advisory Committee Comments
 - ☒ 6. Copy of Comments from the Director of Planning
 - ☐ 7. Planning Board Comments and Accompanying Map
 - ☒ 8. Copy of Order to Enter Appearance
 - ☒ 9. Copy of Order - ~~X~~ ~~XXXX~~ Deputy Zoning Commissioner - 3/5/84, GRANTED
w/restrictions
 - ☒ 10. Copy of Plat of Property
 - ☐ 11. 200' Scale Location Plan
 - ☐ 12. 1000' Scale Location Plan
 - ☐ 13. Memorandum in Support of Petition
 - ☐ 14. Letter(s) from Protestant(s)
 - ☐ 15. Letter(s) from Petitioner(s)
 - ☒ 16. Protestants' Exhibits 1 to 3-2b
 - ☒ 17. Petitioners' Exhibits 1 to 13b
 - ☒ 18. Letter of Appeal, 4/3/84 by Scott Barhight, Esq., on behalf of Protestants
- S. Eric DiNenna, Esquire
 406 W. Pennsylvania Avenue
 Towson, Maryland 21204 *406-1630*
 Paul Farace, et al.
 1102 Hart Road
 Towson, Maryland 21204
~~Eric Barhight, Esquire~~
 204 W. Pennsylvania Avenue
 Towson, Maryland 21204 *225-7800*
 Donald Busick
 2400 Hartwell Road
 Timonium, Maryland 21093
 Norman E. Gerber
 James Hoswell
 Jean M. H. Jung
 James E. Dyer
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Michael E. Krompholz
 1315 Denby Rd. - (61204)

Protestant Appellant

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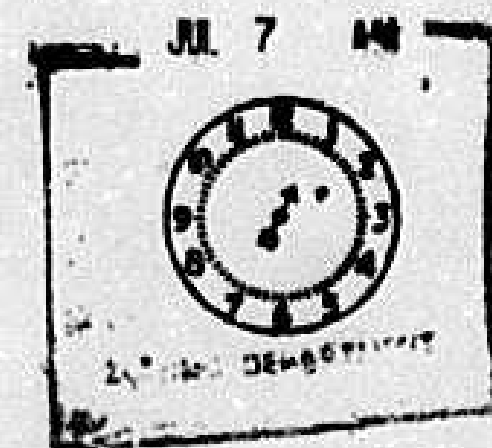
Betty Du Bois
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CASE NO. 83-276-SPH

UNREPORTED
 IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS
 OF MARYLAND

No. 1575

September Term, 1985



MICHAEL E. KROMPHOLZ

v.

PAUL FARACE, ET AL.

Adkins
 Bloom
 Karwacki,
 JJ.

PER CURIAM

Filed: July 2, 1986

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A Baltimore County Deputy Zoning Commissioner granted the petition of appellees, Paul Farace and John Morfe, for a determination that the use of their 5.47 acre tract on Hart Road as a riding stable was a lawful, pre-existing nonconforming use. Appellant, Michael E. Krompholz, appealed the Deputy Commissioner's decision to the Board of Appeals, which, after a de novo hearing, affirmed the ruling. Undaunted, Mr. Krompholz appealed that decision to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County. The court affirmed the Board of Appeals. Undoubtedly discouraged but by no means willing to concede defeat, Mr. Krompholz has appealed to this court. He will have no greater success here than he has heretofore experienced.

When appellees acquired the subject property in 1980, it was being used to board, stable, and hire out riding horses. Appellees have continued the same use of the property. The evidence adduced before the Board of Appeals showed that appellees' property was once part of a much larger tract, containing approximately 184 acres, that was formerly known as the Bridenstein Farm. The Bridenstein family acquired that large tract of land in 1916 and began using it to board, stable, and hire out horses somewhere around 1930. Baltimore County first enacted a zoning ordinance in 1945, so it was incumbent upon appellees to show a continuous use of their land as a riding stable from before 1945. Mr. Krompholz contended below that the evidence actually showed that the part of the Bridenstein Farm

acquired by appellees was never used to stable horses and that, even if it was occasionally so used, that use was not continuous but interrupted at least once when the land was used to garage school buses.

On appeal Mr. Krompholz argues that the decision of the Board of Appeals was arbitrary and capricious for a variety of reasons. We feel that the matter is a rather simple one and that we need only be satisfied that the decision of the Board of Appeals was based on substantial evidence. "The zoning authority is presumed to possess the expertise necessary for deciding the matters brought before it and if its decision is based on substantial evidence then the courts may not substitute their judgment for that of the zoning authority." Brouillett v. Tudowood Shopping Plaza, Inc., 249 Md. 606, 608 (1968). See also Prince George's County, Maryland v. Meininger, 264 Md. 148, 154 (1972); Snowden v. Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, 224 Md. 443, 445 (1961).

The "substantial evidence test" was examined by the Court of Appeals in Board of County Commissioners of Prince George's County v. Oak Hill Farms, Inc., 232 Md. 274 (1963). There the Court noted that Justice Frankfurter in Universal Camera Corp. v. National Labor Relations Board (340 U.S. 474) (1951) "pointed out that substantial evidence had been held to mean more than a scintilla and was such evidence 'as a reasonable mind might accept as adequate to support a conclusion *** and enough to justify, if the trial were to a jury, a refusal to direct a

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verdict ***." 232 Md. at 280. The Court noted the similarities between the "substantial evidence test" and the "against the weight of the evidence test" and concluded as follows:

Whether the test of substantial evidence on the entire record or the test of against the weight of all the evidence is followed, the courts have exercised restraint so as not to substitute their judgments for that of the agency and not to choose between equally permissible inferences or make independent determinations of fact, because to do so would be exercising a nonjudicial role. Rather, they have attempted to decide whether a reasoning mind could reasonably have reached the result the agency reached upon a fair consideration of the fact picture painted by the entire record.

Id. at 283.

With these considerations in mind, we examine the record below. We shall not summarize all the testimony presented to the Board of Appeals, for we need only note that there was evidence, through the deposition of Lucille Bridenstein, which was corroborated in many respects by the testimony of other witnesses, that the Bridenstein family acquired the 184 acre farm around 1916 and, sometime during the thirties, began to use the entire farm to stable, board, and rent out horses for riding. Over the course of the years, various portions of the farm were conveyed away. After each conveyance the boarding and stabling operations continued on the remaining acreage until all of the activities involving horses were eventually condensed into the last piece of property, the 5.47 acres purchased by appellees.

It is true that there was some evidence to indicate that for certain extended periods there were no horses on the 5.47

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acre parcel bought by appellees. Some evidence suggested that for some period of time appellees' property was used exclusively to garage school buses. The blunt fact of the matter, however, is that there was also competent evidence that the property in question had been continuously used as a riding stable since the 1930s. Which evidence we find more compelling is irrelevant, for when equally competent evidence is presented in favor of both sides, as it was here, we shall not disturb the conclusion of the Board of Appeals. We are satisfied that the evidence upon which the Board based its decision, principally the deposition of Lucille Bridenstein, satisfied the "substantial evidence test." Accordingly, we affirm the judgment of the circuit court.

JUDGMENT AFFIRMED.

COSTS TO BE PAID BY APPELLANT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PAUL FARACE, ET AL FOR SPECIAL HEARING TO APPROVE A NONCONFORMING RIDING STABLE S/S HART ROAD, 225' S/E OF C/L OF DENBY ROAD 9th DISTRICT

MICHAEL E. KROMPHOLZ, Appellant-Protestant

Zoning File No. 83-276-SPH

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY AT LAW

Case No. 10/13/85-CG-1278

OPINION

This is an appeal by Michael E. Krompholz, Appellant-Protestant, from an Order of the Board dated the 26th day of March, 1985, granting the existence of a nonconforming use on the above captioned property.

The case was heard de novo by the Board. The Petitioner-Appellee, Paul Farace, et al, requested a special hearing for the approval of a nonconforming riding stable on property located on the south side of Hart Road, 225 feet southeast of the center line of Denby Road in the 9th Election District of Baltimore County, constituting approximately 5.47 acres.

On October 28, 1985, counsel for the parties were heard in open court. All the transcripts of the testimony before the Board having been read by the court and after reviewing these transcripts and reviewing the numerous exhibits in this case, the memorandum and reply memorandum filed by counsel for the parties in this case, the court cannot find that the Board was

erroneous, arbitrary or capricious in the interpretation and the finding of fact and the conclusions from those facts, nor in the application of the law to the facts as it had before it evidence legally sufficient to support its decision.

Also, the Board's decision states that there was no positive testimony between the years 1957 and 1959 concerning the lack of horses nor was there any positive testimony that the horses were there. The first witness in the May 11, 1983 testimony was Lucille Bridenstein. This elderly lady testified in effect on page 13 that there had always been riding and boarding of horses on the property. In Feldstein v. Zoning Board, 246 Md. 204, clearly states on page 210 . . . "because the temporary disuse of a nonconforming use does not amount to a surrender of the use, an owner of property will not be deemed to have lost his right to the nonconforming use until the relinquishment thereof has been clearly indicated by evidence of intention, action or inaction for a reasonable period of time."

The evidence in this case does not clearly indicate that the nonconforming use was discontinued. Therefore, the decision of the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County is AFFIRMED.

William R. Buchanan, Sr.
Judge

November 22, 1985

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PAUL FARACE, ET AL FOR SPECIAL HEARING TO APPROVE A NONCONFORMING RIDING STABLE S/S HART ROAD, 225' SE OF C/L OF DENBY ROAD 9th DISTRICT

BEFORE
COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
OF
BALTIMORE COUNTY
NO. 83-276-SPH

OPINION

This case comes before the Board on an appeal from a decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, dated March 5, 1984, granting the existence of a nonconforming use and citing restrictions to this use. The case was heard de novo by this Board and consumed all or part of three days of testimony.

Petitioners requested a Special Hearing for the approval of a nonconforming riding stable on property located on the south side of Hart Road 225 feet southeast of the center line of Denby Road, in the Ninth Election District of Baltimore County.

Testimony and evidence was received from sixteen witnesses which is now part of the record in this case and, therefore, will not be summarized, per se, in this Opinion. The record will speak for itself. The following deductions have been made by careful consideration of all the testimony and evidence.

The subject property, known as the Bridenstein property, was owned by the Bridensteins prior to 1920 and consisted of some 100 to 180 acres of land. Mr. John Etzel, land surveyor, testified that this tract was subdivided in 1944, and further subdivided in 1947. There is no dispute as to the fact that horses were kept and

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boarded on this property up until at least 1947. Mrs. Flora Chrest testified that in June, 1956, there were horses on the Bridenstein property, but in the Providence Road area and not the Hart Road area. In 1955, Ida Bridenstein died and the administration of the estate deeded the Hart Road portion of the farm to Leonard and Ruth Bridenstein. Testimony from an eyewitness, Mrs. Chrest, now establishes the presence of horses on the tract in 1957, but still in the Providence Road area and still on the Bridenstein tract. In 1957, Leonard Bridenstein moved into a new residence on the 5+ acres that is the subject of this hearing, and in 1958 or 1959 erected a "pole barn" on the site and then in 1959 horses for hire or boarding appeared on this Hart Road site. The presence of these horses on this site has continued from that time until the present. In 1980, Paul Farace took title to this 5.7 acre tract and has continued to operate a riding stable thereon.

There was testimony as to the storage of school buses on the subject site and testimony as to inspection reports dating as far back as 1968, but these issues are not this Board's primary concern. This Board must decide whether a nonconforming use existing since 1945, meeting all the requirements of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR), §101 and §104, is or is not a fact. Had the original Bridenstein tract remained intact, the boarding of horses could legally have been conducted on any portion of the site since the use obviously existed in 1945, and obviously continued until 1957 or thereabouts. Now the original tract is being diminished by subdivision but portions are still retained by the Bridenstein family and heirs and, therefore,

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the nonconforming use could continue. From testimony, in 1959 horses for board or hire appeared on the Leonard Bridenstein parcel located on Hart Road, this parcel being part of the original holdings. There was no positive testimony that between 1957 and 1959 there were no horses on any portion of the Bridenstein holdings, nor was there any positive testimony that horses were there. There is testimony, however, that for 38 of the 40 years since 1945, horses have been boarded and kept for hire on some portion of the Bridenstein holdings and there is no positive evidence either way on the other two years.

Therefore, this Board is of the opinion that the existence of a nonconforming use as a riding stable has been evidenced and will so order.

ORDER

For the reasons set forth in the foregoing Opinion, it is this 25th day of March, 1985, by the County Board of Appeals, ORDERED that the Order of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, dated March 5, 1984, is AFFIRMED, and that the petition for special hearing to determine a nonconforming use for a riding stable be and the same is hereby GRANTED, subject to the restrictions contained in the Order of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner.

Any appeal from this decision must be in accordance with Rules B-1

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through B-13 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

William T. Hackett, Chairman

Lawrence E. Schmidt

Diana K. Vincent

85-1894
Docket

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

Room 200 Court House
Towson, Maryland 21204
(301) 494-7100

March 16, 1985



G. Scott Barhight, Esquire
204 W. Pennsylvania Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Re: Case No. 83-276-SPH
Paul Farace, et al

Dear Mr. Barhight:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Opinion and Order passed today by the County Board of Appeals in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

Edith T. Eisenhart
Edith T. Eisenhart, Adm. Secretary

Enclosure

cc: S. Eric DiNenna, Esquire
Paul Farace, et al
Donald Busick
Thomas J. Bollinger, Esquire
Norman E. Gerber
James G. Hoswell
Arnold Jablon
Jean M. H. Jung
James E. Dyer

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PAUL FARACE, ET AL FOR SPECIAL HEARING TO APPROVE A NONCONFORMING RIDING STABLE S/S HART ROAD, 225' SE OF C/L OF DENBY ROAD 9th DISTRICT

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boarded on this property up until at least 1947. Mrs. Flora Chrest testified that in June, 1956, there were horses on the Bridenstein property, but in the Providence Road area and not the Hart Road area. In 1955, Ida Bridenstein died and the administration of the estate deeded the Hart Road portion of the farm to Leonard and Ruth Bridenstein. Testimony from an eyewitness, Mrs. Chrest, now establishes the presence of horses on the tract in 1957, but still in the Providence Road area and still on the Bridenstein tract. In 1957, Leonard Bridenstein moved into a new residence on the 5+ acres that is the subject of this hearing, and in 1958 or 1959 erected a "pole barn" on the site and then in 1959 horses for hire or boarding appeared on this Hart Road site. The presence of these horses on this site has continued from that time until the present. In 1980, Paul Farace took title to this 5.7 acre tract and has continued to operate a riding stable thereon.

There was testimony as to the storage of school buses on the subject site and testimony as to inspection reports dating as far back as 1963, but these issues are not this Board's primary concern. This Board must decide whether a nonconforming use existing since 1945, meeting all the requirements of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR), §101 and §104, is or is not a fact. Had the original Bridenstein tract remained intact, the boarding of horses could legally have been conducted on any portion of the site since the use obviously existed in 1945, and obviously continued until 1957 or thereabouts. Now the original tract is being diminished by subdivision but portions are still retained by the Bridenstein family and heirs and, therefore,

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the nonconforming use could continue. From testimony, in 1959 horses for board or hire appeared on the Leonard Bridenstein parcel located on Hart Road, this parcel being part of the original holdings. There was no positive testimony that between 1957 and 1959 there were no horses on any portion of the Bridenstein holdings, nor was there any positive testimony that horses were there. There is testimony, however, that for 38 of the 40 years since 1945, horses have been boarded and kept for hire on some portion of the Bridenstein holdings and there is no positive evidence either way on the other two years.

Therefore, this Board is of the opinion that the existence of a nonconforming use as a riding stable has been evidenced and will so order.

ORDER

For the reasons set forth in the foregoing Opinion, it is this 26th day of March, 1985, by the County Board of Appeals, ORDERED that the Order of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, dated March 5, 1984, is AFFIRMED, and that the petition for special hearing to determine a nonconforming use for a riding stable be and the same is hereby GRANTED, subject to the restrictions contained in the Order of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner.

Any appeal from this decision must be in accordance with Rules B-1

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through B-13 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PAUL FARACE, ET AL. FOR SPECIAL HEARING TO APPROVE A NONCONFORMING RIDING STABLE S/S Hart Road, 225' S/E of C/L of Denby Road 9th District

IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT
FOR
BALTIMORE COUNTY

AT LAW

MICHAEL E. KROMPHOLZ,
Appellant-Protestant
Zoning File No. 83-276-SPH Case No. 10/13/85-CG-1278

ORDER FOR APPEAL

Mr. Clerk:

Please enter an Appeal to the Court of Special Appeals on behalf of Michael E. Krompholz, Appellant-Protestant, from the Order of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County (Buchanan, J.) dated November 22, 1985 affirming the decision of the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County.

STEPHEN J. NOLAN

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PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING * BEFORE THE
S/S OF HART ROAD, 225' SE OF * DEPUTY ZONING
THE CENTER LINE OF DENBY RD. - * COMMISSIONER
9TH ELECTION DISTRICT * OF
PAUL FARACE, ET AL-PETITIONERS * BALTIMORE COUNTY
NO. 83-276-SPH (ITEM NO. 175) *

ORDER FOR APPEAL

Mr. Zoning Commissioner:

Please enter an Appeal on behalf of Michael E. Krompholz and other Protestants, from the Order of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner dated March 5, 1984, in the above referenced case to the Board of Appeal for Baltimore County. A check in the amount of \$80.00 for filing costs is attached.

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Attorneys for Appellants

cc: S. Eric DiNenna, Esquire
Mr. Donald Busick
Peoples Counsel

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CERTIFICATION OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 18 day of March, 1985, that a copy of the foregoing was mailed to S. Eric DiNenna, Esquire, 406 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Appeller-Petitioner.

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MICHAEL E. KROMPHOLZ - Appellant-Protestant

BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

APPEAL

- (1) April 24, 1985 - Appellant's-Protestant's Order for Appeal from the Order of the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County fd.
- (2) April 24, 1985 - Certificate of Notice fd.
- (3) May 6, 1985 - Protestant-Appellant's Petition fd.
- (4) May 23, 1985- App. of S. Eric DiNenna as attorney for the Petitioner/Appellee and same day Answer to Petition of Protestant-Appellant fd.
- (5) June 5, 1985- Transcript of Record fd.
- (6) June 5, 1985- Notice of filing of record fd.
- (7) July 5, 1985 - Appellant's Memorandum fd.
- (8) Aug. 20, 1985 - Petitioner-Appellee's Memorandum fd.
- (9) Sept. 4, 1985 - Appellant's Reply Memorandum fd.
- Oct. 28, 1985 Hon. William E. Buchanan, Sr. Hearing had, opinion held Sub-curia. Order to be filed.
- (10) Nov. 25, 1985 - Opinion & Order of Court that the decision of the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County is Affirmed fd. (MRS)
- (11) Dec. 18, 1985 - Appellant-Protestant's Order for Appeal to the Court of Special Appeals fd. (App. no. 3/127)
- (12) Dec 27, 1985- Order of Court from the Special Court or Appeals the the above captioned appeal proceed without a prehearing conference (WAN)
- (13) Feb 4, 1986- Notice to enter the app. of the law office of P. Paul Cocoros on behalf of Michael Krompholz appellant fd.

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County Board of Appeals
Room 219, Court House
Towson, Maryland 21204
April 24, 1985

S. Eric DiNenna, Esq.
406 W. Pennsylvania Ave.
Towson, Md. 21204

Re: Case No. 83-276-SPH
Paul Farace, et al

Dear Mr. DiNenna:

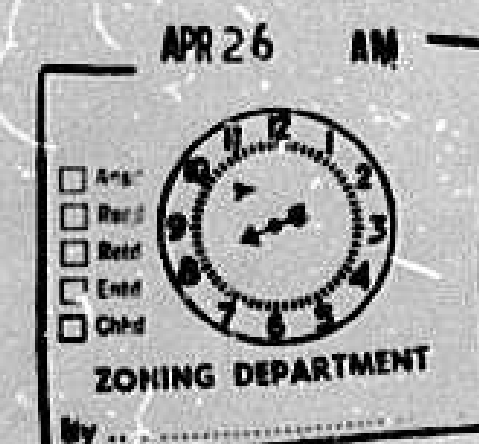
Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that an appeal has been taken to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County from the decision of the County Board of Appeals rendered in the above matter.

Enclosed is a copy of the Certificate of Notice.

Very truly yours,

June Holmen
June Holmen, Secretary

Encl.
cc: Paul Farace, et al
Thomas J. Bollinger, Esq.
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CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule B-2(d) of the Maryland Rules of Procedure, William T. Hackett, Lawrence E. Schmidt, and Diana K. Vincent, constituting the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, have given notice by mail of the filing of the appeal to the representative of every party to the proceeding before it; namely, S. Eric DiNenna, Esq., 406 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, Md. 21204, Counsel for the Petitioners; Paul Farace, et al, 1102 Hart Rd., Towson, Md. 21204, Petitioners; G. Scott Barhight, Esq., 204 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, Md. 21204, Counsel for Protestants; Michael E. Krompholz, 1315 Denby Rd., Towson, Md. 21204, Protestant-Appellant; Donald Busick, 2400 Hartfell Rd., Timonium, Md. 21093, Protestant; and Thomas J. Bollinger, Esq., Court House, Towson, Md. 21204, Assistant County Attorney for Baltimore County, a copy of which Notice is attached hereto and prayed that it may be made a part thereof.

June Holmen
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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County
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Paul Farace, et al
Case No. 83-276-SPH

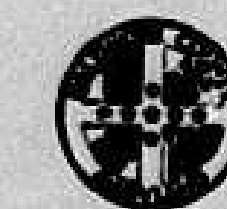
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Certificate of Notice has been mailed to S. Eric DiNenna, Esq., 406 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, Md. 21204, Counsel for the Petitioners; Paul Farace, et al, 1102 Hart Rd., Towson, Md. 21204, Petitioners; G. Scott Barhight, Esq., 204 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, Md. 21204, Counsel for Protestants; Michael E. Krompholz, 1315 Denby Rd., Towson, Md. 21204, Protestant-Appellant; Donald Busick, 2400 Hartfell Rd., Timonium, Md. 21093, Protestant; and Thomas J. Bollinger, Esq., Court House, Towson, Md. 21204, Assistant County Attorney for Baltimore County, on this 24th day of April, 1985.

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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

CERTIFICATION OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19 day of April, 1985, that a copy of the foregoing was mailed to S. Eric DiNenna, Esquire, 406 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Appeller-Petitioner.

STEPHEN J. NOLAN



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County
Room 200 Court House
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Howard E. Friedman, Clerk
Court of Special Appeals of Maryland
Annapolis, MD 21401-1698

Re: Pre-hearing Conference
#909
Delivered 2/13/86
Paul Farace, et al v.
Michael E. Krompholz

Dear Mr. Friedman:

Please forward to this office a copy of the Opinion in the above entitled case when it is filed by the Court of Special Appeals. We would appreciate it if you would note our request in your file on this case. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Edith F. Eisehart
Edith F. Eisehart, Asst. Secretary

TO: Edith Eisehart, County Board of Appeals
Court House
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FROM: S. ERIC DINENNA, P.A.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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SUBJECT: Farace Case No.: 10-13/85-CG-1278

MESSAGE

Dear Edith:

As per your request, enclosed herewith please find the Circuit Court decision and the Order for Appeal concerning the above-captioned matter.

Very truly yours,

S. ERIC DINENNA

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CASE NO. 83-276-SPH PAUL FARACE, ET AL
S/S Hart Rd., 225' SE of the c/l of Denby Road
9th District
SH-Nonconforming riding stable
3/5/84 - D.Z.C.'s Order-GRANTED with restrictions

ASSIGNED FOR:
cc: S. Eric DiNenna, Esq. Counsel for Petitioner
Paul Farace, et al Petitioners
G. Scott Barhight, Esq. Counsel for Protestants
Donald Busick Protestant
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County Board of Appeals
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July 10, 1984

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT and REASSIGNMENT

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CASE NO. 83-276-SPH PAUL FARACE, ET AL
S/S Hart Rd., 225' SE of c/l of Denby Rd.
9th District
SH-Nonconforming riding stable
DZC's Order - 3/5/84 GRANTED w/restrictions

The above case set for hearing on Thursday, August 30, 1984, at 10 a.m., has been POSTPONED by the Board at the request of Counsel for the Protestants, and

REASSIGNED FOR: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1984, at 10 a.m.

cc: S. Eric DiNenna, Esq. Counsel for Petitioners
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G. Scott Barhight, Esq. Counsel for Protestants
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(CONTINUED HEARING)

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CASE NO. 83-276-SPH PAUL FARACE, ET AL
S/S Hart Road 225' SE of Denby Rd.
9th District
SPH - Nonconforming riding stable
3/5/84 - DZC Granted Petition
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1984, at 11 A.M.

ASSIGNED FOR:

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Paul Farace, et al Petitioners
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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING * BEFORE THE
S/S of Hart Road, 225' SE of * COUNTY BOARD
the Centerline of Denby Road, * OF APPEALS
9th District *
PAUL FARACE, et al, * Case No.: 83-276-SPH
Petitioners *

PETITIONERS' MEMORANDUM

Paul and Robin Farace, in support of their Petition for a special hearing to determine a non-conforming use, by S. Eric DiNenna, P.A., and S. Eric DiNenna, files this Memorandum:

BACKGROUND

The Petitioners request a determination as to whether or not their property, known as 1102 Hart Road, Towson, Maryland 21204, enjoys a non-conforming use under the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. Farace bought the property on July 1, 1980 from the family known as Bridenstein. At the time of the purchase of this property, the various structures on the property were in a very dilapidated condition, and the property was being operated as a riding stable, as defined in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. The property contains 5.47 acres of land more or less and was part of an original tract of land, containing approximately 184 acres, other portions of the said 184 acres having been sold off in parcels for other uses including subdivision and construction of housing. This matter came before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County and by Opinion and Order dated March 5, 1984, determined that a non-conforming use for riding stable has existed and been conducted on the property, subject to certain restrictions that the Deputy Zoning Commissioner imposed.

TESTIMONY

It is uncontradicted testimony, by all proponents of this Petition, that horses had been boarded and/or ridden on the overall 100 to 184 acres since as far back as 1917. The deposition of Mrs. Lucille Bridenstein, taken on behalf of the Petitioners, on May 11, 1983, said deposition not being contradicted, indicates that Mrs. Bridenstein had come to the property as a child bride, that horses were being boarded and/or ridden on that property at that time and until

the present time. Again it must be understood that the subject 5.47 acres is or was part of the overall tract of land that is referred to in the deposition of Mrs. Bridenstein.

This deposition was obtained after the filing of the Petition and well before any counsel or protestant entered an appearance. Therefore, Rule 3d of the Board's Rules would not be applicable.

The testimony shows that the riding and the boarding of these horses has continued uninterruptedly since at least the early 1930's, as indicated in Mrs. Jung's opinion, until the present time, without any cessation of use. There were some allegations of tomatoes being grown on the property and some individuals who indicated they did not see horses. The original housing of these horses was located on the overall farm near Providence Road, and at some point in the early 1950's, was shifted to the location on Hart Road. After the shifting of the location of the stables and structures for the horses, the original old barn was raised. But the shifting was all within the confines of the same tract of land.

Testimony elicited from Beverly Raymond, agent for the Maryland Department of Agriculture, and involved in the inspection of the various riding stables in and for Baltimore County, indicated that prior to Farace taking over this operation in 1980, the property was in a very dilapidated condition, and the horses were somewhat in poor health. She indicated a tremendous improvement in the operation and condition of the grounds themselves, and the condition of the horses. Probably the strongest evidence presented was that of the various residents of the area, who lived on Hart Road or near Hart Road, moved elsewhere but continuously visited the area because of relatives remaining on Hart Road and they indicated that the property was and has been continuously used for the boarding and riding of horses. Ms. Betty Rice, testified that to the best of her knowledge and belief since she moved to the area, there has always been horses and stables on the property for boarding purposes and that the present operation is in a much better condition prior to 1980.

Testimony presented by Protestants of the request of Farace, seems weak.

Mr. C. Edgar Thomas, Jr., who owns property directly across the

street from the entrance on Hart Road, but lives elsewhere, testified that he had observed this property for many, many years but would do nothing as far as filing any complaints because he "feared" the former owner, Bridenstein. Now that we have owners of the property whom he does not "fear" he not only files a complaint with the Baltimore County Zoning office but protests an operation which is upgraded from that which existed prior to 1980. Several other residents in the area testified that they do not recall horses on the property at different times, but the preponderance of the evidence that was presented to the board was that since at least the early 1930's, the property had been used for the boarding and riding of horses.

The Deputy Zoning Commissioner in ordering that a non-conforming use for a riding stable exist on the subject property, by Order and Opinion dated March 5, 1984, was correct.

Let it be noted that the Petitioners, Farace, have no objections to the restrictions that were imposed by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner.

ARGUMENT

A non-conforming use, was defined in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as adopted in 1945, as:

"24. Non-conforming use: a building or land occupied by a use that does not conform to the provisions of the regulations for the zone in which it is located."

It is not worthy to say that it does not only include buildings but also land.

Section XI of the 1945 Regulations indicates that:

"A lawful non-conforming use existing on the effective date of the adoption of these regulations may continue, provided, however, upon any change from such non-conforming use to a conforming use, or any attempt to change from such non-conforming use to a different non-conforming use or any discontinuance of such non-conforming use for a period of one year, or in case a non-conforming structure shall be damaged by fire or otherwise to extent of seventy-five (75%) per cent of its value, the right to continue to resume such non-conforming use shall terminate, provided, however, that any such lawful non-conforming use may be extended or enlarged to an extent not more than once again the area of the land used in the original non-conforming use."

The Zoning Regulations as adopted in 1955 and as amended in 1976, defines a non-conforming use as:

"A legal use that does not conform to use regulations for the zone in which it is located or to a special regulation applicable to such use. A specifically named use described by the adjective 'non-conforming' is a non-conforming use." Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, 1955, as amended.

Section 104 of the Baltimore County Regulations, indicates:

"A non-conforming use (as defined in Section 101) may continue except as otherwise specifically provided in these Regulations; provided that upon any change from such nonconforming use to any other use whatsoever, or any abandonment or discontinuance of such nonconforming use for a period of one year or more, or in case any nonconforming business or manufacturing structure shall be damaged by fire or other casualty to the extent of seventy-five (75%) per cent of its replacement cost at the time of such loss, the right to continue or resume such nonconforming use shall terminate. No nonconforming building or structure and no nonconforming use of a building, structure, or parcel of land, shall hereafter be extended more than 25% of the ground floor area of building so used. [B.C.Z.R.: 1955, as amended]"

It should be noted that between 1945 and 1955, a nonconforming use could be expanded 100%. In the case at bar, we have a deduction in the square footage used for the boarding and riding of horses. Originally we had 184 acres, which was later reduced, and is presently confined to the 5.47 acres of land. There has not been an expansion of the use of the riding stable but a reduction.

Intensification of a use is not an expansion. Here we not only not have an intensification of the use, but a reduction of acres of land from the original size of the property to its present size. In fact, some of the Protestants in this matter, live in homes that were developed and built on property that was originally the overall Bridenstein farm.

Where the evidence has conclusively established that a property owner before and at the time of the adoption of the original zoning ordinance (1945 and as amended in 1955) was using in a then lawful manner substantially all of this tract of land for a use which by the legislative action became non-permitted, the owner or subsequent owner had established a lawful nonconforming use. Board of Zoning Appeals of Howard County vs. Meyer, 207 Md. 389 (1955).

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In the instance case, various neighbors and former neighbors and

individuals who used the Bridenstein farm as well as the Farace riding stable, boarded their horses there, rode there, and established the existence of this use prior to 1945. (See the Bridenstein deposition and picture exhibits in Zoning Commissioner's file). The individuals now complaining and protesting move to their respective homes, well after 1945. Again one of the tests for determining the existence of a nonconforming use is whether such use was known in the neighborhood. The evidence before this board indicates that it was known in 1925 and thereafter. Any temporary disuse of a nonconforming use does not amount to a surrender of the use and a property owner will not lose his right to such a use until relinquishment thereof has clearly been indicated by the evidence of intention, action or inaction for a reasonable period of time. (Emphasis added). Feldstein vs. Lavale Zoning Board, 246 Md. 204 (1967). The evidence presented to the Board dictates that there was not cessation of the use or an abandonment of this use for any long period of time. In fact, the testimony is overwhelming that the property was continuously used for the riding and boarding of horses since the 1930's.

The Bridenstein's bought the subject property in 1917, and conveyed the property to Faraces' in 1980. They had established a riding stable on their property many many years ago, well before 1945. This is not an expansion of a use but a reduction of a use, it is not an abandonment or cessation of a use, but a transfer from one portion of the property to the other. This is a valid non-conforming use which meets the requirements as set forth in 104.1 of the present Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

Counsel for Farace, at the Hearing, moved that the appeal by the Protestants be dismissed in that they failed to comply with Section 3a of the Board's rules. The order for appeal only stated names. NO addressees were listed. Again, Farace requests that the appeal be dismissed.

Accordingly, the petitioners respectfully request that this Honorable Board pass an Order finding that the subject property enjoys a nonconforming use for a riding stable as defined in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

S. ERIC DINENNA
Attorney for Petitioners

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In the instance case, various neighbors and former neighbors and individuals who used the Bridenstein farm as well as the Farace riding stable, boarded their horses there, rode there, and established the existence of this use prior to 1945. (See the Bridenstein deposition and picture exhibits in Zoning Commissioner's file). The individuals now complaining and protesting moved to their respective homes, well after 1945. Again one of the tests for determining the existence of a non-conforming use is whether such use was known in the neighborhood. The evidence before this Board indicates that it was known in 1945 and thereafter. Any temporary disuse of a non-conforming use does not amount to a surrender of the use and a property owner will not lose his right to such a use until relinquishment thereof has clearly been indicated by the evidence of intention, action or inaction for a reasonable period of time. (Emphasis added). Feldstein vs. Lavale Zoning Board, 246 Md. 204 (1967). The evidence presented to the Board indicates that there was not cessation of the use or an abandonment of this use for any long period of time. In fact, the testimony is overwhelming that the property was continuously used for the riding and boarding of horses since the 1930's.

The Bridensteins bought the subject property in 1917, and

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conveyed the property to Faraces in 1980. They had established a riding stable on their property many, many years ago, well before 1945. This is not an expansion of a use but a reduction of a use, it is not an abandonment or cessation of a use, but a transfer from one portion of the property to the other. This is a valid non-conforming use which meets the requirements as set forth in 104.1 of the present Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

Rule 3a of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of County Board of Appeals states:

"No Appeal shall be entertained by the Board of Appeals unless the notice of appeal shall state the names and addresses of the persons taking such Appeal."

The Court will note from the record that the Appeal was taken on behalf of Michael E. Krompholz. No address was given. Though it may appear minor in nature, if the reverse occurred, with no name but an address, it would definitely be an improper Appeal. Accordingly, the Appellee, requests that the Appeal be dismissed for lack of compliance to the County Board of Appeals when that Appeal was filed from the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's Order.

The Court is well aware of the law in its review power of an Administrative Board's Decision. The question on judicial review is whether or not such action is arbitrary, discriminatory or fairly debatable. Stratakis vs. Beauchamp, 268 Md. 643 (1973).

"It is not the function of the Courts to zone or rezone and the Courts will not substitute their judgment for the expertise of the zoning officials. Only when there is no room or reasonable debate or where the record is the void of substantial supporting facts, are the Courts justified in revising a Decision of an administrative body or in declaring its action arbitrary, capricious or illegal."

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Germanko vs. County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, 257 Md. 706 - pg. 711, (1970).

See also, France v. Shapiro, 248 Md. 335, (1968).

Furthermore, in order to justify a reversal of an administrative Board's decision, the record in the proceedings would have to show that its action was unsupported by competent material and substantial evidence. Prince George's County v. Meininger, 264 Md. 148 (1972).

The most explicit definition of "substantial evidence test" is found in the case of Board of County Commission of Prince George's County v. Oak Hill Farms, Inc., 232 Md. 274, (1963), where at page 280, the Court said:

"... substantial evidence has been held to mean more than a scintilla and was such evidence 'as a reasonable mind might accept as adequate to support a conclusion'... and enough to justify, if the trial were to jury, a refusal to direct a verdict..."

Furthermore, "fairly debatable" can be defined as testimony from which a reasonable man could come to a different conclusion. In such a matter, the Court will not substitute its judgment for that of the administrative body. Edgar v. Stove, 253 Md. 533, (1969).

There was "substantial evidence" presented by the Petitioner and the issues were "fairly debatable". Therefore, the Board's decision was not arbitrary, capricious or illegal.

The substantial evidence presented before the Board was that there were horses between 1957-1959 as testified to by the several witnesses that indicated that they were on the Bridenstein property.

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With reference to the expansion of a non-conforming use, between 1945-1955, they could be expanded 100% and thereafter 25%. You will note that we are reducing in size from 184 acres to 5.47 acres and the testimony of Mr. John Etzel, the surveyor, indicates a total square footage of use at the original site of the barn ring and other outhouses in excess of 29,000 square feet where the subject property 5.47 acres, the buildings comprise 7,064 square feet. The Board did not permit an extension of the non-conforming riding stable use from the old Bridenstein farm to the Farace property; the Farace property was part and parcel of the Bridenstein farm. Because of the subsequent subdivision development of horses and other sales of portions of the original Bridenstein property, the residual 5.47 acres is that which is left for the purpose of a riding stable.

For the above reasons, your Appellee, Petitioner, requests that the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County's Decision of March 26, 1985, be affirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19th day of August, 1985, a copy of the foregoing Appellee's Memorandum was mailed, postage prepaid to G. Scott Barhight and Nolan, Plumhoff & Williams, Chartered, 204 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorneys for Protestant-Appellant and County Board of Appeals, Court House, Towson, Maryland 21204.

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August 19, 1985

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RE: In the Matter of the Application
of Paul Farace, et al., for
Special Hearing to Approve a
Non-Conforming Use Riding Stable
Case No. 85-CG1278

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed herewith for filing please find the Appellee's Memorandum with regard to the above-captioned matter.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure
cc: G. Scott Barhight, Esquire
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June 14, 1985

Ms. Carolyn Peatt
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Re: Case No. 83-276-SPH
Paul Farace, et al.

Dear Ms. Peatt:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of June 10, 1985, enclosed is a check made payable to you in the amount of \$208.50. This amount reflects the balance due for the costs of the transcript preparation in the above case. These amounts are being paid by this office on behalf Mr. Michael Krompholz, the protestant-appellant.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

G. Scott Barhight

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IN THE MATTER OF THE : BEFORE THE
APPLICATION OF PAUL FARACE, : BOARD OF APPEALS
ET AL FOR SPECIAL HEARING : OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
TO APPROVE A NONCONFORMING :
RIDING STABLE :
S/S HART ROAD, 225' S/E OF : No. 83-276-SPH
C/L OF DENBY ROAD :
9TH DISTRICT :
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ORDER FOR APPEAL BY PROTESTANT-APPELLANT

MR. CLERK:

Please enter an appeal, pursuant to Rule B2, on behalf of MICHAEL E. KROMPHOLZ, 1315 Denby Road, Towson, Maryland 21204, Protestant-Appellant, from the Opinion and Order of the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, passed in the above case on March 26, 1985.

The undersigned certifies that on April 24, 1985, a copy of this Order for Appeal was served on the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County prior to the filing of this Order for Appeal.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 24th day of April, 1985, that a copy of the foregoing was mailed postage prepaid to S. Eric DiNenna, Esquire, 406 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner - Appellee and J. Bollinger, Esquire, Office of Law,

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IN THE MATTER OF : IN THE
THE APPLICATION OF : CIRCUIT COURT
PAUL FARACE, ET AL. :
FOR SPECIAL HEARING :
TO APPROVE A NONCONFORMING : FOR
RIDING STABLE : BALTIMORE COUNTY
South side Hart Road, :
225' Southeast of :
Centerline of Denby Road :
9th District :
MICHAEL E. KROMPHOLZ : C. G. Docket No. 10
Protestant-Appellant : Folio No.: 13
Zoning File No. 83-276-SPH : File No.: 85-CG-1278
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PETITION OF PROTESTANT-APPELLANT

Michael E. Krompholz, Protestant-Appellant, pursuant to Rule B2.e. petitions the Court regarding the March 26, 1985 Opinion and Order of the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County and says:

1. By Opinion and Order dated March 26, 1985, (the "Order"), the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County (the "Board") granted the existence of a nonconforming use for a riding stable subject to the restrictions contained in the March 5, 1984 Order of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner.

2. The Protestant-Appellant submits that the Board's Order is erroneous in that:

A. The Board's decision is in conflict with Maryland law regarding nonconforming uses.

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B. The Board's legal decision is not supported by its findings of fact.

C. The Board's decision is illegal, invalid, arbitrary and capricious.

WHEREFORE, Protestant-Appellant petitions this Court to reverse the Board's Order of March 26, 1985 and grant Protestant-Appellant such other and further relief as his cause may require.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Scott Barhight

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 6th day of May, 1985 a copy of the foregoing was mailed postage pre-paid to S. Eric DiNenna, Esquire, 406 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner-Appellee; Thomas J. Bollinger, Esquire, Office of Law, Court House, Towson, Maryland, 21204; Donald Busick, 2400 Hartfell Road, Timonium, Maryland 21094; Protestant; and County Board of Appeals, Room 200, Court House,

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IN THE MATTER OF THE : IN THE
APPLICATION OF : CIRCUIT COURT
PAUL FARACE, ET AL. :
FOR SPECIAL HEARING :
TO APPROVE A NON- :
CONFORMING RIDING :
STABLE : BALTIMORE COUNTY
S/S HART ROAD, 225' SE :
OF C/L OF DENBY ROAD :
9th DISTRICT :
MICHAEL E. KROMPHOLZ, : CG Doc. No. 10
Protestant-Plaintiff : Folio No. 13
Zoning File No. 83-276-SPH : File No. 85-CG-1278
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CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

Mr. Clerk:

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule B-2(d) of the Maryland Rules of Procedure, William T. Hackett, Lawrence E. Schmidt, and Diana K. Vincent, constituting the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County, have given notice by mail of the filing of the appeal to the representative of every party to the proceeding before it; namely, S. Eric DiNenna, Esq., 406 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, Md. 21204, Counsel for the Petitioners; Paul Farace, et al, 1102 Hart Rd., Towson, Md. 21204, Petitioners; G. Scott Barhight, Esq., 204 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, Md. 21204, Counsel for Protestants; Michael E. Krompholz, 1315 Denby Rd., Towson, Md. 21204, Protestant-Appellant; Donald Busick, 2400 Hartfell Rd., Timonium, Md. 21093, Protestant; and Thomas J. Bollinger, Esq., Court House, Towson, Md. 21204, Assistant County Attorney for Baltimore County, a copy of which Notice is attached hereto and prayed that it may be made a part thereof.

June Holmen
June Holmen
County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County
Rm. 200, Court House, Towson, Md. 21204
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Paul Farace, et al
Case No. 83-276-SPH

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Certificate of Notice has been mailed to S. Eric DiNenna, Esq., 406 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, Md. 21204, Counsel for the Petitioners; Paul Farace, et al, 1102 Hart Rd., Towson, Md. 21204, Petitioners; G. Scott Barhight, Esq., 204 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Towson, Md. 21204, Counsel for Protestants; Michael E. Krompholz, 1315 Denby Rd., Towson, Md. 21204, Protestant-Appellant; Donald Busick, 2400 Hartfell Rd., Timonium, Md., 21093, Protestant; and Thomas J. Bollinger, Esq., Court House, Towson, Md. 21204, Assistant County Attorney for Baltimore County, on this 24th day of April, 1985.

June Holmen
June Holmen
County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County
Room 200 Court House
Towson, Maryland 21204
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April 24, 1985

G. Scott Barhight, Esq.
204 W. Pennsylvania Ave.
Towson, Md. 21204

Dear Mr. Barhight:

In accordance with Rule B-7 (a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the County Board of Appeals is required to submit the record of proceedings of the zoning appeal which you have taken to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in the above matter within thirty days.

The cost of the transcript of the record must be paid by you. Certified copies of any other documents necessary for the completion of the record must also be at your expense.

The cost of the transcript, plus any other documents, must be paid in time to transmit the same to the Circuit Court not later than thirty days from the date of any petition you might file in court, in accordance with Rule B-7 (a).

Enclosed is a copy of the Certificate of Notice; also invoice covering the cost of certified copies of necessary documents.

Very truly yours,

June Holmen
June Holmen, Secretary

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cc: Michael E. Krompholz
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April 30, 1985

Ms. June Holmen
Secretary
County Board of Appeals
Court House
Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case No. 83-276-SPH
Paul Farace, et al

Dear Ms. Holmen:

In response to your April 24, 1985 enclosed is a check made payable to Baltimore County, Maryland in the amount of \$20.00. It is my understanding that this payment is for the cost of certified documents in the above referenced case.

Should you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your cooperation.

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March 26, 1985

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire
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Re: Case No. 83-276-SPH
Paul Farace, et al

Dear Mr. Barhight:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Opinion and Order passed today by the County Board of Appeals in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

Edith T. Eisenhart
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Enclosure

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PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING
S/S OF HART ROAD, 225' SE OF
THE CENTER LINE OF DENBY ROAD
9th Election District
PAUL FARACE, et al.
Petitioners
* BEFORE THE
* COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
* Case No.: 83-276-SPH
* (Item 175)

PROTESTANT/APPELLANT'S MEMORANDUM OF LAW

The Protestant/Appellant, MICHAEL E. KRUMHOLTZ, by his attorneys, G. Scott Barhight and Nolan, Plumhoff & Williams, Chartered, respectfully submits the following Memorandum of Law:

A. NONCONFORMING USES

The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, BCZR, Section. 101, defines a "nonconforming use" as a legal use that does not conform to a use regulation for the zone in which it is located or to a special regulation applicable to such a use. Section 104.1 of the BCZR further states as follows:

A nonconforming use (as defined in Section 101) may continue except as otherwise specifically provided in these Regulations; provided that upon any change from such nonconforming use to any other use whatsoever, or any abandonment or discontinuance of such nonconforming use for a period of one year or more, or in case any nonconforming business or manufacturing structure shall be damaged by fire or other casualty to the extent of seventy-five (75) percent of its replacement cost at the time of such loss, the right to continue or resume such nonconforming use shall terminate. No nonconforming building or structure and no nonconforming use of a building, structure, or parcel of land shall hereafter be extended more

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than 25% of the ground floor area of buildings so used.

By definition, nonconforming uses are inherently incompatible with permitted uses in a zone. Boyce v. Sembly, 25 Md. App. 43, 59 (1975).

Nonconforming uses, or land uses that do not conform to the zoning ordinance due to their inharmonious character or impact, are considered detrimental to the municipality's comprehensive plan, neighborhood stability and property values. Schmidman, Handling the Land Use Case, Section 9.19.1. Although there is statutory protection for a legitimate nonconforming use, the underlying premise for such zoning regulations is to restrict, rather than expend, such uses. Id. at Section 9.19.2.

Nonconforming uses should not be perpetuated any longer than necessary. Colati v. Jirout, 186 Md. 652, 657 (1946). Nonconforming uses are usually continued after passage of a zoning ordinance with the expectation that such uses will eventually disappear. Schiff v. Board of Zoning Appeals, 207 Md. 365, 368 (1955). The zoning authorities should make constant efforts to move them into the use districts where they properly belong. Colati. The earnest aim and ultimate purpose of zoning is to reduce nonconformance as speedily as possible. County Council v. Gardner, 293 Md. 259 (1982).

B. BURDEN OF PROOF

The burden of proving a nonconforming use is on the claimant of the use. Calhoun v. County Board of Appeals, 262 Md. 265, 267 (1977). Therefore, in the present case, the burden falls on the Petitioners, Paul Farace, et al., to prove the existence of the nonconforming use.

In order to prove the existence of a nonconforming use, evidence

must be presented demonstrating:

- (1) The use was a lawful use prior to the adoption of a zoning regulation or amendment to the regulation. This generally may be accomplished through the introduction of authenticated versions of the zoning ordinance text to show the law as it existed on the date prior to the regulation making the use (or building) nonconforming.
- (2) The use existed prior to the enactment of the restrictive ordinance. This may be accomplished through testimony of neighboring property owners, and tax and licensing records.
- (3) The use has continued without abandonment or cessation for the statutorily prescribed period, and there has been no change or extension of the use.

Schmidman, at Section 9.19.2.

It is incumbent upon the Board to determine, factually, whether the present use represents a permitted intensification or the original use or an actual change from what existed before the adoption of zoning regulations "to any other use whatsoever". BCZR, Section 104.1. If there is a change to any other use whatsoever, the right to continue a nonconforming use shall terminate. In deciding whether the current use is within the scope of the pre-zoning ordinance use, the Board must consider the following factors:

- (1) To what extent does the current use of the property reflect the nature and purpose of the original nonconforming use?
- (2) Is the current use merely a different manner of utilizing the original nonconforming use, or does it constitute a use different in character, function, and kind?
- (3) Does the current use have a substantially different effect upon the neighborhood?
- (4) Is the current use a "drastic enlargement or extension" of the original nonconforming use.

McFerry v. Baltimore County, 39 Md. App. 257, 269 (1978).

C. RIDING STABLES

A riding stable is defined as a building where riding horses are boarded or kept for hire. BCZR, Section 101. It is the building, according to the Zoning Regulations, which is the focus of the definition of a riding stable.

The property is presently zoned D.R. 1. Commercial riding stables are permitted in the D.R. 1 and D.R. 2 zones by special exception. BCZR, Section 1B02.1. By way of comparison, farms are permitted as a matter of right in the D.R. zones. BCZR, Section 1B01.1.

The Petitioners are attempting to assert a nonconforming use when a special exception is available. The rights and interests of the community would be better served by the special exception process. See BCZR, Section 1.1.

D. BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS

On January 2, 1945, the first set of Zoning Regulations for Baltimore County became effective. Riding stables (whether public or private) and riding academies were not permitted as a matter of right. Public stables (riding stables) and Riding Academies were permitted in residential zones by special permit (special exception).

The subject property has always been zoned residentially. No special permit or special exception for a riding stable has been granted relative to the subject property.

Even the original definitions of the 1945 BCZR relating to stables focused on the buildings being used and not the land. A private stable

was defined as:

An accessory building used only for the stabling or keeping of horses, and/or other animals, (not more than three in number) for private use only and not for livery or hire. BCZR, Section 1.28 (1945).

A public stable was defined as:

An accessory building and/or other building, other than a private stable where horses and/or other animals are kept for livery or hire. BCZR, Section 1.29 (1945).

E. THE FACTS
(by Witness, in order of appearance)

1.) The Deeds: By Deed dated January 19, 1957, Leonard and Ruth Bridenstein took title to the 5.47 acre tract of land now known as the Dunroman Stables property. By Deed dated July 15, 1980, Paul Farace and Robin Morfe (Farace) took title to this same parcel of land.

2.) Beverly Raymond: Ms. Raymond is an agricultural inspector for the Maryland Department of Agriculture. She has personal knowledge of the Dunroman Stables since 1978. She has records in her files which relate to the riding stables on Hart Road back to 1968. Her records indicated only 31 horses in 1978 (Prot. Exhibit 2) and a high of 55 horses in 1977 (Prot. Exhibit 3).

3.) Albert G. Cramer: Mr. Cramer, age 61, was familiar with the Providence Road riding stable in 1942-43 when he was 18 or 19 years old. He has no recollection of the Providence Road riding stable before 1942 or after 1943. His knowledge of the Hart Road riding stables does not begin until the 1960's.

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4.) James T. Manning: Mr. Manning has no personal knowledge of the Hart Road riding stables prior to 1968. He did, however, testify to a large concrete building which has been erected in addition to the buildings indicated on the Petitioner's Zoning Plat which is being used in conjunction with the riding stables.

5.) Robin Farace: Mrs. Farace, one of the owner-operators of the Hart Road riding stables, has personal knowledge of these stables since the early 1960's. She testified that all the present buildings, with the exception of the new concrete building mentioned by Mr. Manning, were present in the early 1960's. The new concrete building is 30 foot x 50 foot in size, or 1,500 square feet.

6.) John Etzel: Mr. Etzel is a land surveyor with Gerhold, Gross and Etzel. Mr. Etzel testified that portions of the Bridenstein farm were subdivided in 1944 and again in 1947. On March 11, 1958, he performed a field survey of the Hart Road property. His notes (Prot. Exhibit 8) indicate that the house (frame dwelling) was located on the property. His notes do not indicate the location of any other structure, nor does he have any specific recollection of any buildings other than the house at that time.

Mr. Etzel calculated the square footage of the buildings shown on Petitioner's Zoning Plat as follows:

a.) Frame dwelling and car port	1,415 square feet
b.) Block and frame barn	1,682 " "
c.) Frame barn	3,085 " "
d.) Frame building	384 " "
e.) Metal and frame building	496 " "

7,062 square feet

7.) Marie Freeman: Ms. Freeman, age 72, testified that she has been familiar with the Providence Road - Hart Road area all her life. She resided in Baltimore City for twenty or thirty years before moving to Hart Road in 1962. She testified that the barns and other buildings on Hart Road were erected about twenty years ago, i.e., 1964.

She made a conclusory statement that horses were in the Providence Road - Hart Road area on a continuous basis as long as she could remember. However, this conclusory statement must be disregarded, or at least discounted. She has no specific recollection of the dates of construction of any building or appearance of horses on different areas of land. All of her factual testimony was cloudy, ambiguous and disjointed.

8.) Wyola Berry: Ms. Berry, age 72, is the cousin of Ms. Freeman. In the 1950's or 1960's she moved from the Loch Raven/Cronwell Bridge area to Baltimore City.

She, like her cousin, made a conclusory statement that horses were on the property all during her recollection. However, also like her cousin, she cannot remember any significant events. She does not remember when horses appeared on Hart Road, when any buildings were erected, if and when any school buses were located on the Hart Road property, or even the year (or decade for that matter) when she moved to Baltimore City. Her conclusory remarks must be disregarded.

9.) Mary C. Bowersox: Mrs. Bowersox, age 40, has several specific recollections of horses in the Providence Road - Hart Road area. When she was 5, in 1949 or 1950, she took a pony ride at the Providence Road

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riding stable. In high school, around 1959 or 1960, she recalls the frame dwelling and the frame barn. There were no other buildings present to her recollection.

10.) John D. Gadd: Mr. Gadd, a veterinarian, performed services at the Providence Road riding stable between 1940 and 1945. He does not recall the boarding of any horses. The horses that he recalls were racing horses being trained for the track.

11.) Lucille Bridenstein Deposition: Prior to the Deputy Zoning Commissioner hearing, and without any counsel for Protestants present, counsel for Petitioner took a deposition of Mrs. Lucille Bridenstein. Numerous leading questions were posed during the deposition. Additionally, there is no way to ascertain the discussions which were held prior to the deposition or during the off the record discussion during the deposition.

Mrs. Bridenstein was 86 at the time of the deposition (p.2). She has been familiar with the Providence Road - Hart Road area since 1917 (p.3). Horses were not boarded at the stables until the 1930's (p.5).

On page 6 the following discussion occurred:

Q. I will refer to the pictures in a moment, but since the 1920's, are you saying that the property on Hart Road, now had the riding stable, has had horses boarded and ridden on it?
A. I don't know there (sic) business back there. I didn't know Leonard's business because I didn't run over there, but I did know he had a riding stable. I mean, riding horses and boarders, and so did you, honey, didn't you?
Q. Now, that was in --
A. In the 1930's.
Q. So there were horses boarded and ridden on this riding stable property prior to 1945, is that correct?

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A. Yes, about that time. How old was mommum?
I have to think back. I think that's right.

Either Mrs. Bridenstein's memory on this point is faulty or she does not understand the question. We know for the testimony of numerous witnesses, as well as from the Baltimore County aerial photographs that there were no buildings at all on the Hart Road property until the late 1950's. It is impossible for a riding stable to have been present on Hart Road in the 1930's and during 1945. However, it appears that she probably meant the Providence Road riding stable. It is important to note that in regard to Leonard Bridenstein's she states, "I don't know there (sic) business back there."

Mrs. Bridenstein, like Ms. Freeman and Ms. Berry, also makes a broad conclusory remark about the continuous appearance of horse in the area. However, the following exchange on pages 16 and 17 points out her memory problem:

Q. Do you know whether the Orioles won or lost?
A. I think they won. I forgot what the score was. It was one to -- I think it was -- I heard it, too, and then I forgot it. This old head can't remember too much.
Q. It remembers pretty well, I think.
A. It remembers some things, but I can't remember what happened yesterday, hardly.
Q. Mrs. Bridenstein, let me ask you, you do remember, Mrs. Bridenstein, that the property that Mr. and Mrs. Farace own has been used as a riding stable since the '930's, is that correct?
A. Yes.
Q. That's definite in your mind?
A. Yes, sure, every bit.

First, Mrs. Bridenstein states that she has a poor memory. Then, she proves it in her answer to Mr. DiNenna's leading question. She states

that the Farace (Hart Road) property has been used as a riding stable since the 1920's. In reading the entire deposition, it is obvious that she never makes a clear distinction between the Providence Road stable and the newer Hart Road stables.

12.) C. Edgar Thomas, Jr.: Mr. Thomas moved to his residence directly across the street from the Hart Road property in October, 1956. At that time, there were no buildings on the Petitioner's property. In October, 1957, Mr. Thomas specifically recalls that only one (1) building, a frame dwelling, was located on the Hart Road property as he watched for Sputnik.

In August, 1959, when Mr. Thomas had an "altercation" with Mr. Bridenstein, he specifically recalls a house and a pole building. The pole building was used for the parking of Mr. Bridenstein's school buses. Mr. Thomas first recalls seeing horses on the Hart Road property late in 1959 or early 1960.

13. Beverly Clark: Mrs. Clark, who lives on Providence Road just North of the Old Providence Road riding stable, testified that the horses left the Bridenstein farm in 1956 or 1957. As to the Hart Road property, she testified that a house was built, then buses were parked on the property, then horses appeared.

14. Flora Chrest: Mrs. Chrest moved to Providence Road, just north of the Providence stable in June, 1956. Upon her arrival, she saw about six (6) horses at the Providence Road barn for a period of approximately one (1) year. Then, the area was farmed.

After the horses left, the Bridenstein property was subdivided. Then a house appeared at the Hart Road property. Then, buses were

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parked on the Hart Road property, and later, horses appeared at Hart Road.

15. Jack Brown: In 1950, Mr. Brown moved to the Providence Road area. When he arrived, there were 2 or 3 horses and several colts in the barn at Providence Road. Later, he noticed a house at the Hart Road property. Buses were parked on the property. A barn was erected later, and then horses came to the Hart Road property.

16. Eugene Harrigan Aerial Photographs: Mr. Harrigan introduced two (2) aerial photographs of the Providence Road - Hart Road area. The first photograph, dated May 10, 1953, shows a barn and a ring off Providence Road. The photo shows that the area now known as Dunman Stables was being farmed in 1953.

The second photograph dated April 14, 1961, shows a house and one (1) barn at the Hart road property.

Mr. Harrigan testified that the scale for the aerial maps are 2,000 feet equals one (1) inch. Later, after Mr. Harrigan contacted counsel for protestant, it was stipulated before the Board that the proper scale is 1,000 feet equals one (1) inch.

17. Ralph Clayton - Telephone Books: Mr. Clayton introduced selected portions of the White and Yellow pages of the Baltimore telephone books. A summary of the phone books are attached and are described as follows:

1955 Suburban	Baynesville Bus Co.	VA.3-7900
	Bridenstein Leonard C. buses	VA.3-7900
	No "Deer Head Farms" listing	
1955 Yellow Pages	Baynesville Bus Co.	VA.3-7900

	No "Deer Head Farms" listing	
1956 City & Suburban	Baynesville Bus Co.	VA.3-7900
	Bridenstein Leonard C. buses	VA.3-7900
	No "Deer Head Farms" listing	
1956 Yellow Pages	Baynesville Bus Co.	VA.3-7900
	No "Deer Head Farms" listing	
1957 City & Suburban	Baynesville Bus Co.	VA.3-7900
	Bridenstein Leonard C. buses	VA.3-7900
	Bridenstein Leonard C. Hart Rd.	VA.3-0319
	No "Deer Head Farms"	
1957 Yellow Pages	No "Deer Head Farms" listing	
1958 Suburban	Baynesville Bus Co.	VA.3-7900
	Bridenstein, Leonard C. buses	VA.3-7900
	No "Deer Head Farm" listing	
1958 Yellow Pages	Baynesville Bus Co.	VA.3-7900
	No "Deer Head Farm" listing	
1959 Suburban	No Baynesville Bus Co. listing	
	Bridenstein Leonard C. Hart Rd.	VA.3-7900
	Deer Head Farms Hart Road	VA.3-7900
1959 Yellow Pages	Deer Head Farms Hart Road	VA.3-7900
1960 Suburban	No Baynesville Bus Co. listing	
	Bridenstein Leonard C. Hart Road	VA.3-7900
1960 Yellow Pages	Deer Head Farms Hart Road	VA.3-7900

18. Betty Sims Rice: Ms. Rice, age 47, recalls that when she was six, seven or eight (1943-45) she rode horses at the Providence Road stable. She cannot remember exact dates, but stated that after the

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Providence Road barn was torn down, Leonard Bridenstein began a riding stable on Hart Road.

She recalls that horses came to Hart Road sometime in 1957, '58 or '59. She also testified that one Mr. Cicero rented the stables for his race horses from the late 1940's until 1955.

Ms. Rice did make a conclusory statement that horses were in this area from the beginning of her memory to the present. However, when questioned about the specific location of the horses that she recalled seeing in the mid to late 1950's, after Cicero left the Providence Road barn, she indicated a location other than Petitioner's property. Ms. Rice was asked to locate the horses on a tax map (Prot. Exhibit 13). She testified that the horses she saw in the mid to late 1950's were housed north of Hart Road, east of that is now the Baptist Church property - far from the Petitioner's property. She specifically testified that the horses were across Hart Road from where the radio towers are now located.

F. FACT SUMMARY

Attached to the Memorandum is a Fact Summary sheet showing a chronology of events. Reference to this summary will hopefully help to provide a chronological picture of the events regarding the Providence Road and Hart Road properties.

It appears that horses were boarded and kept for hire at the Providence Road barn until sometime around 1955. Ida Bridenstein, the owner of what remained of the farm died on January 18, 1955. After administration of the estate, Leonard and Ruth Bridenstein were deced the Hart Road property on January 19, 1957. Between the death of Ida

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(Item 175)

WITNESS SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

TO: RALPH CLAYTON
Enoch Pratt Free Library
400 Cathedral Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

You are hereby subpoenaed to attend a Hearing in this case at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 1984, at Hearing Room No. 218, Courthouse, Towson, Maryland 21204, to testify on behalf of the Appellant/Protestant.

The witness is required to bring to and produce at the Hearing all telephone directories regarding Baltimore County and/or the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan area for the calendar years 1950 through 1965, in the possession, custody or control of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

Mr. Sheriff:

Please issue this summons.

Edith T. Eisenhart
Edith T. Eisenhart, Adm. Secretary
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WITNESS SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

TO: C. EDWARD THOMAS, JR.
221 Stoney Run Lane
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

You are hereby subpoenaed to attend a Hearing in this case at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 1984, at Hearing Room No. 218, Courthouse, Towson, Maryland 21204, to testify on behalf of the Appellant/Protestant.

The witness is required to bring to and produce at the Hearing all written comments, complete files, reports, photographs, maps, statistical data, notes and other materials in the possession, custody or control of the witness concerning this case, and the property presently known as the Dunham Stables, and the property that was known as the Breidenstein Farm.

Mr. Sheriff:

Please issue this summons.

Edith T. Eisenhart
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WITNESS SUBPOENA

TO: FLORA CHREST
1419 Providence Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21204

You are hereby subpoenaed to attend a Hearing in this case at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 1984, at Hearing Room No. 218, Courthouse, Towson, Maryland 21204, to testify on behalf of the Appellant/Protestant.

COST \$ 5.00

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Mr. Sheriff:

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Room 200 Court House (Hearing Room #218)
Towson, Maryland 21204
(301) 494-3180 May 7, 1984

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT and REASSIGNMENT

NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHOUT GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS. REQUESTS FOR POSTPONEMENTS MUST BE IN WRITING AND IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD RULE 2(c). ABSOLUTELY NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SCHEDULED HEARING DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 2(c), COUNTY COUNCIL BILL #59-79

CASE NO. 83-276-SPH PAUL FARACE, ET AL

S/S Hart Rd., 225' SE of the c/l of Denby Rd.

9th District

SH-Non-conforming riding stable

DZC's Order - (3/5/84) GRANTED w/restrictions

The above case set for hearing on Thursday, July 26, 1984, at 10 a.m., has been POSTPONED by the Board at the request of Counsel for Petitioner, and REASSIGNED FOR: THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 1984, at 10 a.m.

cc: S. Eric DiNenna, Esq. Counsel for Petitioners

Paul Farace, et al. Petitioners

G. Scott Barhight, Esq. Counsel for Protestants

Donald Busick Protestants

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October 3, 1984

Mr. William Hackett
Chairman
County Board of Appeals for
Baltimore County
Court House
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Case No. 83-276-SPH
Paul Farace, et al.
Hart Road

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is to confirm our conversation of last week wherein I indicated to you that due to another zoning hearing before the Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals in Baltimore City scheduled to start at 1:30 P.M. on October 16, 1984, that Mr. Barhight and I agreed that I would present my case before you until approximately 12:30 P.M. and that we would stop at that time and Mr. Barhight would not have to summons in any witnesses and that it would go over to another date for the remainder of the case.

This was agreeable to him prior to my speaking with you and I indicated same to you.

Following my conversation with you, Mr. Barhight called me and told me that upon discussing this matter with his client, that his client did not authorize him to agree to this arrangement.

Accordingly, I must respectfully request, on my client's behalf, that due to this case starting in Baltimore City at 1:30 P.M., that we be allowed to proceed before you between 10:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. and that the case before you stop at that time in order that I may be able to get downtown for the 1:30 P.M. hearing.

I respectfully request this and I assure you that this is not a delaying tactic in any way, shape or form on my client's part but

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Attorneys at Law

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a conflict in which I find myself.

Would you be so kind as to advise me immediately as well as other counsel concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

S. ERIC DINENNA

SED:bk

cc: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Farace
Ms. Phyllis C. Friedman
G. Scott Barhight

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June 28, 1984

Mr. William T. Hackett, Chairman
County Board of Appeals
of Baltimore County
Room 200, Courthouse
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Case No.: 83-276-SPH
Paul Farace, et al, Petitioners

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The above case was originally set for hearing on Thursday, July 26, 1984. At the request of counsel for Petitioner, S. Eric DiNenna, Esquire, this case was postponed by the Board and reassigned for Thursday, August 30, 1984.

Since being notified of this hearing date, it has come to my attention that the most significant witness who will testify on behalf of the Protestants will be unavailable on that date. I have been in contact with Mr. DiNenna and Mr. Thomas J. Bollinger, of the Office of Law, regarding this matter. Both of these gentlemen concur with my request for postponement of the August 30th hearing date.

As counsel for the Protestants, I respectfully request that the present hearing date be postponed. In the event that a postponement is granted, Mr. DiNenna and I will contact your office to reschedule the hearing.

The key witness, Mr. C. E. Thomas, Jr., testified before the Zoning Commissioner on behalf of the Protestants. His testimony is probably the most significant which the Protestants have to offer.

Mr. William T. Hackett, Chairman
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Should you have any questions or comments, or if you are in need of further information to assist you in making your determination, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

G. Scott Barhight

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cc: Mr. Donald Busick
S. Eric DiNenna, Esquire
T. J. Bollinger, Esquire

Received but 3 names deleted

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PAUL FARACE, ET AL-PETITIONERS * BALTIMORE COUNTY
NO. 83-276-SPH (ITEM NO. 175) *
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AMENDED ORDER FOR APPEAL

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Please amend the previously filed Order for Appeal filed on behalf of Michael E. Krompholz and other Protestants, from the Order of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner dated March 5, 1984, in the above-referenced case to the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County. The addresses of the named Protestants are as follows:

Mr. Michael Krompholz
1315 Denby Road
Towson, MD 21204

Mr. Alex A. Nolfi
1103 Hart Road
Towson, MD 21204

Mr. C. E. Thomas, Jr.
221 Stoney Run Lane
Baltimore, MD 21210

Mr. Michael Semenuk
1313 Denby Road
Towson, MD 21204

[Signature]
G. Scott Barhight

Nolan, Plumhoff & Williams, Chtd.
204 West Pennsylvania Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204 823-7800
Attorneys for Appellants

cc: S. Eric DiNenna, Esq.
Mr. Donald Busick
People's Counsel
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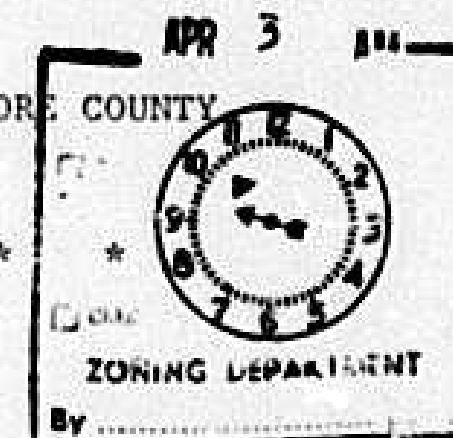
ORDER FOR APPEAL

Mr. Zoning Commissioner:

Please enter an Appeal on behalf of Michael E. Krompholz and other Protestants, from the Order of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner dated March 5, 1984, in the above referenced case to the Board of Appeals for Baltimore County. A check in the amount of \$80.00 for filing costs is attached.

[Signature]
G. Scott Barhight

[Signature]
Nolan, Plumhoff & Williams, Chartered
204 West Pennsylvania Avenue
and 21204
Appellants

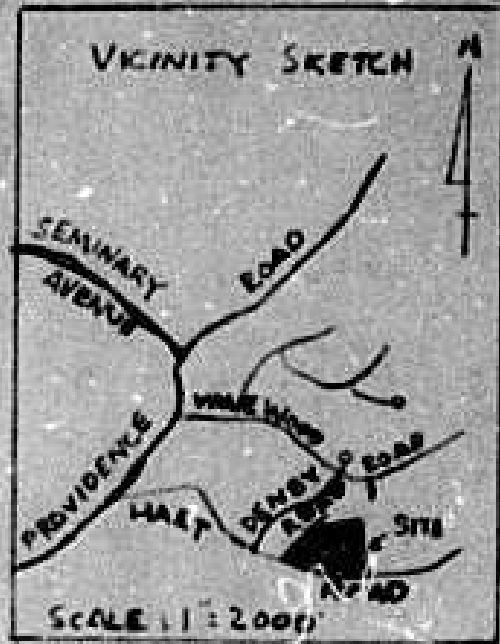


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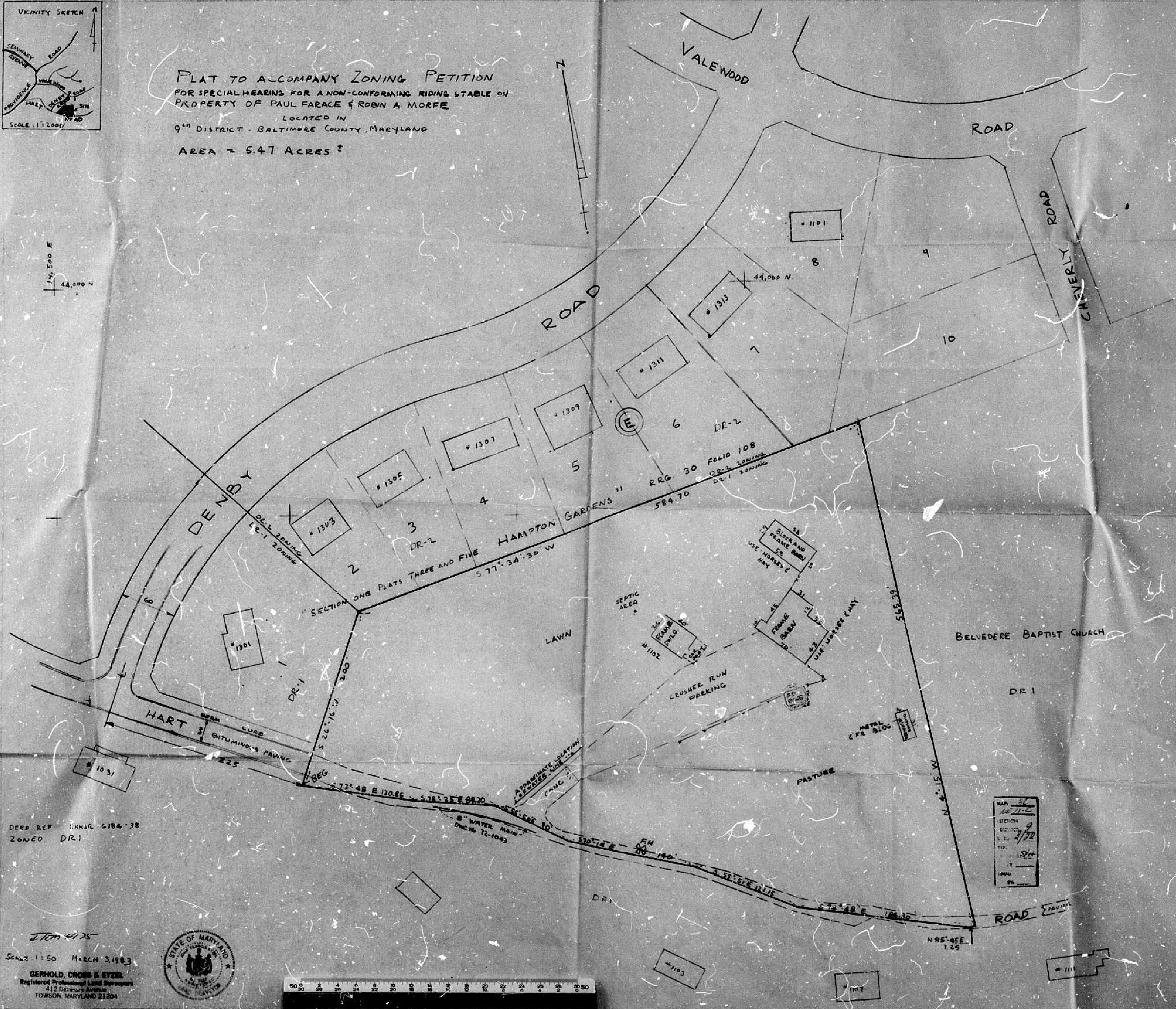
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