concluded in less than one day.

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

BALTIMORE COUNTY CASE NO. 88-413-A

OPINION

This matter comes before the Board as cross-appeals from the decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner dated April 15, 1988, as amended on May 13, 1988. The issue before the Board is that of multiple variances; to wit, from Section 413.2(e) to permit four identification signs in lieu of the allowed sign of 150 feet and also to permit three identification signs to be opposite land zoned residential; from Section 413.2(f) to permit other business signs designated as #1 and #3 on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1A to have a total square footage of 434 square feet in lieu of the allowed 100 square feet; and from Section 413.5(d) to permit a height of 35 feet for sign #4 in lieu of the maximum allowed 25 feet. All variances requested by the Petitioner seek permission to allow signs on his property as set forth in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1A. Two witnesses appeared before the Board and the hearing was

Testifying in favor of the proposed signs was Jerome H. Fader, Executive Vice President of Magna Financial, the holding corporation for several automobile dealerships. Mr. Fader testified as to his corporation's longstanding business within this community. Originally, the dealership operated the All-State Leasing Company and subsequently expanded by the purchase of additional dealerships. On the subject site of approximately 11 acres, the Petitioner has decided to construct an automobile park which will contain four

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different dealers offering different products to the consuming public. The Petitioner complied with the County's development regulations and process and is in fact now in the final stages of construction and operation. The sole issue before the Board at this time is whether the signs as requested should be per-

In opposition to the requested variances, the Board received testimony from Reverend Frederick Hanna. Reverend Hanna voiced two primary objections which should be addressed. First, he was concerned that the granting of the variances would send out an improper signal that the County's sign regulations were not being enforced, but rather disregarded. Particularly, he expressed concern with this "interference of the County's ability to govern and regulate." Although this is a legitimate concern, it must be noted that Section 307 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) specifically empowers the Board to grant variances when in its judgement they are warranted. Thus, a Petition for Variance cannot be viewed as an interference with the County's prescribed zoning enforcement process, rather an acceptable means in order to seek proper exceptions.

Second, Reverend Hanna objected to the proliferation of signs in this area, fearing a forest of signs which would detrimentally affect the Reisterstown Road corridor. Although a legitimate concern, we do not find the proposal objectionable in that regard. It should be noted that the site contains approximately 11 acres, which is of sufficient size to support four automobile dealerships and their attendant advertising signs. Additionally, as noted by the Petitioner, if the site were to be subdivided into four properties, one for each dealership, each dealer could obtain as a matter of right a sign of a size greater than requested here.

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As to the Petitioner's burden, we find as a matter of fact that he has met his obligation of "practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship" as set forth in Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. We are particularly persuaded by the terms of the Petitioner's franchise agreement with the automobile manufacturers which in effect requires an independent sign for each dealer. It is particularly relevant that the size required by the manufacturer for its signs is less than is allowed by the B.C.Z.R. (150 feet). Therefore, the issue raised by this request comes not so much from their size but from their number, which is created by the multi-dealership automobile park concept. Further, the testimony is abundant that the granting of variances would be without substantial injury to the public health, safety, and welfare and that the proposed variances are in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the applicable regulations. We are therefore persuaded to grant the variances from Sections 413.2(e) and

Turning to the final issue as to Section 413.5(d), we are also persauded to grant the Petitioner's request for relief from the height restriction as it applies to the Subaru sign; designated as sign #4 on the Petitioner's plat! That sign, as it exists, is consistent with the intent of the regulations and not objectionable. Finally, we note only in passing the Petitioner's right to construct signs affixed to its building and approve same as depicted in Petitioner's Exhibit No. 4. For the aforegoing reasons, the Board is persuaded to grant the requested variances and will so order.

ORDER

It is therefore this 14th day of September , 1988 by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County:

BEFORE THE

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

Cohen Berger Partnership, et al

ORDERED that the Petition for Variance from Section 413.2(a) to permit four identification signs in lieu of the allowed sign of 150 feet and also to permit three identification signs to be opposite land zoned residential is GRANTED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the variance from Section 413.2(f) to permit other business signs designated as #1 and #3 on Petitioner's Exhibit #1A to have a total square footage of 434 square feet in lieu of the allowed 100 square feet is GRANTED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the variance from Section 413.5(d) to permit a height of 35 feet for sign #4 in lieu of the maximum allowed 25 feet is

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

> COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Lynn B. Moreland

IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE * SW/S Reisterstown Road, 120' SE of Cedarmere Road (9428 Reisterstown Road) 4th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District Cohen Berger Partnership, et al Petitioners

BEFORE THE DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Case No. 88-413-A

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AMENDED ORDER

WHEREAS, the Order in the above-captioned case dated April 15, 1988 incorrectly indicated that the Petitioner withdrew its request for a variance from Section 413.5(d) to permit a height for Sign #4 of 39.75 feet in lieu of the maximum height permitted of 25 feet; and

WHEREAS, by letter received April 27, 1988, the Petitioner's Counsel indicated that at the hearing the height of Sign #4 was reduced from 39.75 feet to 35.75 feet in lieu of the maximum 25 feet; and

WHEREAS, the letter from Petitioner's Counsel received April 27, 1988 also asked for a clarification as to whether the intent of Restriction #2 in said Order was to prohibit the placement of signs that may be permitted as of right on the buildings as Petitioner intended to place a sign on the facade of | Heach building to clarify the brand of automobile sold from that building, i.e., Chevrolet, Subaru, Volkswagen, and Dodge;

WHEREAS, it was the intent of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner to permit the Petitioner to construct Sign #4 consisting of six letters, each 4'1" x 4'1", Which would require a height in excess of 25 feet, and as such, Sign #4 would be approximately 100 so.ft. per side rather than the 86 sq.ft. granted in the Order dated April 15, 1988;

WHEREAS, the Deputy Zoning Commissioner finds that the granting of the variance as requested for the size of the sign and its location provides adequate clarification as to which brand of automobile is sold from each building;

IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this /3 day of May, 1988 that a variance from Section 413.5(d) to permit a height for Sign #4 of 35.75 feet in lieu of the maximum allowed height of 25 feet, and further, that Sign #4 shall not exceed 100 sq.ft. per side, be and is hereby GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner's request to place a sign on the facade of each building to clarify the location of each brand of automobile is DENIED, except that the sign on the Heritage Chevrolet building, as depicted in Petitioner's Exhibit 2B, is permitted to remain; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other provisions and restrictions of the Order dated April 15, 1988 shall remain in full force and effect.

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cc: Julius W. Lichter, Esquire 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204

Rev. Frederick J. Hanna 203 Chatsworth Avenue, Reisterstown, Md. 21136

Ms. Phyllis L. Daly 309 Janet Road, Reisterstown, Md. 21136 Mr. Michael Quinn

27 Kingsley Road, Owings Mills, Md. 21117 Mr. Dennis R. Orr 28 Kingsley Road, Owings Mills, Md. 21117

People's Counsel

IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE * SW/S Reisterstown Road, 120' SE of Cedarmere Road (9428 Reisterstown Road)

Petitioners

4th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Case No. 88-413-A Cohen Berger Partnership, et al

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

The Petitioners herein request variances from Section 413.2(e) to permit four identification signs as follows: Sign #2 of 109 sq.ft.; Sign #4 of 116.22 sq.ft; Sign #5 of 82.25 sq.ft.; Sign #6 of 80.93 sq.ft., all in lieu of the permitted one sign of 150 sq.ft. total; to permit three identification signs to be opposite land zoned residential; from Section 413.2(f) to permit other business signs, namely Sign #1 and Sign #3 to have 226 sq.ft. total (counting both sides), in lieu of the permitted total of 100 sq.ft.; and from Section 413.5(d) to permit a height for Sign #4 of 39.75 feet in lieu of the maximum allowed height of 25 feet, all as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibits 1 through 7.

The Petitioners, Cohen Berger Partnership, and Tenants, Heritage Chevrolet, Inc., Heritage Subaru, Inc., Heritage Volkswagen, Inc., and Heritage Dodge, Inc., by Jerome H. Fader, their Executive Vice President, and Steven B. Fader appeared, testified, and were represented by Julius Lichter, Esquire. Harry Connolly of Connolly Signs appeared on behalf of the Petition. The following persons appeared as Protestants: Rev. Frederick J. Hanna; Phyllis L. Daly, representative of the Reisterstown/Owings Mills/Glyndon Council; and Michael Quinn and Dennis R. Orr, representives of the Kingsley Road Community Association.

At the onset of the hearing, the Petitioners, through their Counsel, indicated that they were withdrawing their request for a variance from Section 413.5(d) to permit a height for Sign #4 of 39.75 feet in lieu of the maximum

height permitted of 25 feet. Counsel for the Petitioners indicated that the height for Sign #4 would be in compliance with the 25-foot height regulation set forth in Section 413.5(d).

The subject property, located in the 9400 Block of Reisterstown Road, consists of 11 acres, more or less, of which approximately 10 acres are zoned B.M. and 1 acre is zoned D.R. 10.5. Jerome Fader testified that for approximately 7 of the last 9 years, the subject property has been leased by Heritage Chevrolet, Inc. Approximately 2 years ago, the Petitioners purchased the subject property and decided to develop the property as an auto park. Testimony indicated that after lengthy County Review Group (CRG) approval and negotiations with the various dealerships involved, the project as set forth in Petitioner's Exhibit 1 was developed. Mr. Fader testified that originally he was desirous of having one sign on the property which would identify each of the dealerships within the park. He indicated that despite numerous requests and negotiations, each dealer has required that the sign be one of the various signs approved by) the dealership and attached by Petitioner to their Petition. In support of Petitioners' position, Petitioners submitted letters from Volkswagen United States, Inc., Chrysler Motors, and Subaru Atlantic, Inc. In the letter from Su-Sbaru Atlantic, Inc., Petitioners were advised that the 4' x 4' logo is optional.

The Petitioners indicated that in each case, they have tried to use the Eqallest size and satisfy the requirements of both the dealership and the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA). Petitioners further testified that they desire to I have a good working relationship with the community and recently had met with a nearby resident to insure there would be no spillage of lighting into his resi-

Through their Counsel, the Petitioners argued that technically they could subdivide the property in which event they would be permitted, as a matter of right, to have one sign, not to exceed 100 sq.ft., for each dealership. Tes-

timony indicated that the Cohen Berger Limited Partnership has entered into separate leases with each tenant for distinct areas of the subject property as a result of MVA requirements. Petitioners argued that to deny the variance would result in practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship to them and not be within the spirit and intent of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R).

Rev. Hanna, rector of All Saints Church in Reisterstown, testified that he is opposed to the Petitioner's request. He indicated that he feels Reisterstown Road has become "like Ritchie Highway." He indicated that he feels that by permitting the requested variances it will allow the dealerships to regulate signs rather than Baltimore County doing so.

Phyllis Daly, the planning and zoning coordinator for the Reisterstown/ Owings Mills/Glyndon Council, indicated that she concurred with the statements of Rev. Hanna.

Michael Quinn, of the Kingsley Road Community Association, introduced as Frotestant's Exhibits 1A and 1B, a letter dated March 21, 1988 to the Zoning Commissioner and a letter dated March 17, 1988 to C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger III, Councilman for Baltimore County's Third District, from the Association expressing their concerns. Mr. Quinn indicated that he is opposed to the additional signage in an area which he and other residents in the community pass every day.

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The Petitioners seek relief from Sections 413.2(e) and 413.2(f), pursuant to Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations 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:

 whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome; 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; and

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. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variances are granted, such uses as proposed would not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and would not result in substantial 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 result if the variances requested were not granted in part. It is equally clear that the residents of the area are strongly opposed to the placement of multiple signs on the subject property. Needless to say, the Protestants are in favor of one identification sign in strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. However, the Petitioners' testimony regarding the hardship they would suffer if the variances were not granted, and the fact that they could subdivide the property so that each dealership would be permitted to have their own sign, cannot be ignored.

It has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioners seek relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, in the opinion of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the variances requested and as modified below will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare. However, in corder to insure that the Petitioners' original desire to combine signage is pursued and the concerns of the community are taken into consideration, the restrictions set forth hereinafter will be imposed.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variances requested should be granted, in part, with restrictions as more fully described

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this _____ day of April, 1988 that variances from Section 413.2(e) to permit four identification signs as follows: Sign #2 for Heritage Chevrolet. shall not be greater than 109 sq.ft.; Sign #4 for Heritage Subaru shall not exceed 86 sq.ft.; Sign #5 for Heritage Volkswagen shall not exceed 82.27 sq.ft.; Sign #6 for Heritage Dodge shall not exceed 50 sq.ft.; a variance to permit three identification signs to be opposite land zoned residential; and further, a variance from Section 413.2(f) to permit other business signs as follows: Sign #1, an existing Parts, Service and Body Shops sign not to exceed 18 sq.ft., and Sign #3, an existing OK Used Cars sign not to exceed 108 sq.ft., be and are hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions:

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

2) The variances granted herein are conditioned upon no other signs of any nature being placed on the property or buildings thereon without a new public hearing.

3) The Petitioners shall be permitted a four-month period within which any existing signs shall be removed and replaced with signs in compliance with this Order.

4) The variances granted herein are limited to use of the property as set forth in Petitioner's Exhibit 1. If this parcel is used for any other purpose, a new hearing must be held prior to any placement of signs on the property, other than those permitted as a matter of right by the B.C.Z.R.

of three (3) years from the date of this Order. If the Petitioners desire having the signs remain on the property, they shall file the appropriate Petitions and another public hearing shall be required. At that time, Petitioners shall have the burden of presenting evidence as to why any variances should be granted and evidence that they have continued to seek approval of the dealerships for a combined sign. The Petitioners are hereby notified that following the next public hearing, the subject variances may be modified, including, but not limited to, a requirement that the signs not in strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. be removed, and being required to combine the four dealership signs into one identification sign.

ANN M. NASTAROWICZ
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 82.25 described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a 413.2(e) to permit 4 I.D. signs-#2(109 sq.ft.)#4(116.22 sq.ft.)#5(139.00 sq. ft.) Variance from Section #6(80.93 sq. ft.) in lieu of the allowed 1 sign of 150 sq. ft.; also to permit 3 I.D. signs to be opposite land zoned residential; 413.2(f) to permit other business signs #(1) and #(3) to have a total sq. footage of 434-sq. ft. (counting both sides) in lieu of the allowed total of 100 sq. ft.; also 413.5(d) to permit sign #(4) I.D. sign a total height of 39.75 ft. in lieu of the allowed total height of 25 ft.

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

1- Signs 1, 2 & 3 exist on the property pursuant to appropriate permits/23/#

2- Signs as shown are required as a condition of franchise agreements with the automobile manufacturer.

3- Sign necessary to identify product in auto park setting.

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.

Tenant:	I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
entrat Paralex:	Legal Owner(s):
Heritage Chevrolet, Inc.	Cohen Berger Partnership (A Maryland General
(Type or Print Name)	(Type or Print Name) Partnership)
By Jume Taler	Of Jan Cales - PARTHER
Signa ure	Signature
9423 Reisterstown Road	
Address	(Type or Print Name)
Garrison, Maryland 21055	
City and State SEE ADDENDUM	Signature
Attorney for Petitioner:	
Julius W. Lichter	9428 Reisterstown Road
(Type or Print Name)	Address Phone No.
Signature	Garrison, Maryland 21055 City and State
305_N. Chesapeake Avenue	•
Address	Name, address and phone number of legal owner, con- tract purchaser or representative to be contacted
Towson, Maryland 21204	Julius W. Lichter
City and State	Name
Attorney's Telephone No.: (301)321-0600	305 W.Chesapeake Ave. (301) 321-0600 Address Phone No.
ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of	Baltimore County, this day

TIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING -1/2HR.

OTHER

AVAILABLE FOR HEARING
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Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County.

ADDENDUM TO
PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

Additional Tenants:

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Heritage Subaru, Inc.

By:

9428 Reisterstown Road
Garrison, Maryland 21055

Heritage Volkswagen, Inc.

9428 Reisterstown Road Garrison, Maryland 21055

Heritage Dodge, Inc.

9428 Reisterstown Road Garrison, Maryland 21055 KIDDE CONSULTANTS, INC. Subsidiary of Kidde, Inc.

DESCRIPTION
0.53 ACRE, MORE OR LESS PARCEL
SOUTHWEST SIDE REISTERSTOWN ROAD
AT
HERITAGE AUTO PARK

This description is for sign variances in "BL" and "BM"

Reisterstown Road, said point of beginning being South 43 degrees
43 minutes 00 seconds East 120 feet, more or less from the southeast
side of Cedarmere Road, thence binding on the southwest right-of-way
line of Reisterstown Road (1) South 43 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds
East 655 feet, more or less to intersect the existing DR10.5/"BL"
Zone Line shown on Zoning Map NW 13I, thence leaving Reisterstown
Road and binding on said zoning line (2) South 46 degrees 17 minutes
00 seconds West 35.00 feet, thence binding on a line parallel
to and 35.00 feet southwest of the aforesaid right-of-way line
of Reisterstown Road (3) North 43 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds West
655 feet, more or less to a point, thence (4) North 46 degrees
34 minutes 31 seconds East 35.00 feet, more or less to the point
of beginning.

CONTAINING 0.53 acres of land, more or less or 22,925 square feet, more or less.

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January 28, 1988

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Towson, Maryland

Towson, Maryland	
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/ Signature Number of Signs:	

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING
ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
Towner, Maryland

Towner, Mary	FF-413-A
District 4th Posted for: Variance	Date of Posting June 29-88
Petitioner: Cohen Berger Portry Location of property: SW/side of Reisters Of Cerlamere Road	town Road, 120'SE of
Location of Signe: 5W side of Rusterst	own Road approp 200 'last
Remarks:	
Signature Signature	Date of return: July 1-88

Zoning Act and Regulations of Balti-more County, will hold a pubic more County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified breven in Room 10h of the County Office Building, located at 11 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland as follows:

Petition for Zoning Variance Case number: 88-413-A
SW/S Reisterstown Road, 120' SE Cedarmere Road
(9428 Reisterstown Road)
4th Election District —
3rd Councilmanic District
Petitionera: Cohen Berger Part nership Hearing Scheduled: Tuesday, March 22, 1988 at 9:00 a.m. Variance to permit four (4) 1.D. signs: #2-(109 sq. ft.), #4-(116.22 sq. ft.), #5-(82.25 sq. ft.), #6-(80.93 sq. ft.) in lieu of the allowed one (1) sign of 150 sq. ft.; also to permit three (3) 1.D. signs to be opposite land zoned residential; to permit other business signs (#1 and #3) to have a total sq. ft. (counting both footage of 226 sq. ft. (counting both sides) in lieu of the allowed total of 100 sq. ft.; also to permit sign (#4 I.D. sign) a total height of 39.75 ft. in lieu of the allowed height of 25 feet. In the event that this Petition is paid permit during this period for good cause shown. Such request must be in writing and received in this office by the date of the hearing set above or presented at the hear

1. ROBERT HAIN

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

TOWSON, MD., March 3 = 19.88 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 March 3, 19.88

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April 15, 1988

Julius W. Lichter, Esquire 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE SW/S Reisterstown Road, 120' SE of Cedarmere (9428 Reisterstown Road) 4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Cohen Berger Partnership - Petitioners Case No. 88-413-A

Dear Hr. Lichter:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered on the above-referenced case. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been Granted, in part, subject to the restrictions noted in the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact this office.

Very truly yours,

ANN M. NASTAROWICZ Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

Enclosures

cc: Rev. Freuerick J. Hanna 203 Chatsworth Avenue, Reisterstown, Md. 21136

Ms. Phyllis L. Daly 205 Janet Road, Reisterstown, Md. 21135

Mr. Michael Quinn 27 Kingsley Road, Owings Mills, Md. 21117

Mr. Dennis R. Orr

28 Kingsley Road, Owings Mills, Md. 21117

People's Counsel

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204

494-3353

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, located at 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland as follows:

NOTICE OF HEARING

Petition for Zoning Variance Case number: 88-413-A SW/S Reisterstown Road, 120' SE Cedarmere Road (9428 Reisterstown Road) 4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Petitioner(s): Cohen Berger Partnership HEARING SCHEDULED: TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1988 at 9:00 a.m.

Variance to permit four (4) I.D. signs: #2-(109 sq. ft.), #4-(116.22 sq. ft.), #5-(82.25 sq. ft.), #6-(80.93 sq. ft.) in lieu of the allowed one (1) sign of 150 sq. ft.; also to permit three (3) I.D. signs to be opposite land zoned residential; to permit other buisness signs (#1 and #3) to have a total sq. footage of 226 sq. ft. (counting both sides) in lieu of the allowed total of 100 sq. ft.; also to permit sign (#4 I.D. sign) a total height of 39.75 ft. in lieu of the allowed height of 25

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 the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will be period for good with the commission of the commi

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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2. Weight 280 lbs.
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 One Face Hinges for Service B. 2' x 6' D.F. DEALER IMPRINT SIGN Sign Area
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☐ VOLKSWAGEN IN WHITE ON A BLUE BACKGROUND WITH A WHITE BACKGROUND DEALER NAME IN BLACK LETTERS WITH WHITE BACKGROUND Hometown Volkswagen 2" x 2" x 1/4" ANGLE CLIPS ☑ 4" x 4" x 1/4" A-500 GRADE B TUBING @ 12.02 #/FT. (POLES) - PAINTED PMS 877 (6) F48T12 HO/D (2) F42T12 HO/D FL. Lamps REINFORCED (2) 72T12 H/O FL. Lamps CONCRETE 12" FOUNDATION C. BOTH SIGNS ARE U.L. APPROVED AND LABELED. D. COLUMN SIZE AND FOUNDATION WILL VARY WITH DIFFERENT SIGN MOUNTING HEIGHTS.

BETWEEN POLE DEALER IMPRINT SIGN

FLUSH WALL MOUNT 5x6 SUBARU MSA 759A MSA 810C 5x6 Logo 4x4 Logo -12"x12"x%" STEEL TUBE WITH COVER. 4x4 SUBARU - 4 ANCHOR BOLTS 2" 4, 4'-91/2" LG. 3 NUTS EACH 10" THD., 7" HOOK 2 WASHERS EACH Double Face MSA 810B Logo MSA 751A Single Face MSA 810D Logo MSA 750A Shown with optional Logo. ELECTRICAL LOAD: 16.6 AMPS @ 120 VOLTS

Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 494-3353 J. Robert Haines

June 20, 1988



Baltimore County Board of Appeals Old Courthouse, Room #205

RE: Petition for Zoning Variance SW/S Reisterstown Road, 120' SE of Cedarmere Road (9428 Reisterstown Road) 4th Election District, 3rd Councilmanic Discrict Cohen Berger Limited Partnership, et al - Petitioner Case No. 88-413-A

Dear Board:

Please be advised that appeals of the above-referenced case were filed in this office on May 12, 1988, by The Rev. Frederick J. Hanna, Protestant, and also May 13, 1988 by Julius W. Lichter, Attorney on behalf of the Fetitioner. All materials relative to the case are being forwarded herewith.

Please notify all parties to the case of the date and time of the appeal hearing when it has been scheduled. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

J. ROBERT HAINES

Zoning Commissioner

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Enclosures

cc: Julius W. Lichter, Attorney for Petitioner Levin, Gann & Hankin, 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

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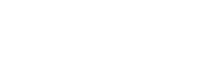
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

J. Robert Haines TO Zoning Commissioner Late_September 7, 1988

Kathleen C. Weidenhammer County Board of Appeals

Returned Plat - / SUBJECT___Case No. 88-413-A/(Cohen Berger Partnership)

The subject appeal was heard before the Board on August 25, 1988. At that time, a two-page plat was entered as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1-A and No. 1-B.

The Board was requested to have a copy made of this plat and return the original to the Zoning Office, since this was the only plat in this file. Attached is the original plat from the Zoning file as we have now received our copy of same.

Attachment

LAW OFFICES LEVIN, GANN & HANKIN A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

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J. Robert Haines, Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE SW/S Reisterstown Road, . 120' SE of Cedarmere Road (9428 Reisterstown Road) 4th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District Cohen Berger Partnership, et al Petitioners Case No. 88-413-A

Dear Mr. Haines:

On behalf of the Cohen Berger Partnership, et al, Petitioners, of 9428 Reisterstown Road, Garrison, Baltimore County, Maryland, please note an appeal from the April 15, 1988 and May 13, 1988 decisions of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner in the above noted matter.

May 13, 1988

Please find attached my check in the amount of \$75.00, payable to Baltimore County, Maryland, as payment of the fee for appeal.

Sincerely, Julius W. Lichter

Enclosure

cc: People's Counsel for Baltimore County



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

Room 200 Court House Cowson, Maryland 2120-1 (301)-191-3180

HEARING ROOM #218

July 7, 1988 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). NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SCHEDULED HEARING DATE UNLESS IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 2(c), COUNTY COUNCIL BILL NO. 59-79.

COHEN BERGER PARTNERSHIP, ET AL CASE NO. 88-413-A

SW/s Reisterstown Rd., 120' SE Cedarmere Rd. (9428 Reisterstown Rd.) 4th Election District

4/15/88 - ZC's Order, Variances GRANTED subj. to restrictions

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1988, at 10 a.m. ASSIGNED FOR:

RE: Signs

cc: Julius Lichter, Esq. Counsel for Petitioner

Rev. Frederick J. Hanna Protestant-Appellant People's Counsel

James Hoswell J. Robert Haines

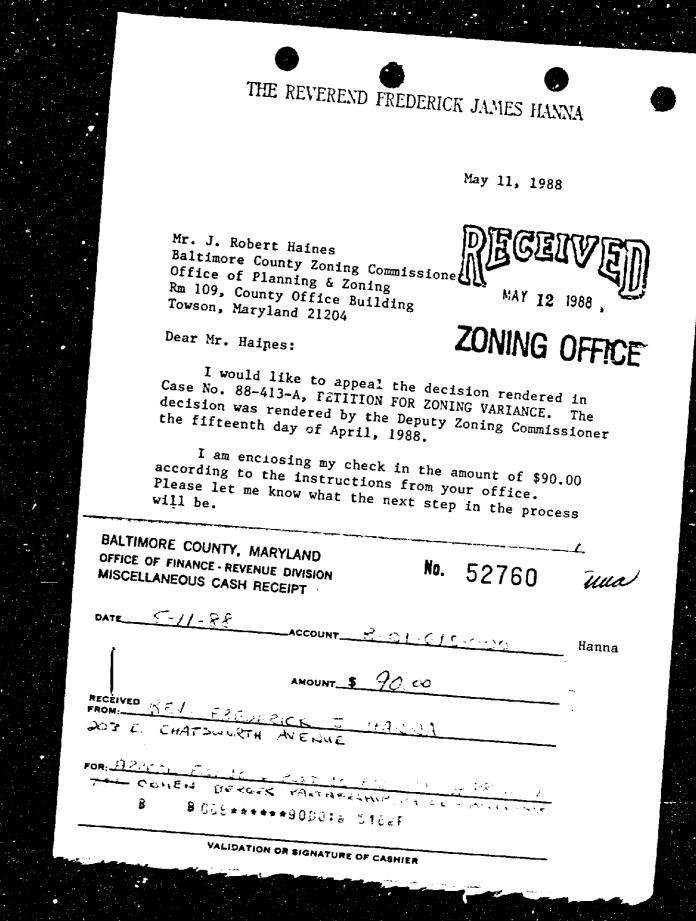
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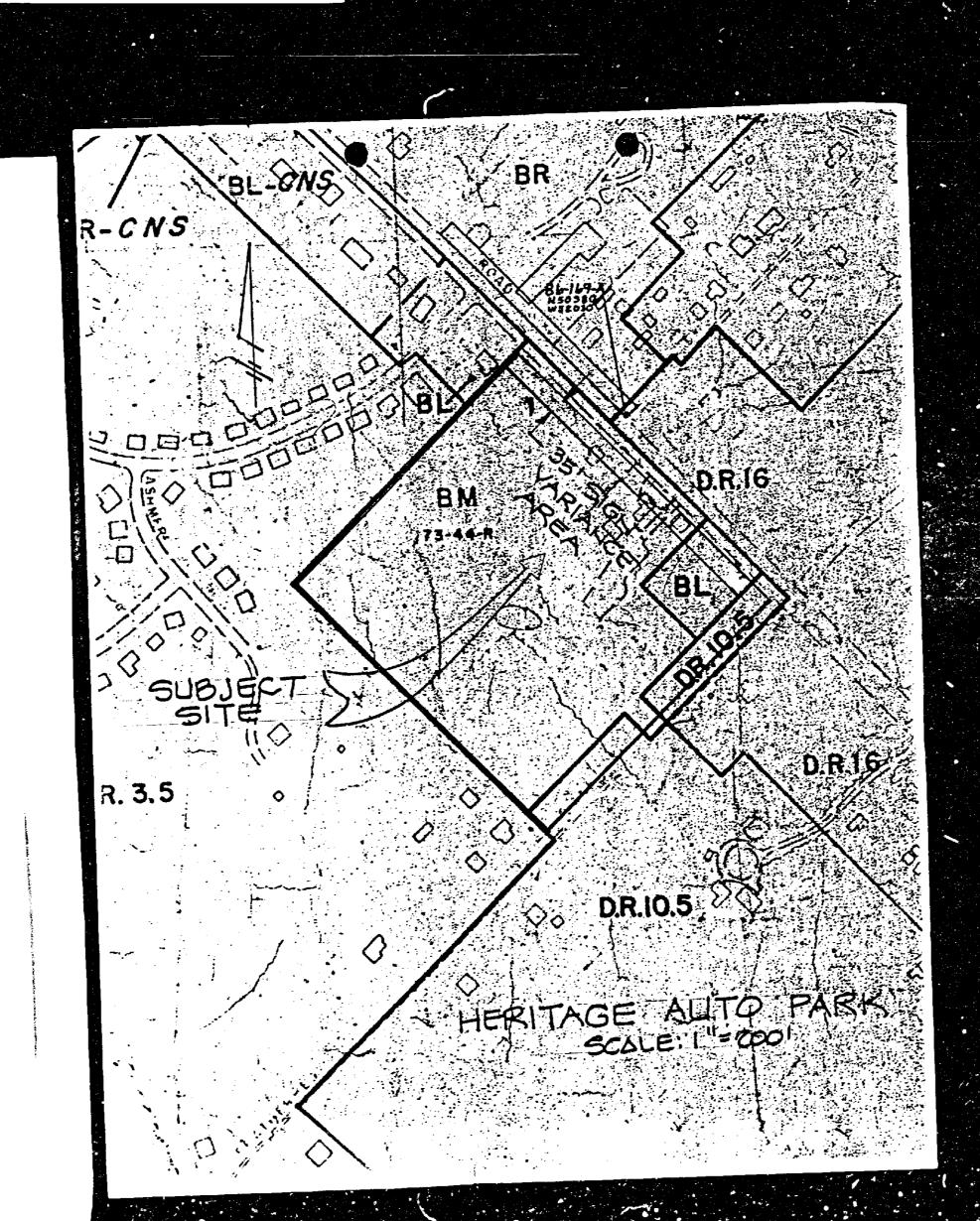
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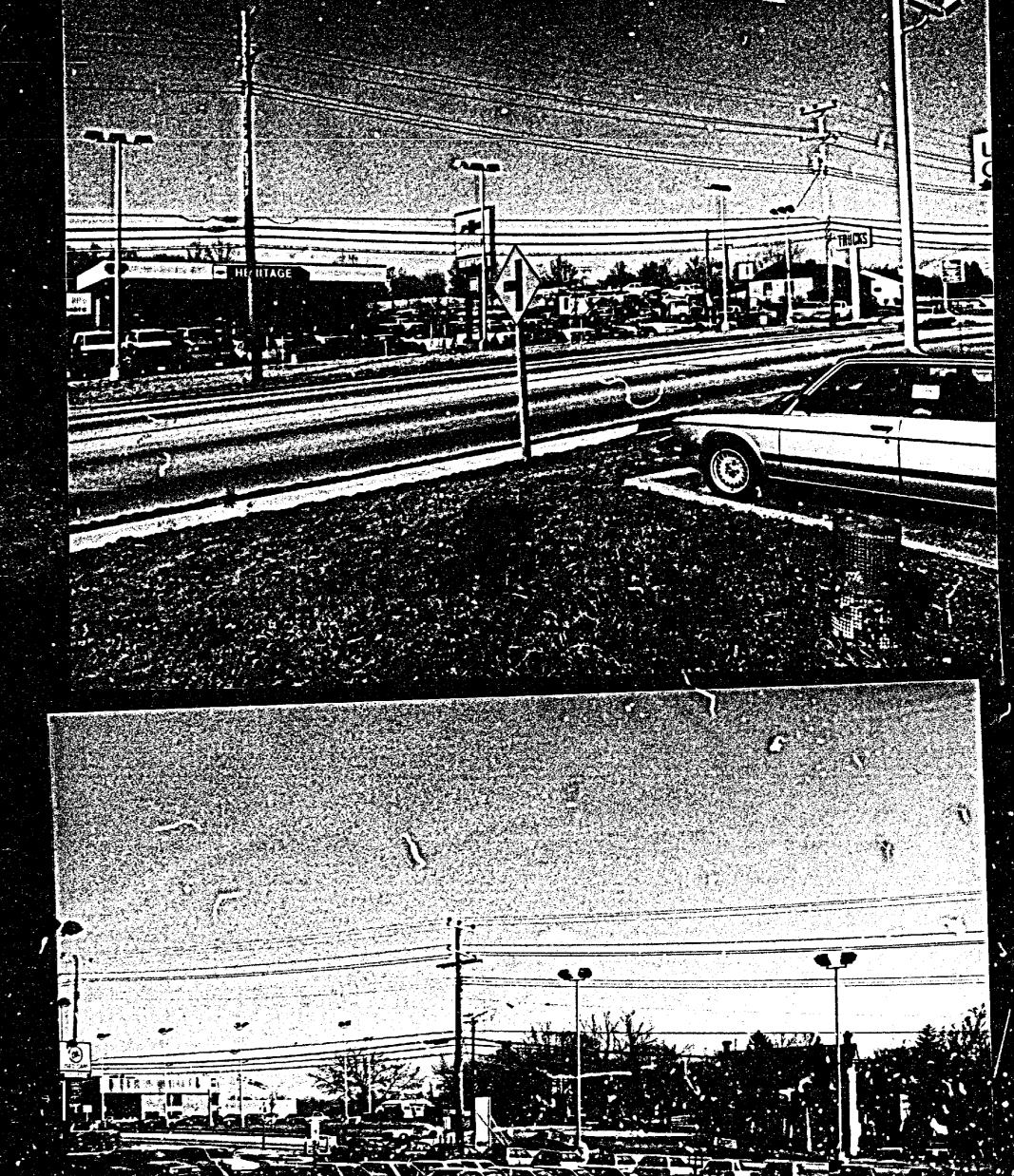
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BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING

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

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this day of February

> Chairman, Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

> > March 15, 1988

Cohen Berger Partnership Julius W. Lichter, Esquire

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MAIL LAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO J. Robert Haines, Esq. Zoning Commissioner

FROM Mr. P. David Fields, Director
Office of Planning and Zoning

SUCTION Zoning Petition #88-413-A

This office is opposed to the granting of the subject variances believing that the standard signage provided for in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations is adequate. Further, we are particularly concerned with the variance to height in view of adjacent residential areas. Finally, we question whether or not the requested variance to permit signs opposite residentially zoned land can be granted in that it would appear to be a "use" variance, not an "area" variance.

P. David Fields, Director
Office of Planning and Zoning

PDF/jat cc: Shirley M. Hess, Peoples Counsel Zoning Office J. G. Hoswell

Baltimore County Fire Department Towsen, Maryland 21204-2586

494-45.7 Paul H. Reincke

February 11, 1988

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

Dennis F. Rasmussen County Executive

Re: Property Owner: Cohen Berger Partnership

Location: SW/S Reisterstown Rd., 120' SE Cedarmere Road

Item No.: 284

Zoning Agenda: Meeting of 2/16/88

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.

EXCEFDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department.

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

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

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

() 3. The vehicle dead end condition shown at

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

Special Inspection Division

DFR:bjs cc: Ms. Kathi Weidenhammer

Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe

Baltimore County, Maryland

Executive Office

494-3728 (TTY)

Mr. Sol Snyder

513 Nassau Street

Dear Mr. Snyder:

Pikesville, Maryland 21208

Case No. 88-413-A

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

(9428 Reisterstown Road)

SW/S Reisterstown Road, 120' SE of Cedarmere Road

4th Election District; 3rd Councilmanic District

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Cohen Berger Partnership, et al - Petitioners

494-2450

Courthouse Mezzanine

Towson, Maryland 21204

DENNIS F. RASMUSSEN County Executive TOWNS GFFICE

Very truly yours,

Dennis F. Rasmussen

BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

RE: Item No. 284 - Case No. 88-413-A

Petition for Zoning Variance

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submit-

ted 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

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

Very truly yours,

JAMES E. DYER

Chairman

James E. Dyen /cer

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

Petitioner: Cohen Berger Partnership

Julius W. Lichter, Esquire

305 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Lichter:

JED:cer

Enclosures

cc: Kidde Consultants, Inc.

1020 Cromwell Bridge Road

June 3, 1988

Thank you for your letter expressing your position and concerns about

Please be advised that you may file an appeal of the decision rendered

For your information an appeal has been filed by both the Petitioner's

the signs on Reisterstown Road and in particular, the variances granted in the

above-captioned case. For your information, I have attached a copy of the deci-

in this case provided you do so in writing within thirty (30) days of the date

of the Amended Order, or by June 13, 1988. For further information, please con-

attorney and one of the Protestants. As a result, a de novo hearing will be

held and heard by the County Board of Appeals. Their decision will be based

upon the testimony and evidence presented at that hearing. If the Board re-

verses the decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, any signs constructed in

the interim will have to be removed if not in compliance with the terms and con-

ditions of the Order of the Board of Appeals. If you would like to be notified

of the date and time for the appeal hearing, it is suggested you contact Ms.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns in this matter with me.

Kathi Weidenhammer, Administrative Secretary for the Board, at 494-3180.

tact the Office of Zoning Appeals Clerk, Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe, at 494-3391.

Towson, Maryland 21204

COUNTY OFFICE BLDG. 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Maryland 2120

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ZONING GFROE February 18, 1988

Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204 Att: James Dyer

RE: Baltimore County Zoning meeting 2/16/88 Heritage Auto Park S/W/S Reisterstown Road opposite Kingsley Road Item #284 Property Owner: Cohen Berger Partnership

Dear Mr. Haines:

After reviewing the submittal for a variance of a business sign, we have the following comments.

The submittal for variance of a business sign has been forwarded to the State Highway Administration-Beautification Section C/O Morris Stein, 333-1642, for all comments relative to

The proposed zoning is as follows:

ft.) #4 (116.22 sq. ft.) #5 (139.00 sq. ft.) #6 (80.93 sq. ft.) in lieu of the allowed 1 sign of 150 sq. ft.; also to permit 3 I.D. signs to be opposite land zoned residential;

to permit other business signs #(1) and #(3) to have a total square footage of 434 sq. ft. (counting both sides) in lieu of the allowed total of 100 sq. ft.; also to permit sign #(4) I.D. sign a total height of 39.75 feet in lieu of the allowed total height of 25 feet.

Variance to permit 4 I.D. signs-#2 (109 sq.

Area:

Proposed Zoning:

0.53 acres.

District: 4th Election District.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Brocato of this office.

> Very truly yours, Creston J. Mills, Jr. Acting Chief-Bureau of My telephone number is (301) S33 1350 Permits

Teletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech 383-7555 Baltimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free 707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

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August 27, 1988

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Ms. Ann M. Nastarowicz Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Cohen-Berger Partnership, Petitioners Case No. 88-413-A

Dear Ms. Nastarowicz:

As per my phone conversation with you following receipt of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and the Order in this case, and after reviewing same with my clients, I can advise and confirm that my statement at the beginning of the hearing indicated that the requested height variance be reduced by 4 feet to 35.75 feet in lieu of the maximum allowed height of 25 feet. This reduction in height was precipitated by the fact that sign No. 4 would be located in a area protected by curbing as opposed to the unprotected location previously indicated. As the record indicates, this particular sign is the smallest sign available from the manufacturer in accordance with my clients' dealership

With regard to paragraph 2 of your Order of April 15, 1988, my client had intended placing a sign on the facade of each building to clarify the location of each brand of automobile, (i.e., Chevrolet, Suburu, Volkswagen and Dodge). These signs would contain no other wording or letters other than perhaps a logo of the particular manufacturer and would be placed on the buildings in accordance with the existing sign regulations. My clients are very appreciative of your every consideration in this matter; however, they feel that the respective signs on the facades of the building as permitted by the regulations are required in the operation of their business. They feel that the signs on the facade are necessary as an additional aid and convenience to the customers visiting the Auto Park in locating the particular automobile dealership in which they are

BALTIMOR DUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMEN ECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Office of Planning and Zoning County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204 . Zoning Item # 284, Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of February 14, 1988

Zoning Commissioner

Property Owner: Cohen Berger Partnership

Location: 5 1/5 Reistrotown Rd. 120 SE Codernere Rd. District Water Supply <u>metro</u> COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: () Prior to approval of a Building Permit for construction, renovation and/or installation of equipment

for any existing or proposed food service facility, complete plans and specifications must be submitted to the Plans Review Section, Bureau of Regional Community Services, for final review Prior to new installation/s of fuel burning equipment, the owner shall contact the Bureau of Air Quality Management, 494-3775, to obtain requirements for such installation/s before work begins.

() A permit to construct from the Bureau of Air Quality Management is required for such items as spray paint processes, underground gasoline storage tank/s (5,000 gallons or more) and any other equipment or process which exhausts into the atmosphere. () A permit to construct from the Bureau of Air Quality Management is required for any charbroiler operation which has a total cooking surface area of five (5) square feet or more.

) Prior to approval of a Building Permit Application for renovations to existing or construction of new health care facilities, complete plans and specifications of the building, food service area and type of equipment to be used for the food service operation must be submitted to the Plans Review and Approval Section, Division of Engineering and Maintenance, State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for review and approval. () Prior to any new construction or substantial alteration of public swimming pool, wading pool,

bathhouse, saunas, whirlpools, hot tubs, water and sewerage facilities or other appurtenances pertaining to health and safety; two (2) copies of plans and specifications must be submitted to the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management for review and approval. For more complete information, contact the Recreational Hygiene Section, Bureau

() Prior to approval for a nursery school, owner or applicant must comply with all Baltimore County regulations. For more complete information, contact the Division of Maternal and Child Health. () If lubrication work and oil changes are performed at this location, the method providing for the elimination of waste oil must be in accordance with the State Department of the Environment. () Prior to razing of existing structure/s, petitioner must contact the Division of Waste Management at 494-3768, regarding removal and/or disposal of potentially hazardous materials and solid wastes.

Petitioner must contact the Bureau of Air Quality Management regarding removal of asbestos, 494-3775. () Any abandoned underground storage tanks containing gasoline, waste oil, solvents, etc., must have the contents removed by a licensed hauler and tank removed from the property or properly backfilled. Prior to removal or abandonment, owner must contact the Division of Waste Management at 494-3768. () Soil percolation tests, have been ____, must be ____, conducted.
() The results are valid until _____.

Water and Sewer to determine whether additional tests are required. () Where water wells are to be used as a source of water supply, a well meeting the minimum Baltimore

() In accordance with Section 13-117 of the Baltimore County Code, the water well yield test) is not acceptable and must be retested. This must be accomplished prior to conveyance of property and approval of Building Permit Applications.

() Prior to occupancy approval, the potability of the water supply must be verified by collection () If submission of plans to the County Review Group is required, a Hydrogeological St

(V) Others Drainage from interior service bays is to be directed

To sanitary sewer via oil separator

BUREAU OF WATER QUALITY AND RESOURCE

LEVIN, GANN & HANKIN

Ms. Ann M. Nastarowicz Deputy Zoning Commissioner Page 2 August 27, 1988

interested.

My clients feel that they have demonstrated sensitivity in the development of their respective sites along Reisterstown Road and that the required signage pursuant to the variance request and the signs on the facades of each building are in keeping with a first class auto park. If I have contributed in failing to advise you during the hearing of my clients' intention to have the signs placed on the facades, I apologize for failing to do so and hope that my failure to do so would not be charged to my

As stated at the hearing, my clients have filed a request to reclassify property owned by them on the land opposite the site for the purposes of locating a fifth dealership. This request is involved in the 1988 Comprehensive Zoning Process and is identified as Issue No. 3-199. The residentially zoned property opposite the site is not occupied and is developed by vacant buildings which will be removed should we be successful in obtaining a change in zoning for that purpose.

Therefore, I would appreciate your entering a favorable ruling with regard to the height variance of sign No. 4 and removing the restriction as to the signage to be placed on the facades of each building as described.

Your every consideration would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Julius W. Lichter

JWL:lsp

/jl

KINGSLEY ROAD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Michael K. Quinn
27 Kingsley Road
Owings Mills, MD 21117

March 21, 1988

Zoning Commissioner Room 106 11 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Dear Sir:

Re: Zoning Variance Request Heritage Chevrolet Signage

This is to serve as a formal request to deny the zoning varience request by Keritage Chevrolet. It is my understanding that Heritage is requesting permission to place 3 or 4 signs on their property along Reisterstown Road in Owings Mills that will be larger than current laws allow.

The restrictions set down in the past were done so with this type of over-kill signage from happening. It was deemed necessary to keep Reisterstown Road from becoming a battle ground for sign wars, and to keep the area as appeasing as possible. Owings Mills is still very much a community oriented area and does not need this type of eye sore to stand out.

It is also a problem for this Association because Heritage has applied to raze four houses in our community and construct another dealership. If Heritage is granted this signage varience now, it will do so again and continue to light up our neighborhood.

Please consider our situation and the reasons that the laws were set down.

I am sure with this in mind that the only answer will be a denial to Heritage.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Michael K. Quinn

MKQ

cc: Councilman Ruppersberger

PROTESTANT'S EXHIBIT 14

LEASE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Landlord is the owner of all that parcel or lot of land (herein the "Land") described in Exhibit A attached hereto as a part hereof, which land is commonly referred to as the Owings Mills Auto Park;

WHEREAS, a portion of the land is improved by an automobile dealership with attached service facility with parking facilities in common with the other automobile dealerships in the Auto Park, the dealership is known as Heritage Chevrolet, Inc. and with an address of 11234 collectively the "Building");

WHEREAS, Landlord has agreed to lease the Building unto the Tenant (said Building begin herein collectively referred to as the "Demised Premises") for the rentals and under the terms and conditions herein set forth and provided.

Now, THEREFORE, this Lease, witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the respective representations and agreements, the payment of the rent and performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions herein contained, Landlord does hereby lease and demise unto Tenant and Tenant does following terms and conditions:

1. DEMISED PREMISES.

Landlord hereby leases to Tenant and Tenant hereby rents from Landlord the Building to be constructed on the Land. Said Building shall constitute the Demised Premises for purposes of this Lease.

SUBJECT HOWEVER, to the application provisions of this Lease, including, without limitation, the following:

deeds of trust, security agreements, agreements, contracts and covenants created in connection with the deed of trust given by Cohen-Berger ID of Principal Partnership, to secure a load, the process of which

KINGSLEY ROAD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Michael K. Quinn
27 Kingsley Road
Owings Mills, MD 21117

March 17, 1988

C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger, III Councilman, Third District Second Floor, Court House Towson, MD 21204

Dear Sir:

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for the consideration and efforts you've given to our small community. The results are greatly appreciated.

Enclosed is your information form which you requested. Also, my latest correspondence with Mr. Macks regarding fencing at Meriam Court and the ajoining properties. I am discovering, like you, that trying to please everyone and settle all matters is extremely difficult.

This, surely, is the case with the rezoning requests. There are an abundance and a variety of qualifications. I am sure April 19th will be a long day and night.

Taking all this into consideration, it seems to me that there must be some sort of guide lines that will followed that night. If you could let me know the flow of events for that night I would be grateful.

From Jennifer Macek, or your office, and Stuart Applebaum, of R.O.G., I glean there is still no set plan to approach that night. It also seems to me that Baltimore County Council has no "Master Zoning Plan" for the county, especially for the northwest area. Mr. Ruppersberger, has anyone thought out and written down the goals or directions that our county wants to take in rezoning? It seems very helter-skelter. Without a well laid plan, there will be more communities boxed-in like mine, or eliminated.

Currently, there is a signage law governing the specifications on signs along Reisterstown Road. This coming Tuesday there is a zoning variance hearing for Heritage Chevrolet to put up 3 or 4 larger than allowed bright signs. If this is allowed then there will surely be sign wars along Reisterstown Road, just like the rezoning wars to-date.

Mr. Ruppersberger, please let me know how you stand. My neighbors and I are very worried. I am more than willing to meet with you on these matters. You may call me anytime at work at 644-0088 or home at 356-3153.

Michael K. Quinn KRCA President

Very truly yours,

PROTESTANT'S
EXHIBIT 1 B

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE, effective as of the Z/V day of MINICH, 1988, by and between COHEN-BERGER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Maryand limited partnership (hereinafter referred to as "Landlord"), and HERITAGE SUBARU, INC., a Maryland corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Tenant").

WHEREAS, Landlord is the owner of all that parcel or lot of land (herein the "Land") described in Exhibit A attached hereto as a part hereof, which land is commonly referred to as the Owings Mills Auto Park;

WHEREAS, Landlord has agreed to erect and construct an automobile dealership with attached service facility with parking failities in common with the other automobile dealerships in the Auto Park, the dealership to be known as Heritage Subaru, Inc. and with an address of 11220 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117 (herein collectively the "Building");

WHEREAS, Landlord has agreed to lease the Building unto the Tenant (said Building begin herein collectively referred to as the "Demised Premises") for the rentals and under the terms and conditions herein set forth and provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Lease, witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the respective representations and agreements, the payment of the rent and performance of the covenants, terms conditions herein contained, Landlord does hereby lease and demise unto Tenant and Tenant does hereby lease from Landlord, the Demised Premises, upon the following terms and conditions:

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Landlord hereby leases to Tenant and Tenant hereby rents from Landlord the Building to be constructed on the Land. Said Building shall constitute the Demised Premises for purposes of this Lease. Included within the lease and demise evidence hereby shall be all licenses and permits necessary for the occupancy and operation of the Building (including, but not limited to, building permits, occupancy permits and permits and approvals to connect with and use public water systems, other public utilities and building streets are implied, concerning the Building, to the extent now or hereafter issued to, held by, I have seed by Landlord, and to the extent permitted by like by Landlord, and

LEASE AGREEMENT

PETITIONER'S

EXHIBIT 3

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1. <u>DEMISED PREMISES.</u>

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Title 11

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Subtitle 12 MOTOR VEHICLE

ADMINISTRATION — CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS

LICENSING

Chapter 01 Dealers and Salesmen

Authority: Transportation Article, #12-104(b) and 15-102, Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Dealer Licensing and Registration.

The Administration may refuse to grant a license to any person as a dealer or may suspend, revoke, or refuse to continue the license of a dealer already issued, unless meeting the requirements contained

A. Each location shall be subject to inspection by an authorized representative of the Administration before approval of application

for dealer registration.

B. Following approval of the application, the location shall be maintained in accordance with the applicable provisions of Transportation tained in accordance with the applicable provisions of Transportation tained in accordance with the applicable provisions of Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and the regulations promulgated by the Administration. Licensees are subject to re-investigation by authorized representatives of the Administration.

C. Only one license for the type of vehicles being offered for sale will be permitted at any one location, and once the location has been licensed, it may not be subdivided for the purpose of establishing other businesses, under separate licenses for the same type of vehicles being offered for sale, without the prior approval of the Administration. This prohibition also applies to a licensee doing business under more than one corporate structure.

D. A dealer may do business in a name or under any title or designation other than the corporation name, provided that the title or designation is not misleading. A trade or corporate name that falsely states or implies that the dealer has a special relationship or connection with a manufacturer that other dealers do not have is misleading, and is an example of a title or designation that may not be adopted by

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a dealer. The dealer's application for license shall state the full corporate name and all "trading as" or "doing business as" names. Example: ABC Pontiac — GMC — Datsun — Volvo, Inc.; T/A ABC Volvo, T/A ABC Datsun, T/A ABC Pontiac — GMC.

E. A dealer may hold multiple licenses, for example, new or used vehicle, motorcycle, and trailer dealers' licenses, provided that all licenses are issued in the same dealership name.

F. The location shall be accessible to the public, facing a main thoroughfare used for purposes of vehicular traffic and fully visible from

the thoroughfare.

G. The location shall be of a size to adequately and safely permit the display of a minimum of ten vehicles and space for customer park-

H. The location shall meet all local zoning regulations.

I. The location shall be fully lighted.

J. The display and customer parking areas shall be adequately surfaced with an appropriate covering, subject to approval by the Administration.

K. The additional locations shall be inspected and approved by the Administration.

L. Additional locations shall meet the minimum standards set forth in applicable provisions of the Transportation Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and the regulations promulgated by the Adminis-

Code of Maryland, and the regulations promulgated by the Administration.

M. Additional locations may use registration plates issued to the primary location provided the trade name and ownership are identical to that of the primary location.

N. Signs.
(1) Appropriate dealership signs shall be permanently affixed.
(2) The signs shall be of a size as to make them reasonably legible from the street or highway.

(3) The signs shall clearly identify the business conducted at the dealership and shall adequately direct the customers to the dealership office.

(4) As to wholesale dealers, a sign is not required. However, if a sign is displayed, it:

(a) Shall be displayed at the dealership entrance;

(b) May not be larger than 6 inches in height and 18 inches in

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(c) May not contain any language which implies the dealership will buy from, sell to, or exchange vehicles with the retail pub-

lic.
O. As to wholesale dealers, the location shall be in a permanent building and the space used shall be:

building and the space used shall be:

(1) Owned or leased by the wholesale dealer;

(2) Regularly occupied and exclusively used by the wholesale

dealer for dealership purposes.

.03 Office Requirements.

A. The dealership office shall be housed at the dealer's fixed location and in a substantial building adequate and appropriate for the business so conducted.

B. The dealership office shall be of sufficient size to accommodate the customers, and shall be equipped with office furniture, such as desk, chairs, and filing cabinets, and electricity, lighting, heat, and telephone, in order to reasonably conduct the dealership business.

C. A current trader's license shall be issued by the political subdivision of each location.

D. This license shall be displayed on the premises of the dealer in a conspicuous place.

A. If a location is otherwise adequate and appropriate, the location requirements outlined in Regulation .02F, G, I, J, and N of this chapter may be waived for wholesale dealers and for new trailer, boat trailer, and motorcycle dealers, who shall have the privilege of assigning manufacturer's certificates of origin and to issue temporary tags upon filing with the Administration a written franchise agreement from the manufacturer of the vehicles for which the deal-

er claims a franchise.

B. Manufacturers and distributors are exempt from location requirements for the purpose of securing Class 1A registration plates.

C. The registration of a dealer in the names of two or more persons as partners, or otherwise, may not require a re-inspection on a change in owners to be seen a partner or co-

C. The registration of a dealer in the names of two or more persons as partners, or otherwise, may not require a re-inspection on a change in owner that a top one person named as a partner or co-owner remains as the owner, part-event of its legal officers.

EXHIBIT.

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE, effective as of the 2/45 day of 1988, by and between COHEN-BERGER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a Maryand limited partnership (hereinafter referred to as "Landlord"), and Heritage Dodge, Inc., a Maryland corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Tenant").

WHEREAS, Landlord is the owner of all that parcel or lot of land (herein the "Land") described in Exhibit A attached hereto as a part hereof, which land is commonly referred to as the Owings Mills Auto Park;

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VOLKSWAGEN UNITED STATES, INC. Washington Region 9300 M.L. King, Jr. Highway Lanham, Maryland 20706 Tel. 301/459-7000

March 15, 1988

Mr. Jerry Fader, President Heritage Volkswagen, Inc. 11216 Reisterstown Road Owings Mills, MD 21117

Dear Mr. Fader:

As the newly approved Volkswagen dealer in Owings Mills, Maryland, you will be required to comply with our minimum signage requirements. You are expected to erect, as soon as possible, a minimum 6' diameter VW logo double-faced sign, either single or double-pole mount. This sign area totals と2.28.27 square feet.

Please contact me for ordering and shipping details.

Enclosed are signage schematics and current prices.

kegards, 🔑

Frank Petru Dealer Development Manager

FP/nad

Enclosures

PETITION R'S
EXHIBIT 4

WASHINGTON ZONE OFFICE

March 14, 1988

Mr. Louis Cohen Heritage Dodge, Inc. 9424 Reisterstown Road Owings Mills, Md. 21117-0589

Re: Corporate Signage

Dear Lou:

With reference to your new Dodge dealership now under construction, I do wish to reiterate Chrysler Motors Corporation's requirement that we be allowed to provide and install our standard Dodge Brand Sign on your property on Reisterstown Road. Based on code requirements we plan to install the standard "six foot" Brand Sign. This sign is approximately 48 square feet with a standard height of 21' 11".

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please let me know.

Best regards

R. E. Lucas Dealer Placement Manager

REL/ht

cc: D. S. McKenney

PETITIONER'S
EXHIBIT 43

PO 50X 3120 LANJOVER HILLS MARYLAND

Subaru Atlantic, Inc. co11 Larkin Boad P.O. Box 427 Savage Maryland 20763 (201) 488-1700

March 15, 1988

Mr. Jerry Fader Heritage Subaru, Inc. 11234 Reisterstown Road Owings Mills, MD 21117

Dear Jerry:

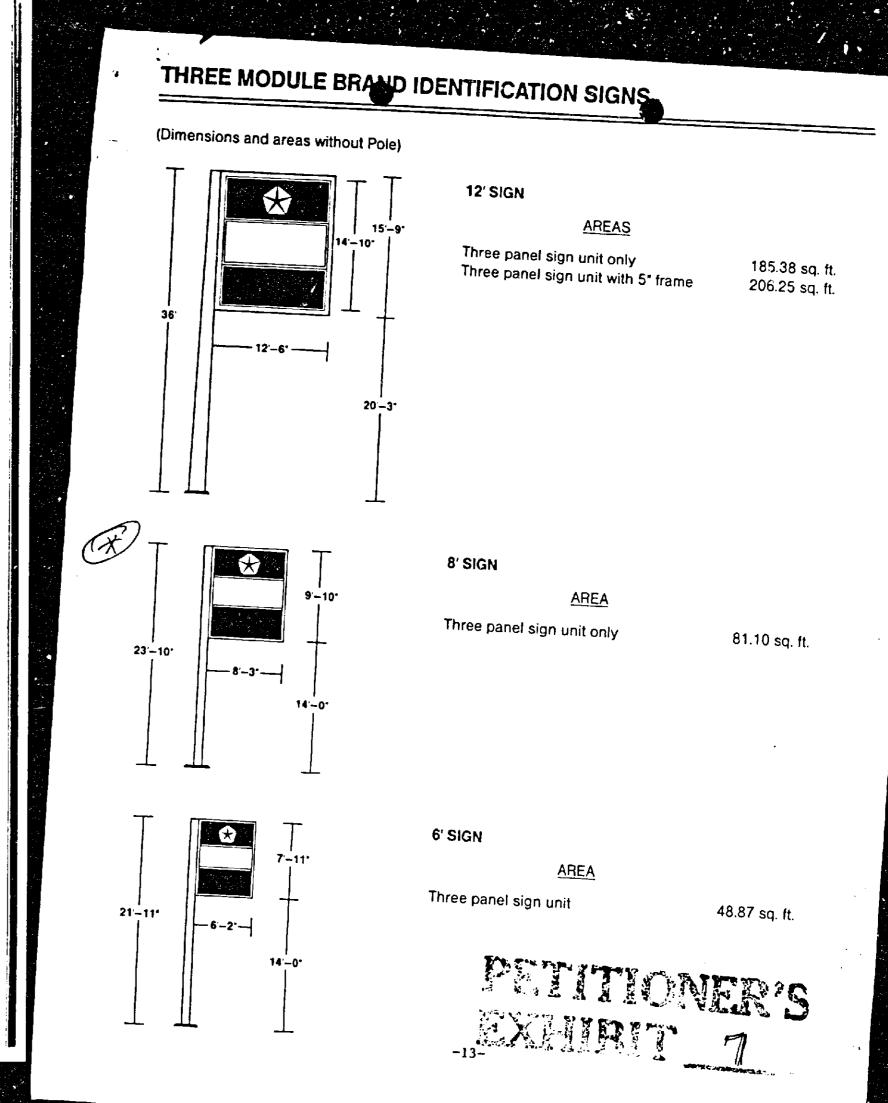
As a reminder, your approval as a Subaru dealer was based upon your meeting all of Subaru of America, Inc.'s minimum requirements. One requirement, a road front brand sign, is still needed. We prefer you to erect a Subaru brand sign using the 5' x 6' block letters. If this becomes impossible, we will approve a sign using the 4' x 4' block letters. With either size sign, the logo is optional. Please let me know when we can expect completion of this requirement.

> Rodger L. Cornish Market Development Manager

RLC/mo

cc: H.H. Purcell J. Miller

> PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT 10



March 12, 1988

Dear Mr. Haines:

3 Cedarmere Road Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

Mr. J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Case Number 88-413-A + C-P8-1373

ZONING OFFICE

I am writing to you in reference to the variance requested by Cohen Berger Partnership allowing I.D. signs to be of a size and position not normally permitted by Baltimore County Zoning Codes.

We, the residents of Cedarmere Road and adjoining neighborhoods, feel very strongly about this variance. The auto dealership in question is in an area of established housing and small businesses, and the addition of the requested signs would certainly be an eyesore, resulting in the ultimate drop of property values in the area. In addition to the negative environmental impact these signs would have on this older neighborhood to add more, larger signs seems to be a waste of money which could possibly be spent better in making the dealership as aesthetically pleasing as possible. Cohen Berger Partnership is planning on creating an auto park of approximately six acres - they can't possible need large signs to advertise the obvious fact that they're there.

During this phase of construction there have been repeated flagrant violations of existing codes. For example, the new lights installed by the dealership resulted in a serious spillover of light on residential property which caused residents to change their living patterns and spend their own money "light proofing" their houses. When this was reported to Citizens Assistance, case number C-88-1373, the dealership was given 30 days to correct the problem. The residents of this neighborhood chose not to press charges when, after the allotted 30 days was up, there was still a problem. After yet another week and numerous phone calls from the county representative the lights were finally adjusted properly. During the installation of these lights electrical safety codes were violated as the service panels were left open with hot wires dangerously exposed, even adjacent to public sidewalks. At the moment, the dealership has chosen to ignore set-back guidelines and has placed a mobile home, with electrical hook-up, on the property line adjacent to the houses of Cedarmere Road. There has been some question as to whether this is a "temporary" building or not. It is currently being used as a Used Car Sales office and appears to be quite

Mr. J. Robert Haines March 12, 1988 Page Two

We feel Cohen Berger Partnership has not acted in a responsible manner during construction, and we have no reason to believe this will change. The addition of these larger signs would not add to the visibility of the dealership, which is already very visible, and would only detract from our neighborhood further. We ask you not to grant this variance, and if there is anything we can do to help you with your decision please feel free to contact me at any time. I can be reached at my office at (301) 995-4040 or at home, (301) 356-4612. The other members of the community would also be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Linda J. Oland

(for the Residents of Cedarmere Road and Adjoining Properties)

Julius W. Lichter, Esquire 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Case No. 88-413-A

RE: Request for Conditional Permit for Proposed Sign #4 (Subaru) PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE SW/S Reisterstown Road, 120' SE of Cedarmere (9428 Reisterstown Road) 4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Cohen Berger Partnership - Petitioners

Dear Mr. Lichter:

In response to the Petitioner's request for a conditional permit for the proposed Subaru sign, identified as Proposed Sign #4 on the plat submitted with the above-referenced Petition, the Zoning Office will approve the request under the representations, terms and conditions set forth below:

> 1) The Petitioners agree that if the Subaru sign is denied following the public hearing, the Petitioner will remove the sign as required by the terms of the Order, which could be immediately.

2) The Petitioners understand that the granting of the conditional permit does not in any way mean that the Zoning Commissioner or Deputy Zoning Commissioner is inclined to grant the variances being requested in the Petition. The Petitioners shall not infer that the Zoning Commissioner or Deputy Zoning Commissioner is inclined to grant the variances for size and height of the proposed Sign #4.

3) The Petitioners will not request conditional permits for any other sign relative to the property subject to the above-referenced case.

4) One of the Petitioners, Heritage Chevrolet, Inc., has advised the Zoning Office that its representatives believed the subject sign was in compliance when it ordered the sign and relied on statements made by representatives of the Connolly Sign Company that the size and beight of the sign was in compliance with the zoning regulations. ANN

Julius W. Lichter, Esquire February 25, 1988

If you have any questions concerning the aforementioned requirements, please do not hesitate to contact me. If the conditions set forth herein are acceptable to you and your client, please acknowledge by having the enclosed copy signed by the Petitioners.

cc: W. Carl Richards Case File

READ AND AGREED TO:

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Very truly yours. Grant Hills know to ANN M. NASTAROWICZ Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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February 22, 1988

Ms. Ann M. Nastarowicz Deputy Zoning Commissioner February 22, 1988

> height is 25 feet above grade. Section 307 of the BCZR authorizes the Zoning Commissioner, upon a proper showing, to

> > Sincerely,

Mius W. Lichter

JWL:1sp

HAND DELIVERED

ELLIS LEVIN (1893-1960)

SYKESVILLE, MD 21784

301-795-6600

RE: Sign Variances at Heritage Auto Park Item No. 284

Dear Ms. Nastarowicz:

Ms. Ann M. Nastarowicz

County Office Building

Towson, Maryland 21204

111 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

In reply to our discussion of the other day regarding Section 413.5(d) and its application to the Heritage Auto Park request for sign variance:

This section limits the "as of right" height of signs in relation to the street which the sign abuts. If the sign is to be erected on ground which is at an elevation higher than that which it abuts, the maximum height of the sign is 25 feet. If the sign to be erected is on ground at an elevation lower than that of the street which it abuts, the maximum height of such a sign is 35 feet; however, no such sign can extend more than 25 feet above the street grade which it abuts without a variance.

Example:

Elevation Above(+)/Below(-) Abutting Street	Maximum Height of Sign Above Grade of Abutting Street	Maximum Heigh Height of Sig
+ 1 or greater feet	Unlimited	251
0 feet	25 <i>°</i>	25'
- 1 feet	25'	26*
-10 feet	25 <i>'</i>	35*
-11 feet	25'	35*

This section merely states that the maximum "as of right"

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Ms. Ann M. Nastarowicz

County Office Building

Towson, Maryland 21204

Item No. 284

Dear Ms. Nastarowicz:

require modification.

most appreciated.

JWL:lsp Enclosure

DISTRICT: 4th Election District

square feet.

111 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

Re: Sign Variances at Heritage Auto Park

the two corrections indicated in red.

LAW OFFICES LEVIN, GANN & HANKIN A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION 305 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 301-321-0600

FAX 301-296-2801 February 18, 1988

In response to our conversation of yesterday, please find

Specifically, the first correction corrects the total square

enclosed a xerox copy of our Petition for Zoning Variance with

feet measurements for sign #5 so that the figure should read

82.25 square feet. The second correction is to correct the total

square footage of other business signs so that the figure is 226

It is my understanding that the correct numbers will be

questions or should I need be of any further assistance to you on

this matter, please do not hesitate to give me a call. Please be

assured that all of your courtesies in expediting this matter are

I believe that the two corrections noted above address your

Sincerely,

substituted within the text of the Petition for Zoning Variance as filed. The information on the plat is correct and does not

concerns with the Petition. Should you have any further

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MELVIN A. STEINBERG

J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Sign Variance of Heritage Chevrolet, Inc. Heritage Subaru, Inc. Heritage Volkswagen, Inc. Heritage Dodge, Inc. Variance No. 284 Filed February 5, 1988

Dear Mr. Haines:

Please be advised that the above Petition has been filed and was accepted on February 5, 1988. The Petitioner relates solely to requests for variances to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations involving signs.

LAW OFFICES

LEVIN, GANN & HANKIN

A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

305 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE

FAX 301-296-2801

February 8, 1988

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CARROLL COUNTY OFFICE

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SYKESVILLE, MD 21784

301-795-6600

HAND DELIVERED

I have represented the Owner and Developer of this site relative to zoning and development matters for six years. My clients are in the midst of developing the site as an Auto Park where four dealerships are to be located. They have struggled through the process by obtaining the required zoning and have received CRG approval and building permits to bring to fruition the completion of the project.

A portion of the site has been occupied for a number of years by Heritage Chevrolet and is serviced by an identification sign and two business signs all of which have been installed with appropriate permits. With the addition of three new dealerships, one of which (Subaru) is open for business, has come the necessity to erect three additional identification signs. My clients had been under the impression (mistakenly) that each

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declership was allowed to have one I.D. sign as long as each sign was less than 150 square feet in size. When applying for permits, they were made aware of the provisions of Section 413.2(e) of the regulations which allows only one and perhaps two signs on any one property. Therefore, the cumulative size of the signs proposed having a square footage in excess of 150 square feet has initiated this Petition.

My clients have engaged in a cooperative fashion with Baltimore County, the area residents and improvements associations to develop the site sensitive to public needs and requirements. The development and construction is active and moving forward to completion. Each of the dealerships is contained in separate facilities housing sales, office, parts and service functions. The Chevrolet and now the Subaru facilities are in place and functioning.

The manufacturer and Motor Vehicle Administration regulations require that each dealership have a separate I.D. sign. Each manufacturer has its own sign requirements as a condition of its franchise agreement with the dealer.

Due to my clients misunderstanding, the signs which they have ordered and are ready for installation cannot be installed due to the fact that a Variance is required. The Subaru facility is open for business and is operating under a severe disability without an I.D. sign. The signs are reasonable in size and aesthetically pleasing (copies of design enclosed).

I hereby request the following:

1. That in view of the circumstances and the fact that the Petition involves the sign regulations alone that a hearing be set at the earliest possible date as most agencies will not be required to comment due to the nature of the request.

2. That you authorize the erection of the Subaru sign TEMPORARILY pending the outcome of the Variance Hearing with the specific understarling that it would be removed promptly if the Variance requested were not granted.

As you are aware, my client has invested in the development of the site and considers the erection of these signs as an

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important part of the future success of their business. In addition, the successful business generated will provide a public benefit in creating substantial job opportunities.

Your earliest response will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

JWL:lsp

Julius W. Lichter

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND SUBJECT: COUNTY REVIEW GROUP COMMENTS FROM: ZONING OFFICE PROJECT NAME: Heritage Auto Park No Plan RECEIVED LOCATION: SW/S Reisterstown Road between Featherbed Lane & Cedarmere Road REVISED PLAN KEY:

and access across Zoning approval of the parking area in the DR 10.5 zone will be contingent upon meeting all RTA requirements and a zoning special hearing. A hearing has not been filed for in the Zoning Office as of this writing.

2) Include all offsite dwellings and small lots (less than 2 Acres) that create an RTA within the proposed parking area in the DR 10.5 zone. Show RTA Arcs and provide 75' buffers where required. Clearly label and outline RTA buffer areas. Driveway, parking and maneuvering areas are not permitted within an RTA buffer. Acreages should be included on offsite vacant properties.

Include a note that all offsite dwellings and small lots that create an RTA

4) Provide coordinate ties so that the zoning can be verified. The DR 16/BR line adjoining on the NE/side of Reisterstown Road appears to be wrong.

If customer parking is to be stacked or blocked from clear access, these particular bays (two locations) should be labeled "valet parking."

6) The 8.5' x 16' spaces (six located to the rear of Building #3 and on Reisterstown Road should be shown as a full 18 feet deep; 16.5' spaces can be shown, but the 1.5' overhang should be included, and cannot interface with the sides of other spaces. Also, the Auto storage area encroaches on the rear of Building #3. If 16' compact spaces are shown and indicated, they should be separately totaled and cannot count towards the required number of spaces.

7) The count of auto storage and customer parking spaces do not match the general notes and the individual bay totals do not scale as per the indicated size. Also include the number of service bays as a separate total in the

Include elevations and square footage of the existing F/S signs and a note that any proposed signs will comply with Section 413 (BCZR).

9) Include existing uses of offsite properties

10) Include an 8' screen fenced area per S. 405A

W. CARL RICHARDS, JR. Zoning Coordinator

COMPLIANCE WITH COMMENT CHECKED

NON-CCMPLIANCE IS CIRCLED ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ADDED LAST

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THAT GREATE AN RTA ON SITE ARE SHOWN. (2) ALL PROP. FREE STANDING SIGN SHALL COMPLY WITH SECTION 413 (BCZR). STEK ENT. 3. FLOOR DRAINS IN THE SERVICE BATS WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE PUBLIC SEWER 3056-221 ثق نتن عَدَ AND AN OIL SEPARATOR WILL BE INSTALLED. 4. ALL DAMAGED AND/OR DISABLED AUTOS SHALL BE. STORED INSIDE IN SERVICE BUILDINGS. 5. THE BALTIMORE COUNTY SOIL SURVEY INDICATES THAT SOILS ON SITE MAY POSE SEVERE LIMITATIONS ON DEVELOPMENT. TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF SUCH LIMITATIONS THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN: 1. SOIL ANALYSIS MILL BE DONE PRIOR TO FINAL LOG. SITE DESIGN. 2. UNDERDRAINS, SPECIAL FOOTINGS, ETC. WILL BE INCORPORATED AS DICTATED BY THE SOL ANALYSIS 3. SITE GRADING WILLTTEN DE THE POST BUTY OF SLOPE FAILURE OR INSTAULT THE POST BUTY OF PUBLIC SERVICES C.ROG. Nº 80292 PLANNING: 2.73-0771) AT ELECTION DISTRICT ... ENGINEER;

1020 CROMWELL BRIDE

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

J. Robert Haines

June 20, 1988

Dennis F. Rasmussen
County Executive

Baltimore County Board of Appeals Old Courthouse, Room #205 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Zoning Variance SW/S Reisterstown Road, 120' SE of Cedarmere Road (9428 Reisterstown Road) 4th Election District, 3rd Councilmanic District Cohen Berger Limited Partnership, et al - Petitioner Case No. 88-413-A

Dear Board:

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Please notify all parties to the case of the date and time of the appeal hearing when it has been scheduled. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

ROBERT HAINES

Zoning Commissioner

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Enclosures

cc: Julius W. Lichter, Attorney for Petitioner Levin, Gann & Hankin, 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

The Rev. Frederick J. Hanna, Protestant 203 E. Chatsworth Avenue Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

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RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE SW/S Reisterstown Road, . 120' SE of Cedarmere Road (9428 Reisterstown Road) 4th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District Cohen Berger Partnership, et al Petitioners Case No. 88-413-A

Dear Mr. Haines:

On behalf of the Cohen Berger Partnership, et al, Petitioners, of 9428 Reisterstown Road, Garrison, Baltimore County, Maryland, please note an appeal from the April 15, 1988 and May 13, 1988 decisions of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner in the above noted matter.

Please find attached my check in the amount of \$75.00, payable to Baltimore County, Maryland, as payment of the fee for

> Sincerely, Julius W. Lichter

> > September 7, 1988

JWL:lsp Enclosure

cc: People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Sentlemen:
Re: Case F 86.413A

Cohen & Berger Partnership

Chease advise me of any action

taken on the above and also achise me

of the heaving date when it comes up.

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Dear Mr. Hackett:

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I would appreciate your scheduling the above captioned case at the earliest possible date. The Petitioners developed the subject property, comprised of four automobile dealerships and four separate buildings, and have a considerable investment and success of the project. It is necessary that the decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner be reviewed upon appeal at the earliest possible date so that my clients may move forward.

I would appreciate your having your secretary call me upon receipt of this letter to advise as to the earliest date possible for the hearing.

sincerely, ामका विधासिक स्थापित स्थापित । स्थापित JWL:1sp cc: People's Counsel for Baltimore County 40 08408 AlMOO

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

ATHRINKRUS CENTRAL ROOM 315, County Office Building Tomson, Maryland 21204 (301) 494-3180

September 14, 1988

Julius W. Lichter, Esquire LEVIN, GANN & HANKIN 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Case No. 88-413-A Cohen Berger Partnership, et al

Dear Mr. Lichter:

Enclosed is a copy of the final Opinion and Order issued this date by the County Board of Appeals in the subject

Sincerely,

Kathun C. Weidenhammer Kathleen C. Weidenhammer Administrative Secretary

BOOMORE COUNTY, MAROOND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

J. Robert Haines TO Zoning Commissioner Kathleen C. Weidenhammen County Board of Appeals

Returned Plat - / Case No. 88-413-A (Cohen Berger Partnership)

The subject appeal was heard before the Board on August 25, 1988. At that time, a two-page plat was entered as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1-A and No. 1-B.

The Board was requested to have a copy made of this plat and return the original to the Zoning Office, since this was the only plat in this file. Attached is the original plat from the Zoning file as we have now received our copy of same.

Attachment

cc: The Reverend Frederick J. Hanna Frank Moser P. David Fields Pat Keller J. Robert Haines Ann Nastarowicz James E. Dyer Docket Clerk -Zoning Arnold Jablon, County Attorney

