## Edward Griffin 752 Frederick Road Catonsville, Maryland 21228

January 13, 2012

Baltimore County Zoning Office 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Spirit and Intent Letter for 752 Frederick Road

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request approval to change the second floor of 752 Frederick Road (rear) from office to an apartment.

In 1997, in a special hearing, I was approved for a service garage on the first floor and an office on the second. I have the required parking for either use, but wish to convert the office into an apartment because it will generate less traffic (both foot and vehicular).

I thank you in advance for your assistance and review of this matter.

Sincerely,

Edward Griffin

APPROVED AS BEING WITHIN THE SPIRIT AND INTENT OF THE PLAN AND ORDER IN ZONING CASE # 92-164-SPH & 89-79-XA.

W. CARL RICHARDS, JR.

(THIS ZONING APPROVAL IS SUBJECT TO ALL REQUIRED BALTIMORE COUNTY PERMITS.)

IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING \* N/S Frederick Road, 70 ft. ZONING COMMISSIONER E Egges Lane 752 Frederick Road \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 1st Election District 1st Councilmanic District \* CASE # 92-164-SPH Edward Griffin Petitioner

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Hearing, filed by Edward Griffin, the property owner of the business presently located at 752 Frederick Road in Catonsville. The zoning file discloses that the Petitioner originally filed and was granted a Petition for Special Exception by then Deputy Zoning Commissioner, Ann Nastarowicz, on October 19, 1988. The Special Exception permitted a service garage to be operated on the subject property, subject to certain restrictions. The Petitioner comes forward at this time seeking an amendment to the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's opinion, by deleting restriction No. 10 and amending restriction No. 4.

The Petitioner, Edward Griffin, appeared, testified and was represented by Edwin Shapiro, Esquire. Also testifying on behalf of the Petition was Chief Deputy James Judge of the Baltimore County Fire Department and James W. Mohler of Catonsville 2000, Inc. Appearing on behalf of the Petition was William Monk. There were no Protestants present.

Mr. Griffin testified that he purchased the subject property approximately 10 years ago and has extensively renovated same since then. Presently, the building in the rear of the property is used as a service garage and is operated by Mr. Griffin. The front building on the subject property is leased and has a commercial use. Further testimony established

that the subject property is in a commercial area within the established business community known as Catonsville. The Petitioner testified that he has invested over \$75,000.00 in renovating the property and has been in business for approximately 2 years. During that time, he has received no complaints from neighbors nor from other members of the community regarding

He described the nature of his operation as consisting of minor engine repair. There are no engine overhauls or similar heavy engine work. Rather, his work includes, but is not limited to, repair of automobile exhaust systems, front end alignments, oil changes, lubrication and tune-ups. He opined that restriction No. 4 in the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's opinion, prohibiting "engine work", is inconsistent and confusing when compared with other portions of her Order. Specifically, restriction No. 9 does permit tune-ups and/or oil changes and restriction No. 7 allows mechanical work, both of which could be construed as encompassing engine work.

As to restriction No. 10, Mr. Griffin indicates that he has no present intention to sell the business, however, he wants to protect his family in the event of his death or disability. In the event such an unfortunate occurrence were to happen, he wants to insure that the family could sell the business to a subsequent owner who could continue with the operation.

In addition to Mr. Griffin's testimony, the Commissioner also heard from Fire Chief Deputy James Judge. Chief Deputy Judge testified that he has been stationed at the Catonsville Fire House in excess of 28 years which is immediately adjacent to Mr. Griffin's property. He described Mr. Griffin's operation as "the best thing that could happen on that property" during his tenure in Catonsville. He has no objection to the subject Peti-

Mr. James W. Mohler of Catonsville 2000, Inc., also testified. His organization promotes the redevelopment and refurbishment of the Catonsville Business District. He testified that he was familiar with the property and supports Mr. Griffin's Petition.

In my view, restriction No. 10 is unnecessary. It is a basic tenant of law that zoning regulations run with the property and are not personal to the property owner. Although I am cognizant of the reasons for the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's decision to limit the operation of the service garage to Mr. Griffin, the restriction is unworkable, particularly in this instance. A far better route to protect the locale, in my view, would be to impose appropriate restrictions upon the use. For those reasons, restriction No. 10 shall be eliminated and I will so order.

As to restriction No. 4, I agree that it is inconsistent with other parts of the Order. Consequently same shall be amended so as to permit the current operation; e.g., oil changes, tune-ups, exhaust work, brake work, etc., but no major engine or overhauls shall be permitted.

In all other respects, the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law of Deputy Zoning Commissioner, Ann Nastarowicz, are hereby ratified and incorpo-

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County 707', 1991 that, pursuant to the Petition for Special Hearing, request for an amendment of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's opin- $\stackrel{\sim}{\sim}$  ion, by deleting restriction No. 10 and amending restriction No. 4, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject,

however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2. There shall be no body work or paint work performed on the premises.

3. Repair work shall be limited to light mechanical, including but not limited to exhaust repairs, brake repairs, oil changes, lubrications and minor engine repairs. There shall be no major engine work including; e.g., any engine overhauls.

4. In all other respects, unless specifically modified herein, the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law and Order passed in this case by Deputy Zoning Commissioner, Ann Nastarowicz, is adopted herein.

> LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

November 14, 1991

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Edwin Shapiro, Esquire 28 Allegheny Avenue, Suite 701 Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Petition for Special Hearing Edward Griffin, Petitioner Case #92-164-SPH

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Special Hearing has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

cc: Peoples Counsel cc: Edward Griffin cc: Mr. William Monk

Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County 92-164-5PH

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning Commissioner should approve \_\_\_\_\_ an amendment to the restrictions (item #4 & #10) in special exception case #89-79 SPXA (as indicated on the attached plans).

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

Contract Purchaser/Lessee:

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of the above Special Hearing 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.

Legal Owner(s):

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.

	Edward Griffin
(Type or Print Name)	(Type or Print Name)
Signature	Signature Sugar
Address	(Type or Print Name)
City and State	Signature
Attorney for Petitioner:	
EDNIN SHAPIRO	752 Frederick Road 747-7772
(Type or Print Name)	Address Phone No.
Est May	Baltimore, MD 21228
Signature	City and State
28 BLLEGHERY Me /701	Name, address and phone number of legal owner, c tract purchaser or representative to be contacted
Towsor MD 21204	William Monk
City and State	Name 100 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite
Attorney's Telephone No.: 828-7090	Towson, Maryland 21204 494-8931

ZONING DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING on the north side of Frederick Road, 60 feet wide , at a distance 70 feet east of the easterly right of way of Egges Lane at its intersection with Frederick Road and running on the north side of Frederick Road the following courses and distances;

- 1. Northerly 150 feet: 2. Easterly and parallel to Frederick Road 18 feet;
- 3. Southerly 150 feet; 4. Westerly along the northern side of Frederick Road 45 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 4,725 square feet more or less in the Lenth Election District.

Property known as 752 Frederick Road



92-164. SPH Location of Signer De front of 752 Frederick Road

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of \_\_\_\_ successive 

Date of return: Moreniber 1, 1991

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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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Edward Griffin 752 rrederick Road Raltimore, Maryland 21228

DATE: //- /- 91

Case Number: 92-164-SPH N/S Frederick Road, 70' E Egges Lane 752 Frederick Road 1st Election District - 1st Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Edward Griffin HEARING: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1991 at 9:00 a.m.

Dear Petitioner(s):

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID. ALSO, THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) MUST BE RETURNED ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING OR THE ORDER SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE

Please forward your check via return mail to the Zoning Office, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 113, Towson, Maryland 21204. It should have your case number noted thereon and be made payable to Baltimore County, Maryland. In order to prevent delay of the issuance of proper credit and/or your Order, immediate attention to this matter is suggested.

ZONING COMMISSIONER BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

cc: William Monk

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Moning 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 118, Baltimore County Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

Case Number: 92-164-SPH N/S Frederick Road, 70' E Egges Lane 752 Frederick Road 1st Election District - 1st Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Edward Griffin HEARING: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1991 at 9:00 a.m.

Towson, MD 21204

OCTOBER 22, 1991

Special Hearing to approve an amendment to the restrictions (item \$4 and #10) in special exception #89-79-SPHXA.

Zoning Commissioner of

cc: Edward Griffin William Monk

Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government
Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

887-3353

November 1, 1991

RE: Item No. 166, Case No. 92-164-SPH Petitioner: Edward Griffin Petition for Special Hearing

Dear Mr. Griffin:

Mr. Edward Griffin 752 Frederick Road

Baltimore, MD 21228

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a review by Zoning personnel.

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Zoning Plans Advisory Committe Coments Date:November 1, 1991 Page 2

Anyone using this system should be fully aware that they are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of any such petition. All petitions filed in this manner will be reviewed and petition. All petitions filed in this manner will be reviewed and commented on by Zoning personnel prior to the hearing. In the event that the petition has not been filed correctly, there is always a possibility that another hearing will be required or the Zoning Commissioner will deny the petition due to errors or imcompleteness.

Attorneys and/or engineers who make appointments to file petitions on a regular basis and fail to keep the appointment without a 72 hour notice will be required to submit the appropriate filing fee at the time future appointments are made. Failure to keep these appointments without proper advance notice, i.e. 72 hours, will result in the loss of filing fee.

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Enclosures

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

887-3353

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 4th day of October, 1991.

Petitioner: Edward Griffin Petitioner's Attorney:

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

October 23, 1991

Zoning Administration and Development Management

DIVISION OF GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT

Arnold Jablon, Director

: Zoning Item #166, Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 22, 1991, Mr. Edward Griffin, N/S Frederick Road, 70' E of Egges Lane (#752 Frederick Road), D-1, Public Water and Sewer

COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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.

Baltimore County Government Fire Department

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Amold Jaller Director Toning Administration and Tevelopment Karagerent Ealtimore County Office Fullding Towson, ND 21204

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21204-5500

FF: Property Owner: EDWARD GRIFFIN

Location: #752 FREDERICK ROAD

Item No.: Zoning Agenda: OCTOBER 22, 1991

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Eureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

1. Fire bydiants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals of 200 feet along an approved road in accordance with Faltingre County Standards as published by the Department of Public Works.

5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the cite shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1988 edition prior to occupancy.

JP/FEF

PALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRECTORDENCE

To: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: October 23, 1991 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

ALL Line Living Committee Meeting for October 22, 1991

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject coming items and we have no comments for Items 124, 167, 168, 169, 170, 173, 176, 178, 179, 180, 184, 186, 187, 188 and 189.

In addition, we have no comments at this time for Item #438 (Case No. 91-466).

For Item 166, we will have no comments until the County Review Group Meeting

For Item 171, see our County Review Group comments dated October 10, 1991.

For Items 174 and 175, minor cubdivision review comments were prepared for this site, dated October 9, 1990.

Item 181 represents a minor subdivision, which should be processed through the minor subdivision procedures.

For Item 182, no comments age necessary on density transfer.

Developers Engineering Division

RWB:s

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DATE: November 6, 1991

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

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SUBJECT: Z.A.C. Comments

Z.A.C. MEETING DATE: October 22, 1991

This office has no comments for item numbers 124, 166, 167, 168, 169, 173, 174, 175, 176, 179, 180, 181, 182, 184, 186, 187, 188 and 189.

RJF/lvd

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: November 4, 1991 Zoning Administration and

Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

Development Management

SUBJECT: Griffin Property, Item No. 166

In reference to the Petitioner's request, staff offers the following comment:

Based upon the information provided and analysis conducted, staff finds no justification for removing either restriction as proposed by the applicant.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3211.

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LAW OFFICES EDWIN SHAPIRO

SUITE 701

28 ALLEGHENY AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 TE, EPHONE (301.8.18, 1090)

FAX: 300 8/28 (10.0)

October 28, 1991

Office of Zoning Administration 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case No.: 92-164-SPH 752 Frederick Road Property: Hearing Date: Wednesday, November 13, 1991, 9 a.m.

Dear Sir/Madam:

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Kindly enter my appearance as attorney for the petitioners in the above-captioned matter.

Thank you for your attention to the within.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN SHAPIRØ

ES/rmk

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Griffin, Jr. Mr. William Monk

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"Working For A Better Catonsville Community"

March 11, 1991

Ms. Ann M. Nastarowicz Deputy Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: 752 Frederick Road Case No. 89-79-SPXA

Dear Ms. Nastarowicz:

I have been meaning to take pictures of the above location in order to keep you abreast as to what the location now looks like. Your decision to grant Ed Griffin's request and his cooperation with all of us has been very rewarding. I use Ed's efforts and improvements as a model to others.

I just recently ran into Ed Griffin and he is worried about one of your restrictions, number 10. For your convenience I enclose a copy. Ed is concerned that if something fatal should happen to him, his widow would be stuck with a legal problem. I spoke to Tom Booth, President of Catonsville 2000, Inc., about this problem. Ed has improved the property so far above our expectations that we would not object to this restriction being removed. Please let Ed or me know what needs to be done.

Thank you again for all your help.

Sincerely,

Sem Mohler James W. Mohler

Secretary JW M/lam CAT2000#3

cc: Mr. Edward Griffin 752 Frederick Road

Catonsville, MD 21228

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November 4, 1991

Mr. Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner Baltimore County County Office Building, Room 123 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Property known as 752 Frederick Road Case No. 92-164-S.P.H.

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Mr. Griffin spoke with me about the above request back in late April, 1991. I spoke with several of our Board members and subsequently on March 11, 1991, notified Ms. Ann Nastarowicz that we would not object to this specific restriction being removed.

On Wednesday, October 30, 1991, at a special Board meeting, our Board members voted in favor of supporting Mr. Ed Griffin's request. Mr. Griffin has demonstrated time and time again his good faith. Mr. Griffin has gone far beyond our expectation in remodeling this site. His

project has become a model for Catonsville 2000, Inc. and is certainly one of our early successes. Again, we support Mr. Griffin's request on eliminating condition #10,

Sincerely, James W Mohler

in the order in case 89-79SPXA.

Secretary JW Mlam

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