

THE APPLICATION OF CHARLES STREET, 200 FT. NORTH (6207 N. CHARLES ST.) 9th DISTRICT

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS BALTIMORE COUNTY

No. 86-252-A

OPINION

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ORDER

For the reasons set forth in the aforegoing Opinion, it is this 15th day of July, 1986, by the County Board of Appeals, ORDERED that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit a lot area of 12,698 square feet instead of the required 19,000 square feet for a service station with truck rental ancillary use be and is hereby DENIED.

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COUNTY/BOARD OF APPEALS

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IN RA: PETITION ZONING VARIANCE E/S of Charles Street, 200' N of Stevenson Lane (6207 North * Charles Street) - 9th Election

ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 86-252-A

Paul W. Hansen,

tioner's Exhibit 1.

Petitioner *

* * * * * * * * * * FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioner herein requests a variance to permit a lot area of 12,698 square feet instead of the required 19,000 square feet for a service station with a truck-rental ancillary use, as more particularly described on Peti-

The Petitioner, who was ill and could not attend the hearing, was represented by Steve Novak, One-Way Rental Manager for Ryder Truck Company (Ryder). John Butterhoff, who lives directly behind the service station; Thomas V. Murphy, representing the Woodbrook Village Association; Robert E. Scott, Jr., representing the Murray Hill Improvement Association; and Scott D. Goetsch, representing the Rodgers Forge Community Association, appeared and testified in opposition.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, zoned B.L. and located on Charles Street, north of Stevenson Lane, contains 12,698 square feet and has been improved since before December 31, 1967 with a service station. The tioner has entered into a dealership agreement with Ryder to rent trucks one and two-way basis. Mr. Novak testified that the truck rentals provide a community service of great benefit, as well as the Petitioner with a infficant income, both of which would be lost if the variance were denied. The Protestants, especially Mr. Butterloff, all oppose the requested france. The service station site is small and parking of the trucks, which averages about three per day, creates overcrowding on the site and increases the noise level proportionately.

The Petitioner seeks relief from Section 405.4.C.5, pursuant to Section 307, Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR). In addition to satisfying the burden of proof set forth in Section 307, the Petitioner must also conform to the conditions delineated in Section 405.8, BCZR.

While Section 405.4.C.5 requires an additional 4,000 square feet of lot area for light-truck rental, Section 405.8.C requires that the site-area and screening requirements of Sections 405.4 and 405.5 be met for those stations in existence prior to December 31, 1967.

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 unneces-
- 2. 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 for would give substantial relief;
- 3. whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. or Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974). plt is clear from the testimony that if the variance were granted, such as proposed would be contrary to the spirit of the BCZR and would result nisubstantial detriment to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would not result if the instant variance were not granted. It has been established that the requirement from which the Petitioner seeks relief would not unduly restrict the use of the land for its intended purpose nor would it render conformance unnecessarily burdensome. In addition, the variance requested would be letrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

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 not be granted.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this 1921 day of December, 1985, that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit a lot area of 12,698 square feet instead of the required 19,000 square feet for a service station with a truck-rental ancillary use be and is hereby DENIED.

Baltimore County

AJ/srl cc: Mr. Paul W. Hansen Robert E. Scott, Jr., Esquire Scott D. Goetsch, Esquire Mr. John Butterhoff Mr. Thomas V. Murchy People's Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 65-2-50--A

Date of Posting 11-25- F5 Location of property: E/S of Charles St 200'N of Stevenson Lane (6217 North Charles St)

Location of Signs: Cast oide of Charles St. approp 340'North

If Stevenson Lane Posted by S. Q. Azaka Date of return: 11-29-55

BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING

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

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this day of www.ber was 1985.

Petitioner Paul W. Hansen Received by Chairman, Zoning Plans

> CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

*Advisory Committee

86-252-A Lane (6207 North Charles St) Location of Signer Cost side of Charle St appar 3401

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon TO Zoning Commissioner Date November 26, 1985

Norman E. Gerber, AICP FROM Director of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT Zoning Petition No. 86-252-A

This office does not support the requested variance. The immediate area is the only strip of commercial development along Charles Street and to date is relatively uncluttered. The surrounding area is residential. The type of use proposed here is not desirable

NEG:JGH:slm

BALTIMORE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
494-3550

STEPHEN E. COLLINS DIRECTOR

November 15, 1985

Mr. Arnold Jablon Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Location:

Existing Zoning: Proposed Zoning:

Meeting of October 22, 1985 Property Owner:

Acres: District:

Dear Mr. Jablon:

The Department of Traffic Engineering has no comments for items numbered 132, 133, 134, (135) 136, and 138.

Traffic Engineer Associate II

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BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COUNTY OFFICE BLDG. 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Maryland 21204 Mr. Paul W. Hansen 6207 North Charles Street Baltimore, Maryland 21212

> RE: Item No. 135 - Case No. 86-252-A Petitioner - Paul W. Hansen Variance Petition

Bureau of Engineering Dear Mr. Hansen:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above-referenced petition. The following comments Department of are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action State Roads Commissio requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or Bureau of problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing Fire Prevention on this case. The Director of Planning may file a written report with Health Department the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of Project Planning the requested zoning. Building Department Board of Education

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your Zoning Administration 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

Very truly yours,

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Enclosures

JED:nr

cc: Mr. Stephen P. Novak, Jr. 920 S. Brunswick Street Baltimore, Maryland 21223

Maryland Department of Transportation

William K. Helimann Hai Kassoff

October 29, 1985

Mr. A. Jablon County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Att: James Dyer

Re: Baltimore County Item 135 Property Owner: Paul W. Hansen Loction: E/S Charles St. (Route 139) 200' N. of Proposed Zoning: Var.

centerline of Stevenson Existing Zoning: B.L. CNS to permit a lot area of 12,698 sq. ft. instead of the required 19,000 sq. ft. for a service Station with truck rental Acres: .29 District: 9th

Dear Mr. Dyer:

On review of the submittal and field inspection, the State Highway Administration finds the site plan generally

> Charles Lee, Chief Bureau of Engr. Access Permits

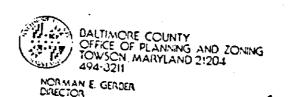
Very truly yours,

by: George Wittman

cc: J. Ogle

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My telephone number is 301-659-1350 Teletypewritor for Impaired Hearing or Speech 383-7555 Baltimore Metro -- 565-0451 D.C. Metro -- 1-800-492-5082 Statewide Toll Free P.O. Box 717 / 707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 212/3 - 0717



Mr. Armold Jablon Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

NOVEMBER 25, 1985

Re: Zoning Advisory Heeting of OCTOBER 22, 1985

Item + 135

Property Owner: PAUL W. HANSEN
Location: THE PAUL W. HANSEN Location: ES CHARLES ST. 200 N.OF &

OF STEVENSON LONE. The Division of Current Planning and Development has reviewed the subject petition and offers the following comments. The items checked below are

The access is not satisfactory.

The circulation on this site is not satisfactory. The parking arrangement is not satisfactory.

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Parking calculations must be shown on the plan.

This property contains soils which are defined as wetlands, and Jinis property contains 3011s which are defined as wetlands, and development on these soils is prohibited.

Construction in or alteration of the floodplain is prohibited under the provisions of Section 22-98 of the Development Regulations.

Development of this site may constitute a potential conflict with the Saltimore County Master Plan.

The amended Development Plan was approved by the Planning Board The property is located in a traffic area controlled by a "D" level intersection as defined by Sill 173-79, and as conditions change traffic capacity may become more limited. The Basic Services Areas

are re-evaluated annually by the County Council.

Eugene A. Bober Chief, Current Planning and Development



BALTIMORE COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-2586

PAUL H. REINCKE CHIEF

November 20, 1985

Mr. Arnold Jablon 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 W. Hansen

Location: E/S Charles Street, 200' N of centerline of Stevenson Lane Item No.: Zoning Agenda: Meeting of October 22, 1985

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.

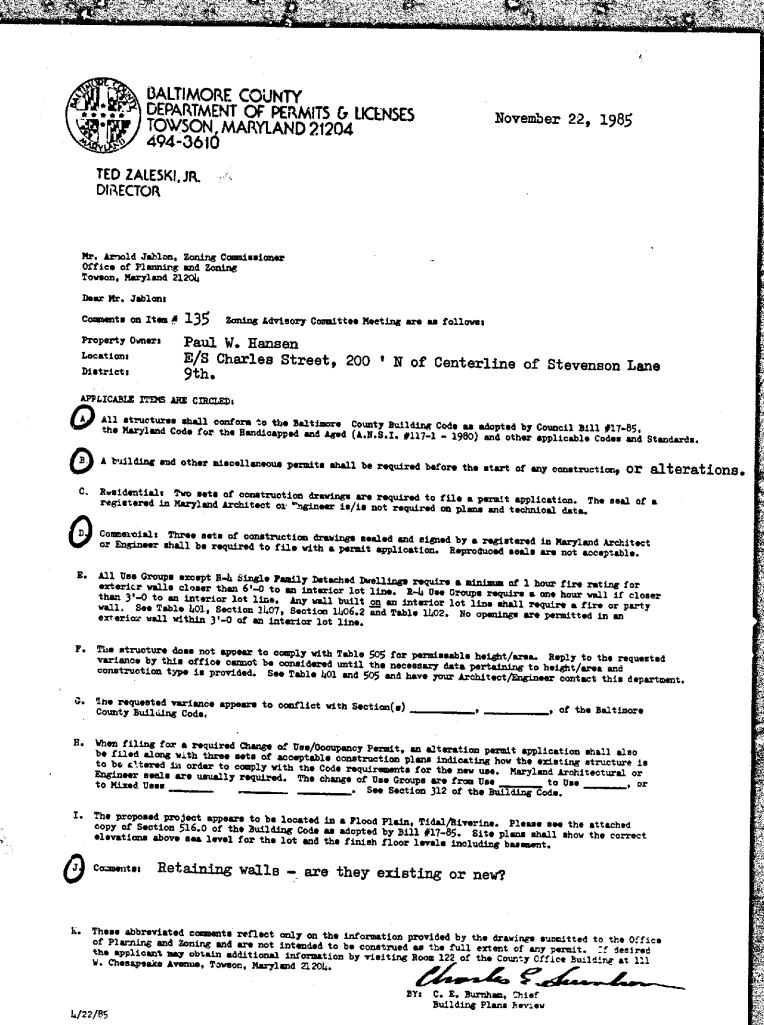
() 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Tire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1976 edition prior to occupancy.

() 6. Site plans are approved, as drawn.

(E) 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no

Fire Prevention Bureau Special Inspection Division



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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Room 200 Court House Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 494-3180 July 15, 1986

Mr. Paul W. Hansen 6207 N. Charles St. Baltimore, Md. 21212

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Re: Case No. 86-252-A Paul W. Hansen

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

June Holmen, Secretary

cc: Stephen Novak, Jr. John Butterhoff Thomas V. Murphy Robert E. Scott, Jr., Esq. Scott D. Coetsch, Esq. Louise Schulz Phyllis C. Friedman Norman E. Gerber James hoswell Arnold Jablon Jean Jung James E. Dyer

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ORDER For the reasons set forth in the aforegoing Opinion, it is



ARNOLD JABLON ZONING COMMISSIONER

JEAN M. H. JUNG
DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

January 17, 1986

Pnyllis C. Friedman, Esquire People's Counsel for Baltimore County Room 223, Courthouse Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Petition for Variance E/S Charles St., 200' N of Stevenson La. (6207 North Charles Street) 9th Election District Paul W. Hansen, Petitioner Case No. 86-252-A

Dear Ms. Friedman:

Please be advised that an appeal has been filed by the Petitioner, Mr. Paul W. Hansen, from the decision rendered by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in the above referenced matter.

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

Sincerely,

ARNOLD JABLON Zoning Commissioner

AJ:bg

cc: Mr. Paul Hansen Mr. Stephen Novak, Jr. Mr. John Butterhoff Mr. Thomas V. Murphy Robert E. Scott, Jr., Esquire Scott D. Goetsch, Esquire

3/7/86 - Following notified of hear. set for Tues. June 24, 1986, at 10 a.m.:

Stephen Novak John Butterhoff Thomas Murphy Robt. Scott Scott Goetsch Louise Schulz P. Friedman N. Gerber, J. Hoswell A. Jablon, J. Jung, J. Dyer

Paul Hansen

THE RUXTON - RIDERWOOD - LAKE ROLAND AREA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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March 4, 1986

Board of Appeals Baltimore County Maryland Old Courthouse Building, Room 200 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Board of Appeals Case #86-252-A

Please notify me of the date the above case will be heard by the Board of Appeals.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Duese M. Schulz Louise M. Schulz Executive Secretary



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Room 200 Court House (Hearing Room #218) Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 494-3180

March 7, 1986

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

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(b). ABSOLUTELY NO POSTPONE-MENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SCHEDULED HEAR-ING DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 2(a), COUNTY COUNCIL BILL \$59-79

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PAUL W. HANSEN

E/s Charles St., 200' N of Stevenson Ln.

9th District

Var.-Service station w/light truck rental

12/19/85 - Z.C.'s Order - Denied

ASSIGNED FOR:

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 1986, at 10 a.m.

cc: Paul W. Hansen

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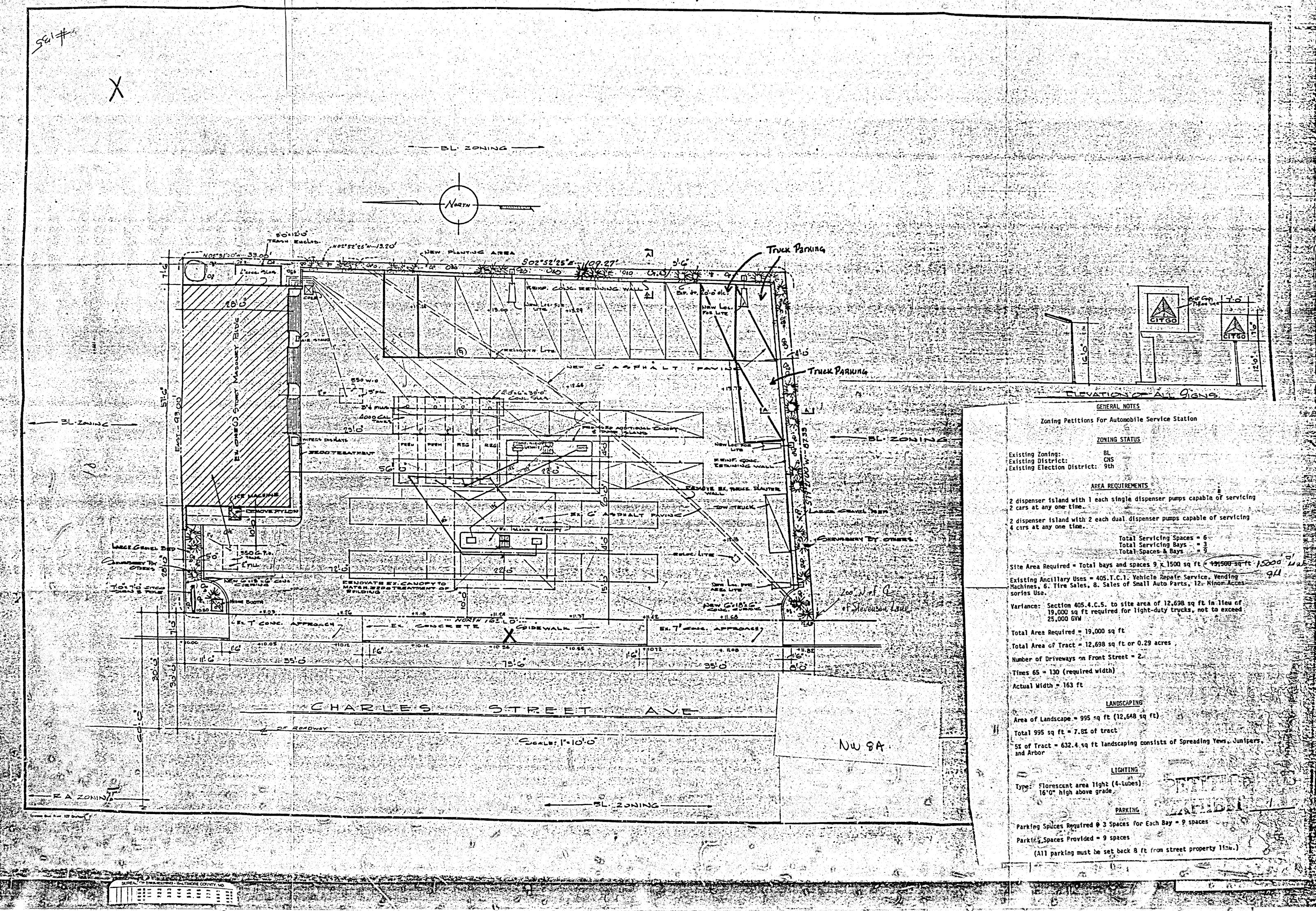
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