The Petilioner herein requests a variance to permit an accessory structure (garage) to be located in the side yard in lieu of the required rear yard.

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Testimony by the Petitioner indicated that he proposes the construction of a 30° x 30° garage for vehicular and other storage as indicated on the plan submitted and identified as Petitioner's Exhibit 1. When questioned about speclfic distances, such as dwelling to property lines, he could provide only approximations.

Countel for the Protestant, the adjacent neighbor to the west, objected to the nature of the freehand sketch submitted as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

I continuation of the hearing was determined to be necessary and because the attorneys for both parties were unable agree upon a mutually acceptable date within the time available, the Deputy Zoning Commissioner requested a written memorandum from each. Counsel for the Petitioner also submitted a revised plan subsequently identified as Petitioner's Exhibit 2. Counsel for the Petitioner wrote, among other items, that the property slopes to the rear and that the Petitioner has had security problems in the rear of the property, thus he wanted the garage in a more visible area. In addition, the cost of running a driveway to the rear would be considerably more expensive. The Petitioner is "prepared to add evergreen planting in the existing opening along the westerly property Nine so as to completely screen the garage from the adjoining property."

Counsel for the Protestant wrote that the Petitioner has not lived on the site in question for at least six years and that the existing dwelling has an attached two-car garage. The proposed structure would provide almost half again the square footage of the existing combined residence and arage, and, in the Protestant's opinion, would "unquestionably adversely affect the value of her property."

After due consideration of the testimony and written memoranda, it is the opinion of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner that strict compliance with the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) would not result in practical difficulty and unreasonable hardabip upon the Petitioners. There is little or no reason, other than financial, why the garage could not be constructed 25 feet further to the rear, requiring no variance. The instant variance, if granted, would adversely affect the health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 7 day of August, 1987 that the Petition for Zoning Vr. rance to permit an accessory structure (garage) to be located in the side yard in lieu of the required rear yard, be and is hereby DENIED.

of Baltimore County

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Bultimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 494-3353

J. Robert Haines

Zoning Commissioner

August 7, 1987



F. Vernon Boozer, Esquire Covaney & Boozer, P.A. 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Zoning Variance N/S Broadway Road, 300' E of Greenspring Avenue (1401 Broadway Road) 8th Election District Case No. 87-383-A; George W. Both - Petitioner

Dear Mr. Boozer:

Pursuant to the recent hearing held on the subject case, enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered. Your Petition for Zoning Variance has been Denied in accordance with the attached Order.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this off.te.

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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People's Counsel

cc: Thomas E. Lynch, III, Esquire, Attorney for Protestant Miles & Stockbridge 10 Light Street Baltimore, Maryland 21227

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

8th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District

Case No. 87-383-A

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North Side of Broadway Road, 300 feet East of Greenspring Avenue (1401 Broadway Road)

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, April 7, 1987, at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING: Room 106, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland

The Zoning Commis: oner 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 an accessory structure (garage) in the side yard in lieu of the required rear yard

Being the property of George W. Roth as shown on plat plan filed with the Zoning Office.

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 JABLON ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE N/S Broadway Rd., 300' E of Greenspring Ave. (1401 Broadway : Rd.), 8th District

BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

GEORGE W. ROTH, Petitioner

Case No. 87-383-1

FOOR #504690# #5046

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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

> Phyllis Cole Friedman People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 9th day of March, 1987, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Mr. George W. Roth, 1508 Greendale Rd., Baltimore, ND 21218, Petitioner; and Mr. Jeff Armacost, Armacost Contracting, 16017 Hanover Pike, Upperco, MD 21155, who requested notification.

Peter Max Zimmerman

BALTIMORE COUNTY
OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
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April 1, 1987

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Mr. George W. Roth 1508 Greendale Road Baltimore, Maryland 212's

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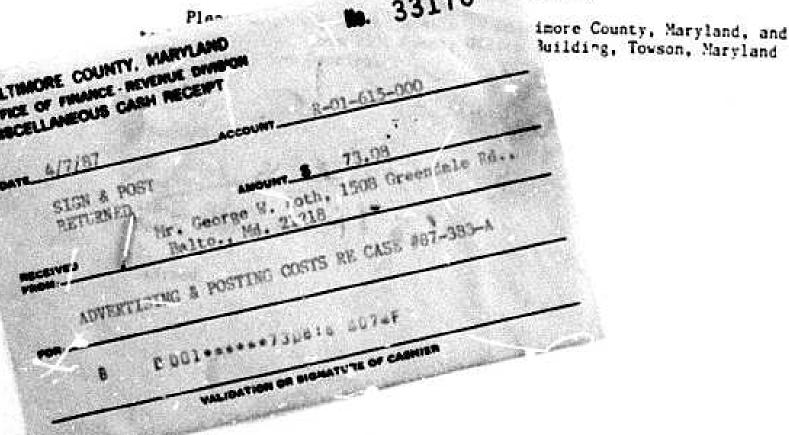
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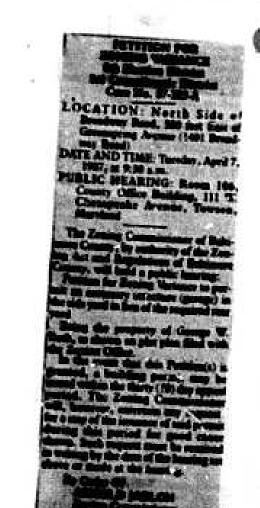


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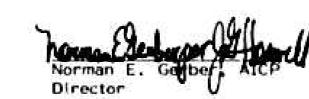
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Norman E. Gerber, AICP FROM _ Office _of_Planning _and _Zoning _

SUBJECT. Zoning Petition Number 87-383-A, 87-384-A, 87-388-A, 87-389-A, 57-390-A, 87-391-A, 87-392-A and 87-393-A

There are no comprehensive planning factors requiring comment on these petitions.



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BALTI MORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 11, 1987

COUNTY OFFICE BLDG. 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. 10wson, Maryland 21204

Mr. George W. Both 1508 Greendale Roar Baltimore, Maryland 21218

> BE: Item No. 260 - Case No. 87-383-A Petitioner: George W. Roth

Petition for Zoning Variance

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industrial Development Dear Mr. Ruth:

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 sullability 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 meaning scheduled accordingly.

Very truly yours.

JAMES E. DYER

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jeff Armacust Armacost Contracting 16017 Hanover Pike Upperco. Maryland 21155



DALTIMORE COUNTY AND ZONING TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

NORMAN E. GERDER DIRECTOR

CATEGORIES MINISTER STATE CONTRACTOR Mr. Arnold Jablon Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

MARCH 4, 1987

Re: Zoning Advisory Meeting of DECEMBER 30, 1986 Item # 260 Property Owner: GEORGE W. ROTH Location: N/5 BROADWAY RD. 300 E. OF GREENSPRING AVE.

Dear Mr. Jablon:

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

> There are no site planning factors requiring comment. A County Review Group Meeting is required. A County Review Group meeting was held and the minut; will be forward by the Bureau of Public Services.)This site is part of a larger tract; therfore it is defined as a

subdivision. The plan must show the entire tract.

A record plat will be required and must be recorded prior

to issuance of a building permit.)The access is not satisfactory.)The circulation on this site is not satisfactory.

)The parking arrangement is not satisfactory.)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)Landscaping: Must comply with Baltimore County Landscape Manual.

)The property is located in a deficient service area a: defined by 8111 178-79. No building permit may be issued until . Reserve Capacity Use Certificate has been issued. The deficient service

)The property is located in a traffic area controlled by a "D" level intersection as defined by Bill 178-79, and as conditions change traffic capacity may become more limited. The Basic Services Areas are re-evaluated annually by the County Council. Additional comments:

David Fields, Acting Chief Current Planning and Development

cc: James Hoswell

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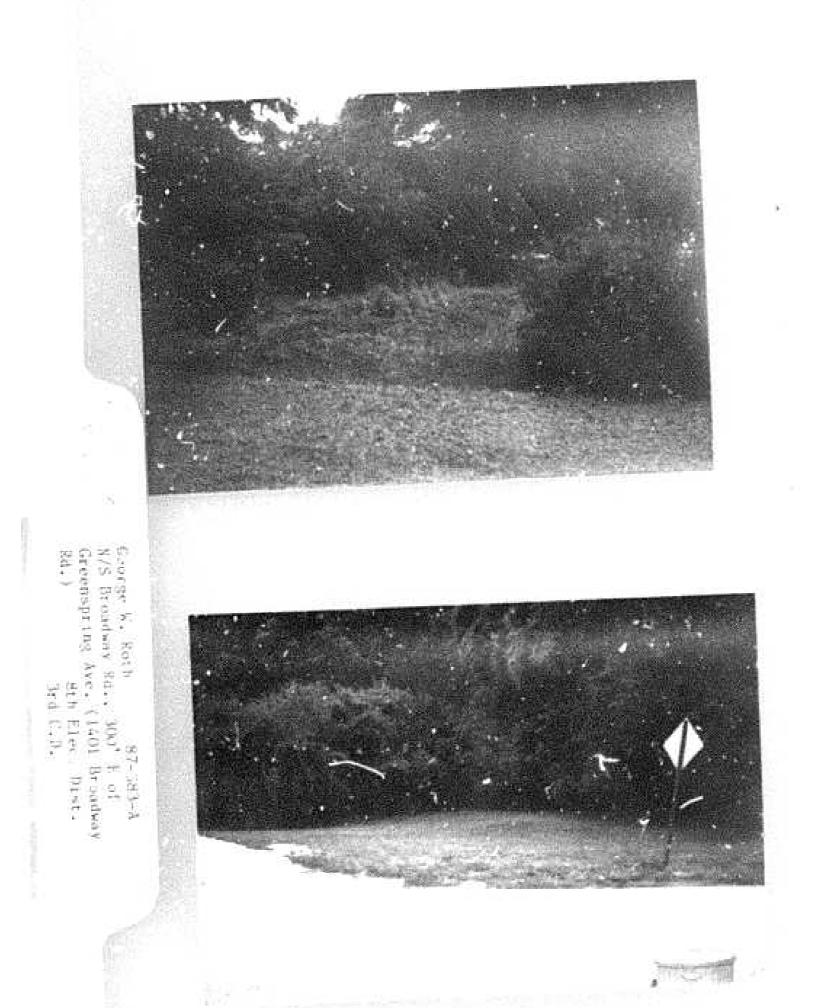
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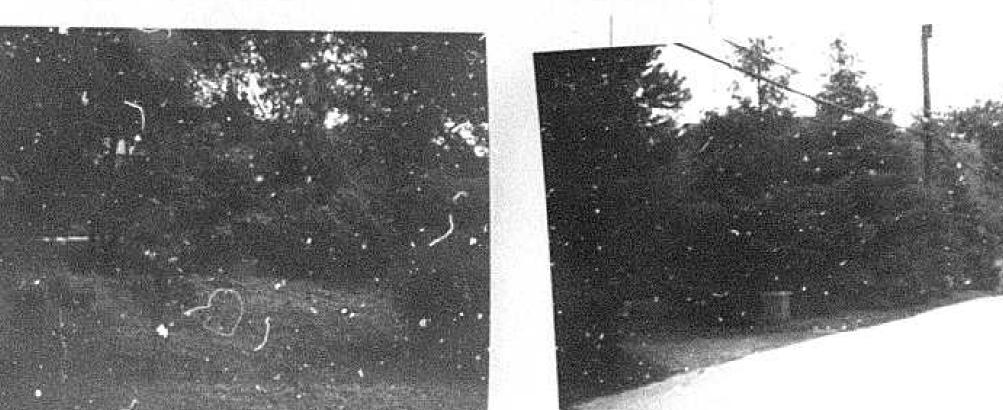
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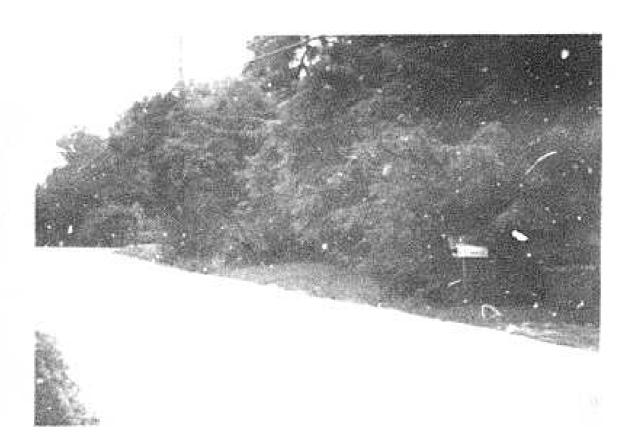
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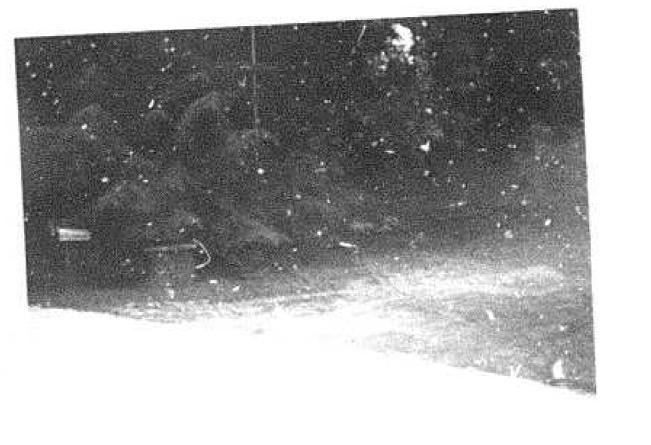












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BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING

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

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this fith day of February , 1987 .

Zoning Commissioner

Received by: James E. Dyer Petitioner's

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January 30, 1997

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

Dear Mr. Jablon:

The Department of Traffic Engineering has no comments for items number 251, 252, 253, 255, 256, 257, 259, 260, 261, 263, 265, and 268.

Traffic Engineer Associate II

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BALTIMORE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT TOWSON MARYLAND 21204 2586

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January 27, 1987

Mr. Arnold Jablon Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zuning Baltimore County Office Building Towser "aruland 21204

FL: Property Owner: George W. Roth

Location: N/S Broadway Road, 300° E. Greenspring Avenue

Iter No.: 260

Zoning Agenda: Meeting of 12/30/86

Centlemen:

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 ______test along an approved road in accordance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department of Public Works.

1 2. A second means of whitele 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.

y 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 Salety Code*, 19 6 edition prist to occupancy.

1 6. Site plans are approved, as drawn.

) 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no compants, at this

Special Inspection Division

TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

TED ZALESKI, JR. DIRECTOR

Mr. Armold Jablon, Zoning Commissioner Office of Flanning and Funing Towers, Maryland 2120s.

Comments on Item # 260 | Loning Advisory Committee Meeting are as follows:

Locations N/S Boradway Road, 300 feet E Greenspring Avenue District, R.C. 5

APPLICABLE TYPE ARE CONCLEDE

All etructures shall conform to the Baltimore County Building Code as adopted by Council Bill #17-05.
the Maryland Code for the Handicapped and Aged (A.H.S.I. #117-1 - 1980) and other applicable Codes and Standards

() a building and other miscellaneous permits shall be required before the start of any construction. Residential: Two sets of construction drawings are required to file a permit application. The seal of a registered in Maryland Architect or Engineer 18/18 not required on plans and technical data.

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

E. All Tee Groupe except R-L Single Femily Detached Deellings require a minimum of 1 hour fire return for exterior wells closer than 6'-0 to an interior lot line. R-L Due Groupe require a one hour well if closer then 3'-0 to an interior lot line. Any wall built on an interior lot line shall require a fire or party wall. See Table LOI, Section 1LOT, Section 1LOS. and Table 1LO2. So openings are permitted in an exterior well within 3'-0 of an interior lot line.

. The structure does not appear to comply with Table 505 for parmissable height/area. Reply to the requests: variance by this office cannot be considered until the necessary data pertaining to height/area and construction type is provided. See Table 401 and 505 and have your Architect/Engineer contact this department.

G. The requested variance appears to conflict with Section(s) ______, mf the Baltimore County Building Code.

H. When filing for a required Change of Use/Docupancy Fermit, an alteration paralt application shall also be filed along with three sets of scooptable construction plans indicating how the existing structure is to be altered in order to comply with the Code requirements for the new use. Maryland Architectural or Engineer seals are usually required. The change of Use Groupe are from Use ______ to Use ______ or to Mixed Uses ______. See Section 312 of the Building Code.

1. The proposed project appears to be located in a Flood Flain, Tidal/Riverine. Please see the attented copy of Section 516.0 of the Building Code as adopted by Bill #17-85. Site plans shall and the introductions above sea level for the lot and the finish floor levels including beament.

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E. These abbreviated comments reflect only on the information provided by the drawings submitted to the Cifits of Planning and Zoning and are not intended to be construed as the full extent of any permit. " teriret the applicant may obtain additional information by visiting Room 177 of the Lewity differ Swilding a^{μ} Γ w. Chesapease Avenue, Towson, Maryland 7170L. Roll To Week len BY: C. E. Burnham, Dief. Building Flans her. ..

LAW OFFICES MILES & STOCKBRIDGE THE LIGHT STREET BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202

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August 3, 1987

ZONING OFFICE

for Baltimore County 111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Commissioner Jean Marie Jung

Office of Planning and Zoning

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

HAND DELIVERED

TROMAN E. LYNCH, DI

Re: George W. Roth -Petition for Variance 87-383A

Dear Madam Commissioner:

Towson, Maryland 21204

This firm represents Joyce Gorman, the owner of the improved residential real property located immediately adjacent to the real property as to which the above-referenced variance is sought. On April 7, 1987, Ms. Gorman and I appeared at a hearing before you with regard to the Petition of George W. Roth for a variance to permit the construction of a thirty foot by thirty foot storage facility within 15 feet of Ms. Gorman's property line, the erection of which would be patently inconsistent with the 50 foot secback requirement under the applicable k.C.5 (Resource Conservation - rural residential) zoning.

Ms. Gorman appeared at that hearing to oppose the petitioner's request for several reasons, including:

(a) the petitioner's request to build such an imposing structure within 15 feet of Ms. Gorman's property is in direct violation of the applicable zoning regulations which are designed to protect privacy and aesthetics in such rural residential neighborhoods:

(b) the petitioner could not and cannot sustain the need for or appropriateness of a zoning variance under Article 3. Section 307 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations; and

(c) the construction of a facility of that size immediately adjacent to Ms. Gorman's property line will unquestionably adversely affect the value of her property.

Jean Marie June August 3, 1987 Page 2

MILES & STOCKBRIDGE

Ms. Gorman continues to oppose the petitioner's request for a variance for all of the foregoing reasons and for the reasons detailed below. On behalf of Ms. Gorman, and at your request, this written position statement is submitted to assist you in your evaluation of Mr. Roth's petition, which we understand you wish to resolve prior to your scheduled departure from the office of the Zoning Commissioner. Ms. Gorman obviously would prefer to present her position by live testimony and also have an opportunity to cross-examine Mr. Roth. However, circumstances would not permit a full evidentiary hearing before your expected departure date.

I. BACKGROUND

Joyce Gorman owns a residential parcel of property commonly identified as 1926 Broadway Road, which is located on the corner of Broadway Road and Greenspring Avenue, immediately adjacent to the tract of land owned by the petitioner for which the variance is sought. Both properties are zoned R.C. 5 or Resource Conversation - rural residential.

Several days before the April 7, 1987 hearing, Ms. Gorman came to have knowledge that a petition for a variance of the applicable zoning setback requirements was being sought by the petitioner as to the 4 acre tract immediately adjacent to Ms. Gorman's property. She came to have knowledge that such a variance had been requested, not through any direct communication from Mr. Roth, the landowner, but only as a result of the posting of a sign providing notice of a scheduled zoning hearing. Mr. Roth provided no notice to Ms. Gorman of his anticipated plans and did not seek her consent or, to her knowledge, the consent of any other neighboring landowners regarding the proposed variance.

'It was recently brought to your attention that Ms. Gorman has found it necessary to relocate in the Washington D.C. area for business reasons and, therefore, must sell her home on Broadway Road. However, this does not diminish Ms. Gorman's concern about Mr. Roth's petition particularly in view of the potential impact that Mr. Roth's plans may have on the entire neighborhood and on the value of Ms. Gorman's property, a matter which is of increasing concern to Ms. Gorman at present.

In the event of any appeal from your decision, Ms. Gorman respectfully reserves the right to present additional evidence on appeal. The submission of this written position statement should not be construed as a waiver by Ms. Gorman of the right to present such evidence which might assist in evaluating the adequacy and appropriateness of Mr. Roth's petition.

Jean Marie Jung /ugust 3, 1987 Page 3

MILES & STOCKBRIDGE

Only through her diligence, did Ms. Gorman learn of Mr. Roth's anticipated plan to erect a thirty foot by thirty foot storage facility (which he conveniently, and we believe improperly, describes as a "garage") within 15 feet of the property line between Ms. Gorman's and Mr. Roth's properties.

The application of Mr. Roth was particularly noteworthy to Ms. Gorman in part because of the damaging impact that erection of such a structure would have on her property value but also because the variance was being sought by Mr. Roth, who lists his address as 1508 Glendale Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21218 and who has not even lived on the premises for which the variance is sought during the six years that Ms. Gorman has resided at the adjoining property. On the contrary, Ms. Roth, over that entire period, has leased the residence located on the 4 acre tract for which he now seeks a variance.

Through her diligence, Ms. Gorman also learned that Mr. Roth was seeking authorization to erect the proposed structure immediately adjacent to her property line without any explanation as to why the structure could not be located at some other position on the 4 acre tract. Moreover, the only explanation provided in the petition to justify the purported need for such a structure was that it was necessary "to store valuable property". Neither the petition nor the diagram submitted in connection with the petition advised the Zoning Commissioner that Mr. Roth's real property on Broadway Road is currently improved by a residence and an existing attached two-car garage.

II. THE HEARING ON APRIL 7, 1987

It is in the foregoing context and with the foregoing as background that Ms. Gorman appeared at the hearing on April 7, 1987 to oppose the patitioner's request for a variance from the applicable R.C. 5 zoning requirements. Mr. Roth appeared at that hearing and offered some testimony as to his plan with regard to the structure for which he was seeking the variance. At the hearing, he offered in support of his petition an exhibit, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. However, the petitioner was unable to explain the significance of the exhibit and even suggested that the dimensions of the proposed structure, its proposed location on the property, and the distance of the

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June 12, 1987

PHILIP J. SPAMPINATO, Inc.

Construction Equipment Rental

4127 SUNNYSIDE AVENUE

Mr. George W. Roch 1508 Greendale Road. Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Re: Blacktop Driveway 1920 Broadway Road

Dear Mr. Roth:

PHONE 358-5755

We herein propose to furnish the necessary labor, material and equipment to do the following work at the above location:

Install a 140'-0" x 10'-0" blacktop driveway on the East side of the building consisting of 6" of CR-6 stone covered with 3" of bituminous concrete (includes approximately 6'-0" of excavation) for the sum of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$7,200.00)

Install a 80'-0" x 10'-0" blacktop criveway on the West side of the building consisting of 6" of CR-6 stone covered with 3' of bituminous paving for the sum of Iwo Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00).

Very truly yours.



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proposed structure from the property line, all as shown on the exhibit, were not in concert with his understanding of the plans.

In light of the confusion precipitated by the petitioner's testimony and his incapacity to present any reasonable basis to justify the variance requested, you suspended the hearing so as to permit Mr. Roth to verify the accuracy of his request and of the diagram he had submitted for your consideration. Since the hearing was suspended, Ms. Gorman availed herself of the opportunity to inspect the proposed location of the storage facility to be erected . The petitioner suggested that the proposed location had been or would be staked out.

Since the hearing, Ms. Gorman and I have had an epportunity to inspect the proposed location which is immediately adjacent to Ms. Gorman's property line and within approximately 15 feet of the property line. In addition, it is Ms. Gorman's understanding that Mr. Roth now acknowledges that the dimensions shown on Exhibit A and the proposed location manifest on Exhibit A are a true reflection of his intentions. The dimensions of the structure shown on the diagram are consistent with our observa-

Having availed herself of the opportunity to inspect the premises and consult with Mr. Roth's contractor, Ms. Gorman, by letter from counsel dated May 29, 1967, indicated to Mr. Roth that she felt compelled to continue to oppose his application, for a zoning variance as more fully detailed in Exhibit B hereto.

In evaluating Mr. Roth's petition, it is also important to note that he is not proposing to build a modest structure virtually on top of Ms. Gorman's property line. On the contrary, the structure Mr. Roth proposes to erect would have almost one-half the total square footage of the existing residence and attached garage, obviously not an insubstantial building on the

Ms. Gorman also understands that Mr. Roth owns an unimproved tract of land immediately to the east of the real property for which the variance is sought. No explanation was provided by the petitioner as to why such a structure could not be erected on the adjoining land.

[&]quot;It should be noted that Ms. Gorman and her counsel, in inspecting the proposed location for the storage structure, learned that the structure was to be built at a location where several large trees are currently located. These trees necessarily would have to be cut down in order to permit the construction to proceed which will unquestionably impact aesthetically on the neighborhood generally and also could cause physical damage to Ms. Gorman's property.

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Application of these standards to the facts of this case mandate a decision denying Mr. Roth's petition for a variance. Mr. Roth is requesting a substantial departure from existing setback requirements and is seeking authorization to construct a substantial structure virtually on top of the property line of a neighboring landowner, which is in flat contradiction with the spirit and intent of the applicable rural residential zoning regulations. Moreover, granting the petition to permit construction on the proposed location will unquestionably damage the aesthetic ambiance of the entire neighborhood since Mr. Roth necessarily will have to destroy a cluster of several large and aesthetically pleasing trees which contribute to the overall welfare of the neighborhood. Furthermore, Mr. Roth has made absolutely no showing why some other location on the 4 acre tract or his adjoining property should not be considered as an alternate location for the storage structure, which potentially could be constructed without the need for violating existing setback requirements.

In short, the petitioner has failed even in the remotest sense to sustain his burden to demonstrate that strict compliance with the zoning regulations could result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship and that granting the variance would be consistent with the spirit and intent of the applicable zoning regulations.

IV. CONCLUSION

The petition of Mr. Roth for a zoning variance should be denied. No basis has been offered to justify granting a variance to Mr. Roth, an absentee owner of a lot improved with a residence and an existing attached two-car garage. No basis has been offered to justify destruction of trees located immediately adjacent to Mr. Gorman's property line and the erection of a thirty foot by thirty foot storage structure within 15 feet of Ms. Gorman's property line, in violation of existing setback requirements of R.C. 5 zoning, particularly in a residential neighborhood of the type located at the intersection of Greenspring Avenue and Broadway Road. The tract for which the

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For all of the foregoing reasons, and in light of Mr. Roth's utter failure to sustain his burden to justify the need for a variance, the petition for a variance should be denied.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas E. Lynch, III

TEL:bjm Enclosures cc: Joyce Gorman Vernon F. Boozer C:TELGORO2.LTR

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To and Lane BECK SHIP

EXHIPIT A

May 29, 1987

George W. Roth 1508 Greendale Road

Baltimore, Maryland 21218 Re: Broadway Road Property

Dear George:

Joyca Gorman and I have had an opportunity to examine the proposed location of the storage facility for which you had sought a zoning variance. We also have had a chance to consider the proposed co struction which we understand to be masonry foundation, aluminum siding and single roofing of a facility which is intended to be 30' x 30' and located within 15' of Joyce's property line.

Candidly, Joyce has extreme reservations about your proposal to build a structure of that size immediately adjacent to her property line for two reasons: (a) the proximity to the property line is violation of the soning regulations which are designed to protect privacy and the like; and (b) the construction of a facility of that size immediately adjacent to Joyce's property line, in her view, is likely to create an eyesore which will depreciate the value of her property. It is these kinds of concerns which led to the establishment of zoning set aside requirements.

Joyce would like to be cooperative with you but cannot understand why the same structure could not be built at some other location on the tract for 1401 Broadway or the adjacent tract which we understand you own. Could you please let us know if you have considered other alternative locations for the storage facility.

Without some explanation why the storage garage cannot be located somewhere else, Joyce has indicated to me that she is inclined to oppose your effort to construct the structure at the proposed location.

George W. Roth May 29, 1987 Page Two

Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Very trul / yours,

Thomas E. Lynch, III

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cc: Joyce J. Gorman

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Ms. Jeanne Jung Deputy Zoning Commissioner Room 109 County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

97-113-12 GEO W COTH ZONING OFFICE

Enclosed is a copy of the Amended Variance Plat for the property of my clients, ar, and Mrs. George Roth.

The proposed garage is located 65 feet, more or less, from Broadway Road. The closest point to the side property line will be 17 feet, more or less. The side and front property lines are presently well screened. We are prepared to add evergreen planting in the existing opening along the westerly property line so as to completely screen the garage from the adjoining property. Enclosed are photographs of my clients' property and the adjoining property of the protestant which shows heavy existing screening in both the side and front yards. You will note that our amended plat revises the front set back from 50 feet to 65 feet, more or less, and the side set back from 15 feet to 17 feet, more or less,

The following are our reasons in support of this request:

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- 2. The proposed location will require far less paving of driveway surface, reducing the amount of storm water run-off and drainage onto the surrounding areas.
- 3. The cost of extending the driveway to the rear of the property is much greater and creates an unnecessary hardship (See enclosed letter from Philip J. Spampinato, Inc.). The expenditure is \$2,400.00 if the variance is granted or \$7,200.00 otherwise.

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5. My clients have experienced problems with security in the rear of their dwelling and want the proposed garage located in a more visible area.

I might add that my research shows an unattached structure in the side yard of the protestant which is adjacent to my clients' property. I further reviewed the files in the zoning office and was unable to find a variance for this structure.

In conclusion, we feel the proposed location is the best compromise for all parties and because of existing and proposed screening, will not be visible to anyone except the Roths.

F. Vernon Boozer

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cc: Mr. and Mrs. George Roth Thomas E. Lynch, III, Esquire

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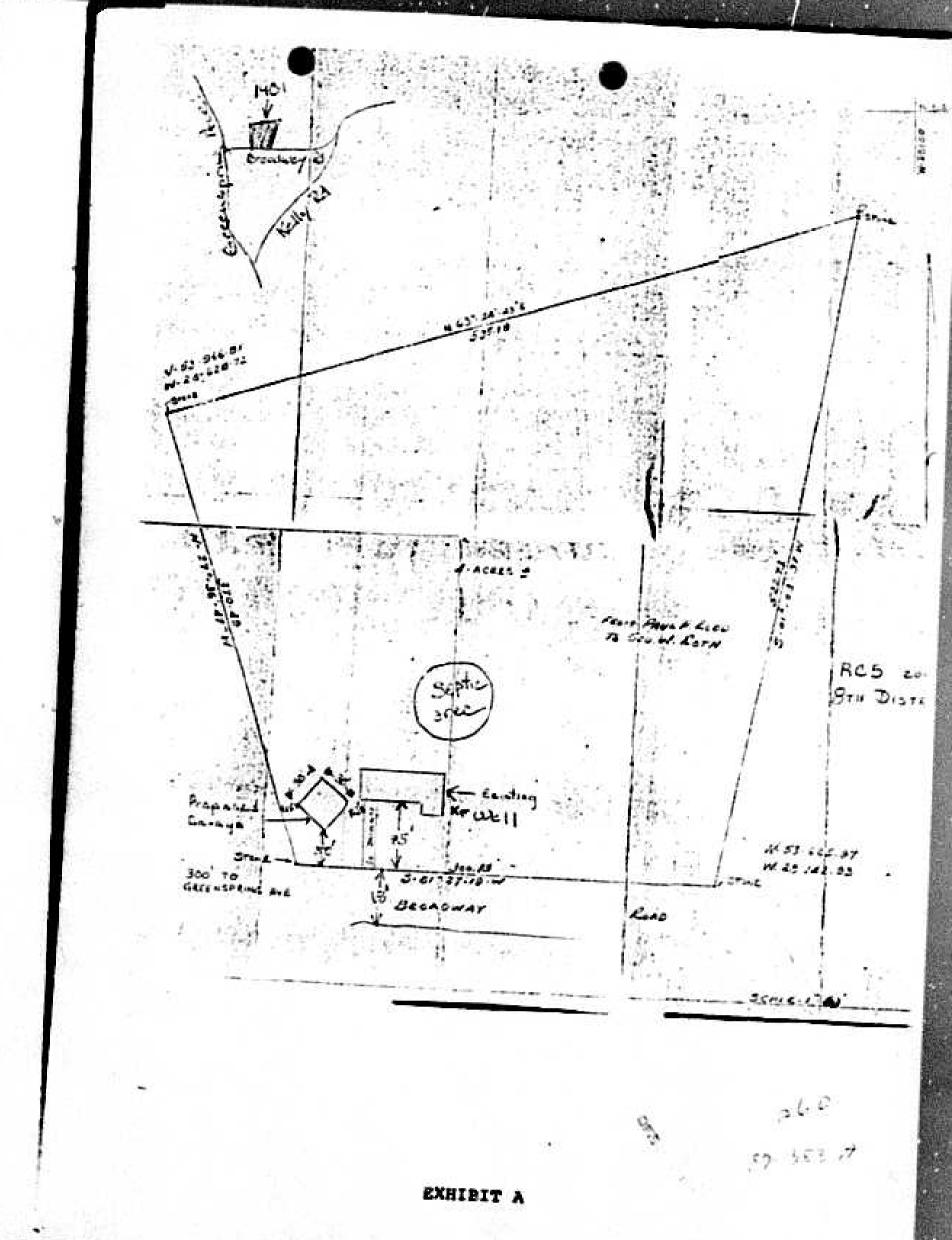
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