

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of property, and public hearing on the Petition and it

appearing that strict compliance with the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations would/would not result in practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioner(s) and the granting of the variance(s) requested will/will not adversely affect the health, safety, and general welfare of the community, the variance(s) should /should not be granted.

Therefore, IT IS ORDFRED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this \_\_\_\_\_ -, 19-, that the herein Petition for Variance(s) to permit

## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE Arnold Jablon TO Zoning Commissioner June 25, 1985 Norman E. Gerber, Director FROM Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT Zoning Petitions No. 86-16-A. 86-15-A, 86-9-A, 86-12-A, and 86-17-A

There are no comprehensive planning factors requiring comment

Office of Planning and Zoning

NEG:JGH:slm

IN RE: PETITION ZONING VARIANCE BEFORE THE SE/corner of York and Padonia Roads - 8th Election District \* ZONING COMMISSIONER Padonia Village, Inc., OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Case No. 86-17-A

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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The Petitioner herein requests a variance to permit a shopping center identification (ID) sign of 3342 square feet instead of the permitted 312 square feet previously granted in Case No. 70-195-A, as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 2.

The Petitioner, by Michael Keelty, its Vice President, appeared and testified and was represented by Counsel. Bert Sommer of Triangle Sign; Tom Burns, Regional Manager for Color Tile stores; and George Badders of James Keelty & Company, Inc., appeared and testified on behalf of the Petitioner. Mary Ginn, appearing on behalf of the Association of Baltimore County Community Councils, testified in opposition. There were no other Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the Petitioner owns Padonia Village Shopping Center which is located on Padonia and York Roads. The center and the property directly across from it are zoned B.L. In case No. 70-195-A, the center was granted a variance to allow an ID sign of 312 square feet instead of the requirf qd 150 square feet. The sign actually consists of five individual multiple-Maced Hsigns attached to pylons with the 20' x 8' shopping center name sign on top. Four individual retail stores in the center have smaller signs directly underneath. Section 413.2.e, Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) permits nultime-faced signs to be counted as one.

The Petitioner wishes to add a  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ' x 3' sign to the bottom of these identifying \*Color Tile which is located at the eastern end of the center. Testimony

indicated that businesses located in the store prior to Color Tile, which has been there for about three months, failed and contributed their failure to a lack of appropriate signage at the entrance to the center. Mr. Keelty testified that, based on his experience and in his opinion, there is a definite need for Color Tile to have an ID sign at the entrance to the center and believes there is a correlation to the lack of signage and the failure of the other businesses. Mr. Burns testified to the need for the sign and Mr. Sommer testified that, in his opinion, there would be no traffic hazard created with the addition of 221 square foot sign below the others. Mrs. Ginn agreed.

Mrs. Ginn expressed the Councils' position in opposing sign variances in general and stated it was its belief that the Petitioner had enough signage.

The Petitioner seeks relief from Section 413.2.e, pursuant to Section 307,

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulation would cause practical difficulty to the petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the petitioner must meet the following:

> 1. whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome; whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied

whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

for would give substantial relief; and

ndersond v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974). is clear from the testimony that if the variance were granted, such use

s probased would not be contrary to the spirit of the BC2R and would not result in substantial detriment to the public good.

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After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the instant variance were not granted. It has been established that the requirement from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

The result would be different if no variance had been previously granted; however, one was granted 15 years ago. In fact, the Petitioner is only asking for 22½ square feet more than what is permitted. It would be unfair to the other retail users to have to reduce their signs after all these years. As a practical difficulty to Color Tile would exist if the sign were not allowed, as evidence indicated, the requested relief should be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the requested variance should be granted.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this 17th day of July, 1985, that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit a shopping center ID sign of 3342 feet instead of the permitted 312 square feet be and is hereby GRANTED, from and after the date of this Order, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the re-1 herein granted:

> The Petitioner may apply for its building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the applicable appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Fetitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

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2. The Petitioner is permanently barred from any further variance to Section 413.2.e and is limited to a total of 3342 square feet for all shopping center ID signs.

AJ/srl

cc: Robert Cannon, Esquire Mrs. Mary Ginn People's Counsel

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

8th Election District

Southeast corner of York and Padonia Roads

LOCATION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

DATE AND TIME:

Wednesday, July 10, 1985 at 11:00 a.m. Room 106, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing:

Petition for Zoning Variance from Section 413.2.e to allow a shopping center identification sign of 334.5 square feet in lieu of the permitted 150 square feet. (Case No. 70-195-A granted the existing sign of 312 square feet).

Padonia Village, Inc. Being the property of as shown on the plat filed with the Zoning Office.

In the event that this Petition is granted, a building permit may be issued within the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain any request for a stay of the issuance of said permit during this period for good cause shown. Such request must be received in writing by the date of the hearing set above or made at the hearing.

No. 007472 COMMISSIONER BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT RECEIVED Weinberg & Bolen ON formation BOOK PARIANCE VALIDATION A SIGNATURE OF CASHIER

DESCRIPTION OF PADONIA VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER

Beginning for the same at a point on the east side of York Road, as shown on the accompaning Outline Plat of Padonia Village Shopping Center; and running thence and binding on the east side of York Road the five following courses and distances: (1) N 180 07' 45" W 114.09 feet, (2) N 15° 03' 41" W 216.78 feet, (3) N 60° 22' 01" E 39.04 feet, (4) N 71° 48' 11" E 32.85 feet, (5) N 18° 11' 49" W 69.43 feet, to intersect the south side of Padonia Road; running thence and binding on the south side of Padonia Road the two following courses and distances: (6) N 71° 48° 11" E 277.54 feet, (7) by a line curving to the right with a radius of 822.47 feet, for a distance of 90.93 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing N 74° 58' 13" E 90.88 feet, thence leaving the south side of Padonia Road, and binding on the outline of the above mentioned plat the three following courses and distances: (8) S 6° 39' 49" E 77.14 feet, (9) N 89° 46' 03" E 150.00 feet, (10) N 60 39' 49" W 93.93 feet, to intersect the south side of Padonia Road; running thence and binding on the south side of Padonia Road the seven following courses and distances: (11) by a line curving to the right with a radius of 822.47 feet, for a distance of 54.50 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing S 89° 33' 59" E 54.49 feet, (12) by a line curving to the right with a radius of 1,105.92 feet, for a distance of 447.25 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing S 76° 04' 57" E 444.21 feet, (13) S 64° 29' 49" E 46.00 feet, (14) S 34° 30' 11" W 60.00 feet, (15) S 64° 29' 49" E 39.39 feet, (16) N 48° 22' 35" E 64.32 feet, (17) S 64° 29' 49" E 150.00 feet, thence leaving the south side of Padonia Road, and binding on the outline of the above mentioned plat the three following courses and distances: (18) S 25° 30° 11" W 104.59 feet, (19) by a line curving to the right with a radius of 300.00 feet, for a distance of 243.23 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing S 48° 43' 48" W 236.62 feet, (20) S 71° 57' 25" W 119.32 feet, to intersect the end of Deneison Street, running thence and binding on the north side of Deneison Street the three following courses and distances: (21) by a line curving to the left with a radius of 40.00 feet, for a distance of 91.74 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord hearing N 83° 44' 53" W 72.92 feet, (22) by a line curving to the right with a radius of 19.98 feet, for a distance of 14.44 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing S 51° 15' 07" W 14.13 feet, (23) S 71° 57' 25" W 293.41 feet, thence leaving the north side of Deneison Street and binding on the outline of the above mentioned plat the two following

courses and distances: (24) N 180 02' 35" W 195.00 feet,

(25) S 71° 57° 25" W 425.00 feet to the point of begin-

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OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
494-3353 June 5, 1985 Eugene F. Smith, Esquire 1400 Equitable Bank Center BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER 100 South Charles Street RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE Baltimore, Maryland 21201 SE Corner of York & ARNOLD JABLON ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Padonia Rds., NOTICE OF HEARING 8th District RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE July 9, 1985 Case No. 86-17-A SE corner of York & Padonia Rds., PADONIA VILLAGE, 8th Election District INC., Petitioner Eugene P. Smith, Esquire 1400 Equitable Bank Center 100 South Charles Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201 Padonia Village, Inc. - Petitioner Case No. 86-17-A :::::: ENTRY OF APPEARANCE 11:00 a.m. RE: Petition for Zoning Variance SE corner of York & Padonia Rds. Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the ESISTING DATE: Wednesday, July 10, 1985 8th Election District
Padonia Village, Inc. - Petitioner
Case No. 86-17-A above-captioned matter. Notices should be sent of any hearing dates PLACE: Room 106, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any prelim-Avenue, Towson, Maryland inary or final Order. Dear Mr. Smith, 48 S.F. Phyllis Cole Friedman This is to advise you that \$ 72.97 is due for advertising and posting of the above property. This fee must be paid before an Order is issued. People's Counsel for Baltimere County EXISTING 32 S.F. This fee must be paid and the zoning sign and post returned on the day of the hearing. Do not remove sign until day of the ameno Peter Max Zimmerman hearing. Deputy People's Counsel Rm. 223, Court House Towson, MD 21204 494-2188 TO PROCNIA Existing 16 S.F. Zoning Compassioner Please make the check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland, and remit to Zoning Office, Room 113, County Office Building,

Towson, Maryland 21204, before the hearing. A weinistr Cimass of Baltimore County FC0,F03ED 22.5 S.F. BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND No. 007363 ely, OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19th day of June, 1985, a copy JABLON Allox of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Eugene P. Smith, Esquire, DUNT R-01-615-000 DATE 7-10:85 1400 Equitable Bank Center, 100 S. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21201, Attorney for Petitioner. AMOUNT \$ 72.97 PYLON DIF SIGN ELEVATION EXISTING 312 5.F. PROPOSED 22.5 5.F. TOTAL 334.5 9.F. Case POR Collectioning & Posting 86-19-4 .8 B839\*\*\*\*\*7227:0 810%F VALIDATION OR SIGNATURE OF CASHIER CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION LOCATION Southwest corner of York and Padonia Places. CERTIFICATE OF POSTIKG ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 86-17-14 THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was PUBLIC HEARING: Room 108, County Office Busing, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Tgueben, Stryland.
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