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ARNOLD JABLON ZONING COMMISSIONER

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Ms. Joan M. Cox 2581 Locksley Road Melbourne, FL 32935

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
N/S of Magnolia Avenue,
593' E of the centerline
of Lilac Avenue
(3224 Magnolia Avenue) 13th Election District
Joan M. Cox, Petitioner

Dear Ms. Cox:

I have this date passed my Order in the above captioned matter in accordance with the attached.

May 16, 1986

JEAN M. H. JUNG
Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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Attachments

cc: People's Counsel

C. E. Kelley, Inc. 426 Shipley Road Linthicum, Maryland 21090

Mr. Richard E. Parker 3222 Magnolia Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21227 Q

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE # BEFORE THE

N/S of Magnolia Avenue,
593' E of the centerline # DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

of Lilac Avenue
(3224 Magnolia Avenue) - # OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

13th Election District # Case No. 86-438-A

Petitioner #

The Petitioner herein requests a variance to permit a lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet for Lots 855 and 856.

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Testimony by the Contract Purchaser indicated that the owner of the property owns five adjacent 25-foot lots for a total front footage of 125 feet. The dwelling in which she has resided, and is now under contract of sale, is set in the middle of the three lots on the west; the garage is on the easternmost 25-foot lot. The Contract Purchaser, under a contingent contract, proposes to buy the two easternmost 25-foot lots and build a home for himself. Parking will be on the existing 10-foot wide driveway. Water run off will continue to be towards the rear of the property. He testified that over half of the neighborhood houses are built on 50-foot lots.

A number of neighboring residents appeared and spoke in protest. They testified that all of the houses on both sides of the block, except three, were built on properties from 60 to 180 feet wide. As to the three built on 50-foot lots, the original owner had had his house in the center of six lots (150 feet) and sold off 50 feet on each side. The neighbors did not protest those variances because the proposal of 50-foot lots had looked acceptable on paper. When the rouses were built however, the balance of spacing for the neighborhood was harmed due to overcrowding and the neighbors found it objectionable. Other objections included the destruction of trees, additional on-street parking, less space for fire equipment and decrease in the attractiveness of the neighborhood.

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

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 1986, that the herein Petition for Variance to permit a lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet for Lots 855 and 856 is hereby DENIED, from and after the date of this Order.

Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1B02.3 C.1 to allow lot width of 50 feet for

lots 855 and 856 and a res 357, 258 and 359 in lieu of the required

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

Since the house on lots 857, 858 and 859 was built before Zoning Laws were put into effect. Asking for a variance on lots 855 and 356 for the purpose of erecting a single family home whereas the code requires 55' we are asking for a 50' variance.

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

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirmor under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

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Contract Purchaser:

Cs. Es. Kelley. Inc.

(Type or Print Name)

Signature

426 Shipley Road

Address

City and State

Attorney for Petitioner:

2581 Locksley Rd

(Type or Print Name)

Address

Phone No.

Melbourne, FL 32935

City and State

Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted

Attorney's Telephone No.:

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Zoning Description and
Proposed Property Plat for
X Charles E. Kelly
Lots 855 and 856
Section A. English Consul Estate
Baltimore County, Maryland

Beginning on the North side of Magnolia Avenue, 593 ft. Bast of Lilac Avenue and known as Lots numbered 855 and 856 of Section "A" of English Consul Estate and recorded in the Land Records of Baltimore County, Maryland in Plat Book W.P.C. Number 3, Folio 109 and are also known as 3224 Magnolia Avenue (unimproved). 6, 250 Ag. Ar.

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

13th Election District

LOCATION: North Side of Magnolia Avenue, 593 feet East of the Centerline of Lilac Avenue (3224 Magnolia Avenue)

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, April 29, 1986, at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Room 106, County Office Building, 111 W. 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 to permit a lot width of 50 feet in lieu of the required 55 feet regarding Lots 855 and 856

Being the property of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as shown on plat plan filed with the Zoning Office. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as shown on plat

In the event that this Petition(s) 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.

BY ORDER OF ARNOLD JABLOW ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

N/S Magnolia Ave., 593° E. of C/L

Lilac Ave.,

13th District

BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

JOAN M. COX, Case No. 86-438-A
Petitioner(s)

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notices should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

Phyllis Cole Friedman
Phyllis Cole Friedman
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Peter Max Zimmerman
Deputy People's Counsel
Room 223, Court House
Towson, Maryland 21204
(301) 494 - 2188

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 10th day of April, 1986, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Joan M. Cox, 2581 Locksley Rd., Melbourne, FL. 32935, Petitioner; and C. E. Kelley, Inc., 426 Shipley Rd., Linthicum, MD 21090, Contract Purchaser.

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I would strongly urge the Zoning Board to deny the change proposed for lots 855 and 856 and I would also thank you for making

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EXHIBIT 2

Sincerely yours,

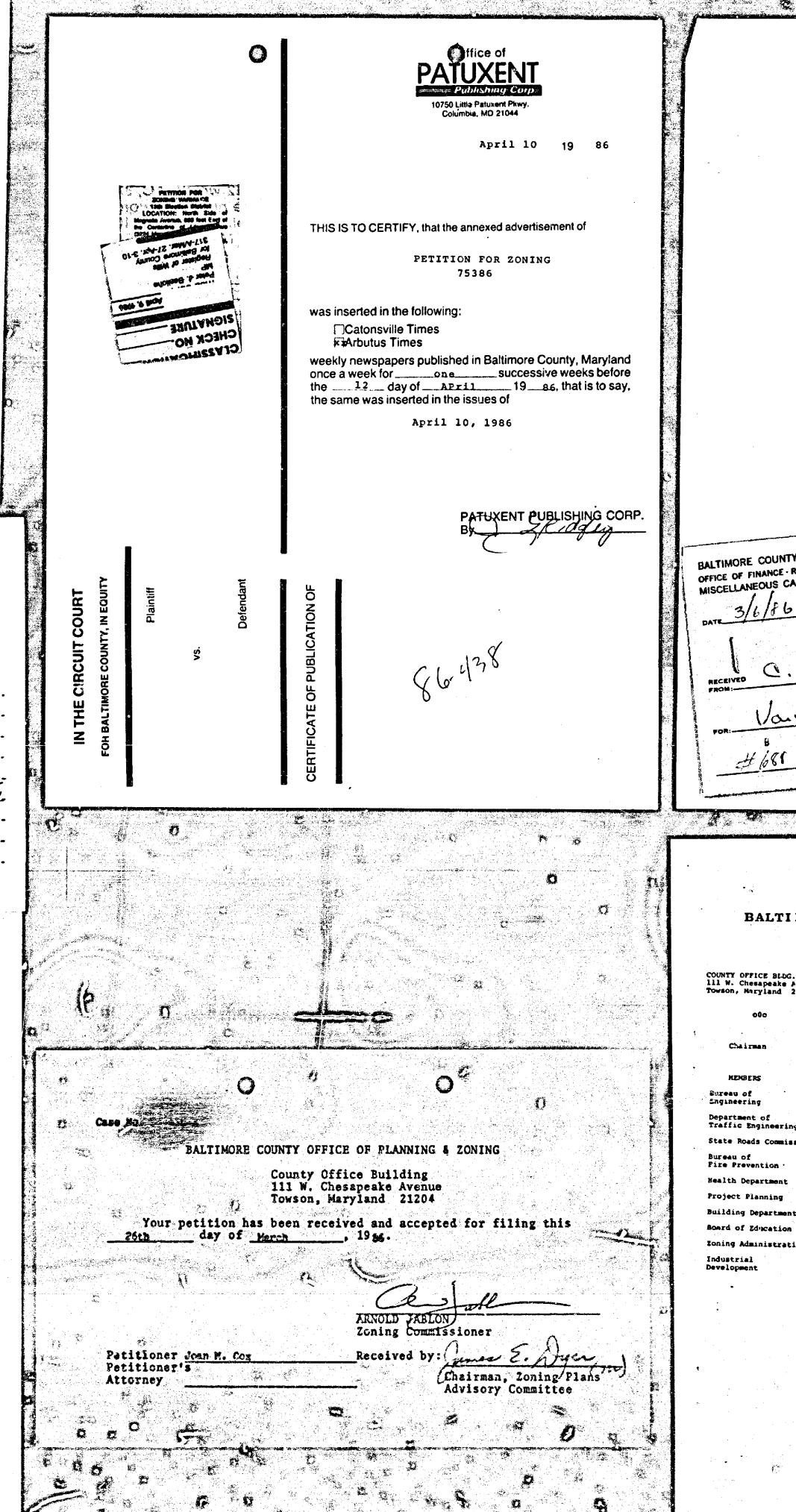
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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION April 10,. THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper printed and published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., appearing on April 10 19 86 856. Being the property of Jose M. Cox as shown on p'st plan filed with th THE JEFFERSONIAN. In the event that this Petition(s) is granted, a building permit may be insued within the thirty (30) day appeal pariod. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain any request for a stay of the issuence 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.

By Order Of ARNOLD JABLON, Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County Apr. 19. Cost of Advertising 24.75 CERTIFICATE OF POSTUNG ZUNING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Date of Posting april 10,1986. District 13 th. Cocation of property: M/S of Magnalia One, 593' E of the CIL of Libra.

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Ms. Joan M. Cox March 31, 1986 2581 Locksley Road Melbourne, Florida 32935 NOTICE OF HEARING RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE N/S Magnolia Ave., 593' E of the c/1 of Lilac Ave. (3224 Magnolia Ave.) 13th Election District Joan M. Cox - Petitioner Case No. 86-438-A Tuesday, April 29, 1986 PLACE: Room 106, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland No. 019801 of County BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT 01-615-000 B 003\*\*\*\* 3590:8 306#F

BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING

COUNTY OFFICE BLDG. 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Maryland 21204

Ms. Joan M. Cox 2531 Locksley Road Melbourne, Florida 32935

> RE: Item No. 317 - Case No. 86-438-A Petitioner - Joan M. Cox Variance Petition

Dear Ms. Cox:

Bureau of Pire Prevention Health Department Project Planning

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans Faubmitted with the above-referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action . Tequested, 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.

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,

Enclosures

JED:nr

cc: Lewis & Selby Land Surveyors 1205 Hillshire Road Baltimore, Maryland 21222

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO Arnold Jablon,
Zoning Commissioner Date April 15, 1986

FROM Norman E. Gerber, Director
Office of Planning & Zoning

SURJECT Zoning Petition Nos. 86-438-A, 86-433-A, 86-443-A, 86-444-A, 86-449-A, 86-450-A, 86-451-A

There are no comprehensive planning factors requiring comment on this petition.

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Case No. 86-4 Item No.

N/S Magno Ave., 593' E of the c/l of Lilac Ave. (3224 Magnolia Ave.) 13th Election District Joan M. Cox - Petitioner

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Copy of Description of Property

Copy of Certificate of Posting

Copy of Certificates of Publication

Copy of Zoning Advisory Committee Comments

Copy of Comments from the Director of Planning

Planning Board Comments and Accompanying Map

Copy of Order to Enter Appearance

Copy of Order - 25414 Deputy Zoning Commissioner -5/16/86 Denied

Copy of Plat of Property [See Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1]

V<sub>X</sub> 11. Protestants' Exhibits Nos. 1 to 3

Protestants'-Exhibit No. 1 - Magnolia-Lily Property

Protestants' Exhibit No. 2 - Letter to Baltimore County Zoning Commission, from Louiset. Adler, undated

Protestants' Exhibit No. 3 - List of Residents Protesting Petition and 8 Color Photographs [Original Photographs and List sent to Board of Appeals - Copy of List only maintained in

Petitioners' Exhibits Nos. 1 to 2

Petitioners's Exhibit No. 1 - Plat of Property

Petitioners' Exhibit No. 2 - Letter dated 3/10/86 from Joan M. Cox to To Whom It May Concern

Letter of Appeal from Attorney for Joan Cox, dated 6/4/86 Letter notifying Protestants of appeal, dated June 16, 1986

\*Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Cook, Howard, Downes & Tracy 210 Allegheny Avenue P.O. Box 5517

Towson, Maryland 21204 Appellant/Petitioner

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Mr. Charles E. Kolley

Contract Purchaser

Attorney for Appellant/Petitioner

Charles E. Kelley, Inc. 426 Shipley Road Linthicum, Maryland 21090

Appellee/Protestant Mr. Richard E. Parker
3222 Magnolia Avenue Mr. Richard E. Parker

Baltimore, Maryland 21227 THOMAS SCHATZ

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BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING TOWSON MARYLAND 21201

Mr. Arnold Jabion Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21201

cc: James Hoswell

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3218 Magnolia Avenue

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Baltimore, Maryland 21227

Phyllis C. Friedman, Esquire

APRIL 10, 1986

Re: Zoning Advisory Meeting of Macca 18,1986
Item + 317
Property Owner: JOAN M. Cox
Location: Location: W/S MAGNOLIA AVE . 595 E. LILAC AVE.

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

(X) There are no site planning factors requiring comment.

(A) County Review Group Meeting is required.

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(B) A County Review Group Meeting was held and the minutes will be a constant of a larger tract; therfore it is defined as a subdivision. The plan must show the entire tract.

(C) A record plat will be required and must be recorded prior a constant of a building permit.

(C) The access is not satisfactory.

(C) The parking arrangement is not satisfactory.

(C) Parking calculations must be shown on the plan.

(C) This property contains soils which are defined as wetlands and development on these guilds. )Parking calculations must be shown on the plan.
)This property contains soils 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 Baltimore County Master Plan.
( )The amended Development Plan was approved by the Planning Board 1s

The property is located in a trairic area controlled by a "D" level intersection as defined by Sill 179-79, 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

Appellee/Protestant

People's Counsel

Request Notification



STEPHEN E. COLLINS DIRECTOR

April 1, 1986

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

> Item No. Meeting of March 18, 1986 Property Owner: Location: Existing Zoning: Proposed Zoning:

Acres: District:

Dear Mr. Jablon:

The Department of Traffic Engineering has no comments for items numbered 311, 313, 314, 317, 319, 320, 321, and 322.

Traffic Engineer Associate II

April 14, 1986

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BALTIMORE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS & LICENSES

N/S Magnolia Avenue, 593' E Lilac Avenue

(1.) All structures shall conform to the Baltimore County Building Code as adopted by Council Bill #17-85, the Maryland Code for the Handicapped and Aged (A.H.B.I. #117-1 - 1980) and other applicable Codes are

C. Residential: Two sets of construction drawings are required to file a permit application. The seal of a registered in Maryland architect or Engineer is/is not required on plans and technical data.

D. Commercial: Three sets of construction drawings sealed and signed by a registered in Maryland Architect or Engineer shall be required to file with a pormit application. Reproduced seals are not acceptable.

R. All Use Groupe except 2-4 Single Family Detached Deallings require a minimum of 1 hour fire rating for exterior walls closer than 6'-0 to an interior lot line. R-4 Use Groupe require a one hour wall if closer than 3'-0 to an interior lot line. Any wall built on an interior lot line shall require a fire or party wall. See Table 401, Section 14:07, Section 14:05.2 and Table 14:02. No openings are permitted in an exterior wall within 3'-0 of an interior lot line.

F. The structure does not appear to occupy with Table 505 for paraismoble height/area. Reply to the requested variance by this office cannot be considered until the necessary data partiaining to height/area and construction type is provided. See Table 101 and 505 and have your Architect/Engineer contact this department

G. The requested variance appears to conflict with Section(s) \_\_\_\_\_, of the Beltisors

, The proposed project appears to be located in a Flood Flain, Pidel/Riverine. Please one the attached copy of Section 516.0 of the Building Code as adopted by Bill \$17-85. Site plans shall show the copy set all entires above sea level for the lot and the finish floor levels including beament.

These abbreviated comments reflect only on the information provided by the drawings submitted to the Office of Planning and Soming and we not intended to be construed as the full extent of any parmit. If desired

the applicant may extain soditional information by visiting Poor 222 of the County Office Building at 111

(3) A building and other miscellaneous permits shall be required before the start of any construct:



BALTIMORE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-2586 494-4500

PAUL H. REINCKE CHIEF

April 10, 1986

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: Joan M. Cox

Location: N/S Magnolia Avenue 593' E. Lilac Avenue

Item No.: 317

Zoning Agenda: Meeting of 3/18/86

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 Deparament 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.

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

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

REVIEWER: Noted and Planning Group Approved:
Special Inspection Division

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Room 200 Court Rouse Towson, Arryland 21204 (301) 494-3180

October 30, 1986

Robert A. Hoffman, Esq. Cook, Howard, Downes & Tracy 210 Allegheny Ave. P. O. Box 5517 Towson, Md. 21204

Re: Case No. 86-438-4 Dear Mr. Hoffman:

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,

Joan M. Cox

cc: Joan M. Cox Charles E. Kelley Richard E. Parker Thomas Schatz Herbert O'Conor, III, Esq. Louise A. Acler Phyllis C. Friedman Norman E. Gerber James Hoswell Arnold Jablon Jean M. H. Jung

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BY: C. E. Burnham, Chief

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF JOAN M. COX FOR VARIANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE N/S OF MAGNOLIA AVE., 593' E. OF C/L OF LILAC AVE. (3224 MAGNOLIA AVENUE) 13th DISTRICT

**BEFORE** 

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

BALTIMORE COUNTY No. 86-438-A

OPINION

This matter comes before the Board on an appeal from the findings of fact and order of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner dated May 16, 1986. In Her Order, the Deputy Zoning Commissioner denied the Petitioner's request for variance, which sought relief from Section 1802.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR). That Section requires, for dwelling construction, a minimum lot width of 55 feet. In view of the Petitioner's lot width of 50 feet, the requested variance was sought.

Although the merits of the requested variance were contested, the underlying facts are generally not in dispute. The property is located in an older subdivision known as English Consul in southwest Baltimore County. English Consul straddles the Baltimore City/County line and contains many older homes. Although the character of the subdivision has remained essentially the same, there have been increasing inroads of commercial development in the surrounding area.

When the development was originally established circa 1915, many of the lots were created with 25 foot widths. The narrowness of these lots resulted in many property buyers purchasing two (2) or more lots. When houses were then constructed, the neighborhood took a non-uniform appearance containing various sized yards, with widths of 50 feet, 75 feet, 100 feet, and larger yard in 25 foot increments. As the Petitioner pointed out, there are a number of residences presently existing on 50 foot wide lots, some in Baltimore City and others in Baltimore County. Apparently, construction on 50 foot lots in the Baltimore City section of English Consul is not in violation of that

Case No. 86-438-A jurisdiction's zoning ordinances. Additionally, the merits of those 50 foot

improved lots in Baltimore County, either obtained with or without a Petition for Variance, is not before us.

Turning to the particular petitioned zoning variance, the property ||was owned, at the time of the petition, by Joan M. Cox. Mrs. Cox owned five (5 lots with a total cumulative width of 125 feet. Constructed on this site is a single family home.

Shortly before filing her petition, the Petitioner entered into a contract for the sale of three (3) lots on which the house was constructed. || The purchasers, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schatz, took possession of the property on June 5, 1986. During the necessary inspection of this property prior to settlement with the Schatz's, it was determined that major structural repairs were necessary due to insect infestation. Mrs. Cox then retained Charles E. Kelley to accomplish this work, and at least in partial consideration therefore, agreed to transfer her remaining two lots to him. Therefore, Mr. Kelley now owns a 50 foot wide parcel in which he wishes to construct a house. He has therefore continued the pursuit of the petitioned variance.

In support of his petition, Mr. Kelley testified that he intends to construct a home on this site for he and his family, and that said construction will be harmonious with the neighborhood. In view of the other houses in the development on 50 foot lots, Mr. Kelley believes he has met the practical difficulty or undue hardship test as set forth in the BCZR 307. Neighborhood protestants, on the other hand, oppose the variance as creating un-needed congestion and disrupting the harmony of the neighborhood.

Although the identity of the ultimate residents of this proposed house makes no difference regarding the merits of this variance, Mr. Kelley's testimony in this regard strains credibility. This is particularly so in view of Mr. Kelley's occupation (home builder), the circumstances surrounding his

Joan M. Cox Case No. 86-438-A

acquisition of the property and the fact that the property was deeded from Mrs. Cox to C. E. Kelley Inc. (emphasis added).

In order to grant this variance, the Board must consider the petition by the standards set forth in Section 307 of the BCZR. That Section empowers the Board to grant variances when the Petitioner demonstrates that compliance with the regulation would result in practical difficulty or undue hardship. This standard has been discussed extensively by the Appeals' Courts of this State, chiefly in McLean vs. Soley, 220 MD. 208 (1973) and in Anderson et al, vs. Board of Appeals, et al, 22 MD. App. 28 (1974).

In McLean, which had its origins in Baltimore County, the Court of Appeals considered the identical regulation before use and held that the requirements of practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship are in the disjunctive. That is, the Petitioner need only prove either practical difficulty or undue hardship, but not both. (See Anderson supra, at page 40)

In determining whether the Petitioner sustains these requirements we will first address the under hardship criteria. As stated in Anderson, to demonstrate undue hardship, the Petitioner must show:

- 1) If he complied with the ordinance he would be unable to secure a reasonable return from or to make any reasonable use of his property, and,
- 2) The difficulties or hardships were peculiar to the property in question and contract with those of other property owners in the same district, and,
- 3) The hardship was not the result of the applicant's own

In our view, the Petitioner does not satisfy these criteria. Particularly, Mr. Kelley acquired this property after the petition was denied by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner. In our view, the hardship, if one exists, was self created. Additionally, the alleged hardship is not unique nor is financial hardship sufficient to justify relief under the standard set forth in

Failing to satisfy the undue hardship standard, we turn to the practical difficulty test. To paraphrase that standard, as stated in both Anderson & McLean, the Petitioner must show:

- (1) That compliance with the BCZR 1B02.3.C.1 would unreasonably prevent the Petitioner/Owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with the regulation unnecessarily burdensome, and,
- (2) That granting of the variance would not render substantial injustice to the Applicant as well as the other property owners in the district, and,
- (3) That the relief sought can be granted in such a fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Consideration of three standards in view of the facts and testimony in this case requires closer scrutiny. Particularly, this Board is troubled that the granting of this variance would cause substantial injustice to the neighborhood. Aesthetics aside, there were legitimate fears expressed by neighboring residents as to traffic congestion and the dangers created while constructing the proposed home. Additionally, the adjoining property owners, Mrs. Schultz and Mr. Parker, testified that the granting of this property would infringe upon the use of their properties, specifically, blocking light and sir and disrupting the current scheme of this neighborhood.

Taken as a whole, we are persuaded by the testimony of the Protestants. In our view, the Petitioner has not met his burden sufficiently to justify the granting of a variance from the Zoning Regulations enunciated by the County Council. We therefore believe that the variance should be denied and will so order.

Joan M. Cox Case No. 86-438-A

ORDER

For the reasons set forth in the aforegoing Opinion, it is this . 1986, by the County Board of Appeals, ORDERED that the variance petitioned for in this matter, be and is hereby DENIED.

Any appeal from this decision must be in accordance with Rules B+1 thru B-13 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

> COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE \* COUNTY BOARD

JOAN COX - C. E. KELLEY, INC.

Cox on July 25, 1986.

APPEALS

Petitioners

Case No.: 86-438-A

MEMORANDUM

This Petition concerns 3224 Magnolia Ave. which is known as Lots 855 and 856 of English Consul Estate on a plat recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore City in Plat Book W.P.C. No. 3, Folio 108. Each lot is 25 feet in width. C. E. Kelley, Inc. acquired the property from Joan

A Variance is requested from that portion of Section 1B02.3C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations which requires a minimum lot width of 55 feet. Petitioner's lot width is 50 feet and he proposes to build a small home. As will be shown from the evidence, a substantial number of homes in English Consul Estate were built on lots of 50 feet in width. The existence of these homes certainly suggests that any neighborhood harmony will not be impaired by Petitioner's

The Zoning Commissioner and, then, the County Board of Appeals have the authority to grant variances from area regulations pursuant to Section 22-26 of the

Baltimore County Code. This provision notes that the authority may be exercised when a proposed use may be accomplished " . . . in harmony with (the) general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations." Practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship has been recognized as the standard for granting a variance. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for this area variance, the Petitioner will show the following:

- (1) Strict compliance with Section 1B02.3C.1 would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted
- (2) The granting of this Petition would not render substantial injustice to other property owners in the area.
- (3) The relief for the Petitioner can be granted in such a fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare

This criteria has been identified and approved in Anderson v. Board of Appeals, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974), see also, Stanley D. Abrams, Guide to Maryland Zoning Decisions, 2 Ed. 1984.

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TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

June 4, 1986

HAND DELIVERED

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

Re: Petition for Variance Joan M. Cox, Petitioner Case No.: 86-438-A

Dear Mr. Jablon:

JAMES H. COOK

JOHN S. HOWARD

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GEORGE K. REYHOLDS, 3

LAWRENCE L. HOOPER, J M. KING HILL, I

> On behalf of Joan M. Cox, Petitioner in the above-referenced case, whose address is 2581 Locksley Road, Melbourn, Florida 32935, please note an appeal of the Order dated May 16, 1986 issued by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner. \$ 90,00

> Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$03.00 to cover the fee for the appeal.

Thank you.

Enclosure cc: Charles Kelly Herbert R. O'Conor, III



JEAN M. H. JUNG DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

June 16, 1986

Mr. Richard E. Parker 3222 Magnolia Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21227

Ms. Louise A. Adler 3218 Magnolia Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21227

> RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE N/S of Magnolia Ave., 593' E of the c/1 of Lilac Ave. (3224 Magnolia Ave.) 13th Election District Joan M. Cox - Petitioner Case No. 86-438-A

Dear Mr. Parker and Ms. Adler:

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Please be advised that on June 5, 1986, an appeal was filed by the Petitioner, Joan M. Cox, from the decision rendered by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in the above-captioned matter.

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

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT Joan M. Cox 81 Locksley Road ⊇lbourn, Florida 32935 RECEIVED Cook, Howard, Downes & Tracy APPEAL FRE & SIGN POSTING RE CASE #86-438-A 8150\*\*\*\*\*\*9000:a 3115F.

AFFIDAVIT

I am Joan Cox of 6065 Schofield Drive, Pennsacola, Florida 32506. I was the owner of 3224 Magnolia Avenue until I sold it to Charles Kelly in June of 1986.

On approximately three occasions, Mr. or Mrs. Parker of 3222 Magnolia Avenue offered to purchase the subject property. The most recent offer was made in April of 1986.

NOTARY CERTIFICATE

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY/CITY ESCAMBIA/PENSACOLA

I hereby certify that on the 10th day of October, 1986, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Florida, in and for the above named County or City, personally appeared the affiant, Joan Cox, and made oath in due form of law that the matters and facts set forth in the foregoing Affidavit are true.

As witness my hand and notarial seal:

My Commission Expires November 28, 1987

6/24/86 - Notified of appeal hearing scheduled for TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1986 at 10 a.m.

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Robert A. Hoffman, Esq. Ms. Joan M. Cox Mr. charles E. Kelley Mr. Richard E. Parker Mr. Thomas Schatz Ms. Louise A. Adler

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Edith T. Eisenhart Administrative Secretary County Board of Appeals Courthouse Towson, Maryland 21204

HAND DELIVERED

RE: Case No. 86-438-A Joan Cox Variance 3224 Magnolia Avenue

Dear Mrs. Eisenhart:

I will be working with Robert A. Hoffman as counsel for the Petitioner in this matter. Please note your records accordingly.

Kind regards.

HRO'C:bap

Very truly yours,

Herbert R. O'Conor, III

86-438-A

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

District 13.ch. Date of Posting June 23 1986 Petitioner: Joan M. Col Location of property 2/5 Magnolia are, 593 E of C/2 of Lilac are. Number of Signe:

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William Hackett, Chairman County Board of Appeals Third Floor Old Court House Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Variance Petition of Charles Kelly Case No. 86-438-A

Dear Mr. Hackett:

I enclose the Affidavit of Joan Cox which was received in my office at 1:25 p.m. today. Please accept this as a supplemental exhibit.

Very truly yours,

Herbert R. O'Conor, III

HRO'C:bap

Enclosure

cc: Peter Max Zimmerman Charles Kelly Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Parker

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 494-3180

June 24, 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(c), COUNTY COUNCIL BILL \$59-79

CASE NO. 86-438-A

FOR VARIANCE FROM \$1802.3.C.1 - LOT WIDTH OF 50' IN LIEU OF 55' FOR LOTS 855 and 856

N/S MAGNOLIA AVENUE 593 E. OF C/L OF LILAC AVENUE (3224 MAGNOLIA AVENUE)

(5/16/86 - DZC DENIED PETITION)

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1986 at 10 a.m.

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Petitioner-Appellant

Mr. Charles E. Kelley Mr. Richard E. Parker

Protestant

Thomas Schatz

Requested Notification

Contract Purchaser

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Protestant People's Counsel

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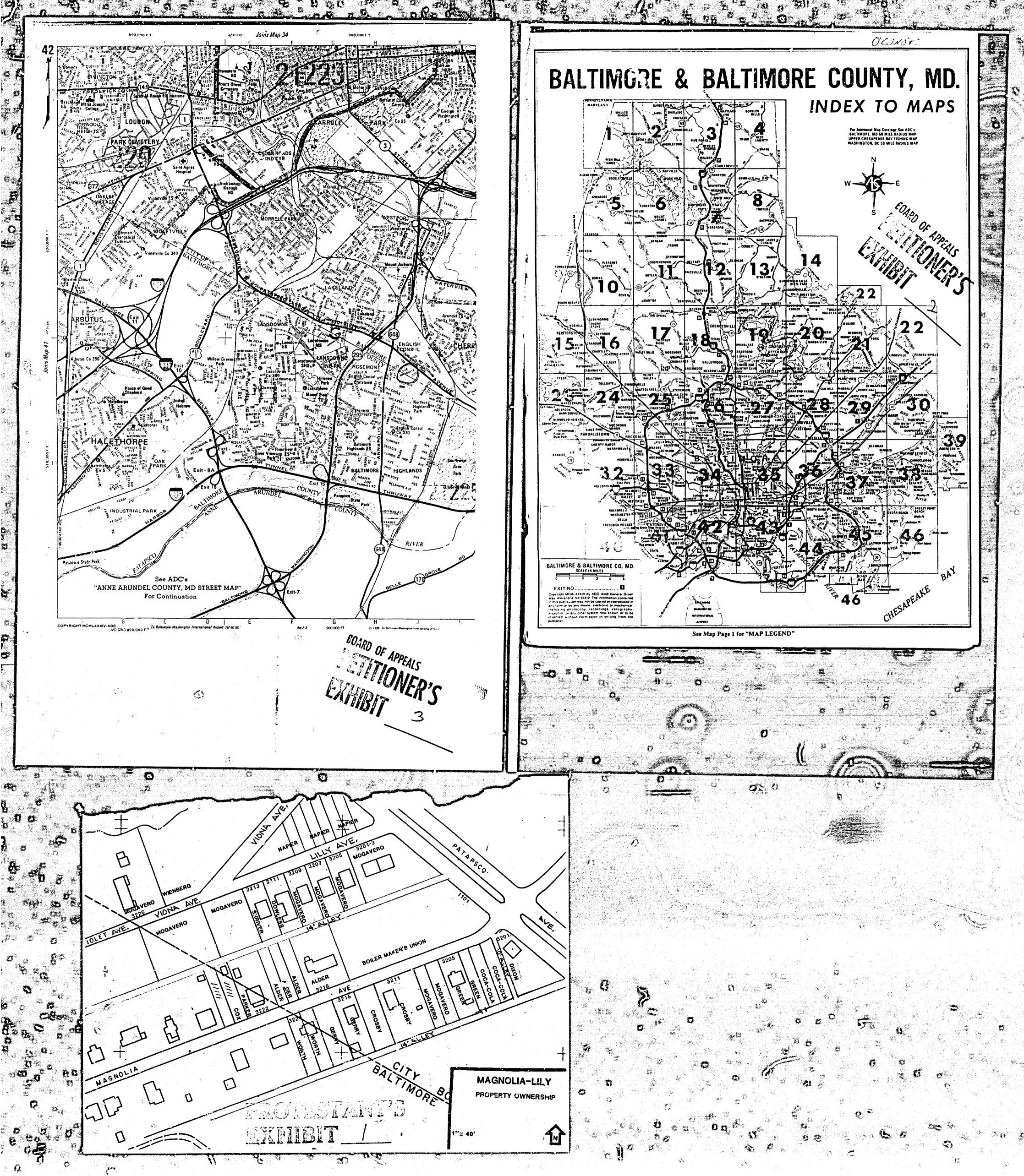
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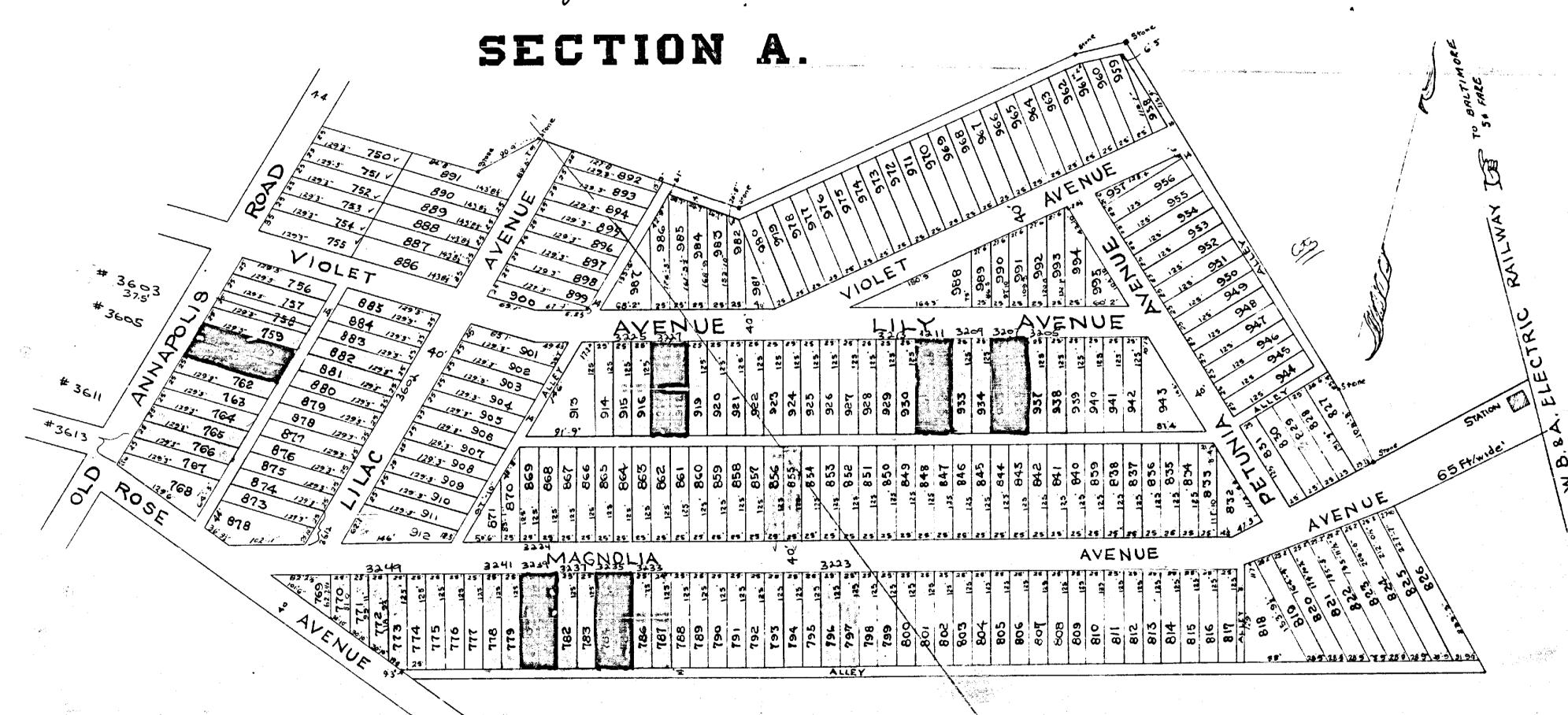
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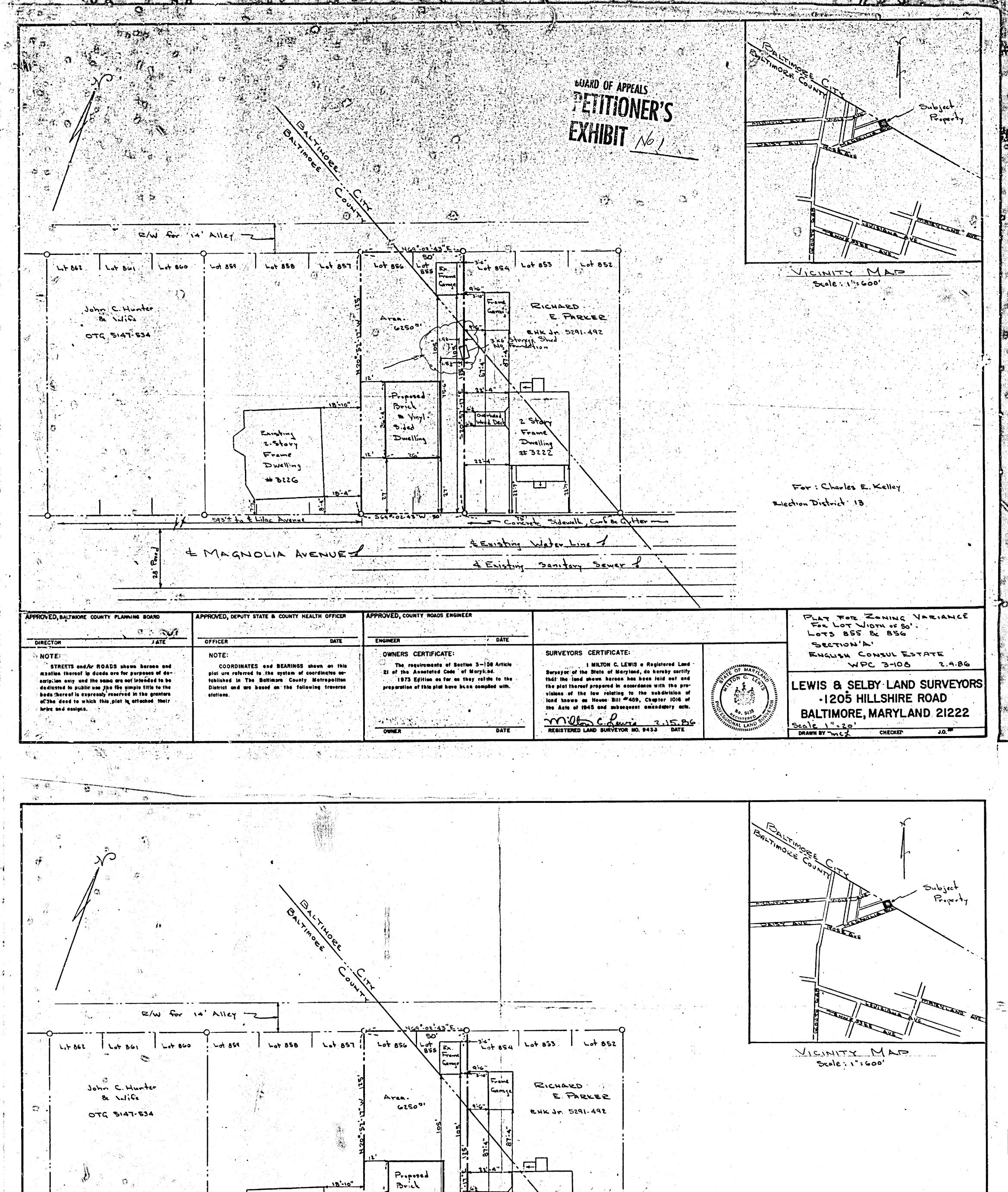


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& Vinyl. Sided. Frame Euroting Dwelling 2. Story Dwelling # 2555 Frame Dwelling # 3226 U For : Charles E. Kelley Blection District 13 FA3' + to & Lilac Avenue Sidewalk, curb Be apter -& MAGNOLIA AVENUET PETITIONER'S 4 Existing Sanitary Somer EXHIBIT / APPROVED, DEPUTY STATE & COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER PLAT FOR ZOMING VARIANCE FOR LOT WIDTH OF 50'. LOTS 855 & 856 APPROVED, BALTIMORE COUNTY PLANNING SOARD ENGINEER DATE DIRECTOR SECTION'A' OWNERS CERTIFICATE: SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE: ENGUISH CONSUL ESTATE WPC 3-108 & 2.4.86 Burneyer of the State of Maryland, do hereby certify The requirements of Section 3-105 Article COORDINATES and BEARINGS shows on this STREETS end/or HOADS shown bereen and 21 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. mention thereof in decide are for purposes of deplat fire referred to the system of burdinates pascription only and the same are not intended to be dedicated & public usy the fee simple fitte to the 1973 Edition or for no first makete to the that the land shown hereon has then laid out and toblished to The Baltimore County Matrepoliten LEWIS & SELBY LAND SURVEYORS the List thereof [gapared in accordance with the prepreparation of this pict have been weeplied with. visions of the low-relating to the subdivigin of bada thereef is expressly reserved in the granters 1205 HILLSHIRE ROAD lend known as House Bill #489, Chapter 1016 of of the deed to which this plat is attacked their the Acts of 1945 and subsequent smendatory acts. heirs and assigns, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21222 REGISTERED LAND ELEVEYOR HG. 9438 047E DREWN BY THE LA THE CHECKED