\* BEFORE THE

\* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* Case No. 92-433-A

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Douglas B. Celmer, et ux Petitioners

### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Zoning Variance in which the Petitioners request relief from Section 1A04.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a street centerline setback of 55 feet in lieu of the required 75 feet and a side vard setback of 40 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for a proposed dwelling in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioners, Douglas and Judith Celmer, appeared and testified. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 1721 Beechwood Road, consists of .743 acres, more or less, zoned R.C. 5 and is presently unimproved. Said property is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas near Back River. The Petitioners are desirous of developing the property with a single family dwelling as their new residence. Testimony indicated that due to the irregular shape of the lot, the reduested variances are necessary in order to develop the property. The etitioners testified that they have spoken with their neighbors who have o objections to their plans.

This property is located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas nd as such, is subject to any recommendations made by the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM) as to Critical

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commission

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached

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

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

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the

ESSEX MD 2121-6324 Zipcode

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

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for the property located at 1721 Beech wood Ave which is presently zoned RC-5

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Areas requirements. The granting of the relief requested herein is contingent upon Petitioners' compliance with any recommendations made by DEPRM upon completion of their review of this project.

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:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily

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 variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or strucure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the pub-

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lic health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this  $\frac{29\%}{2}$  day of June, 1992 that the Petition for Zoning Variance requesting relief from Section 1A04.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a street centerline setback of 55 feet in lieu of the required 75 feet and a side yard setback of 40 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for a proposed dwelling, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building 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 30-day 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 relief granted herein is contingent upon the Petitioners' compliance with any recommendations made by DEPRM upon completion of their review of this project. Petitioners shall submit a Critical Area Findings Plan for review and approval by DEPRM prior to the issuance of any permits.

3) When applying for a building permit, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

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Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

June 29, 1992

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas B. Celmer 365 Mitchells Road Essex, Maryland 21221-6324

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE E/S Beechwood Avenue, 15' N of the c/l of Evergreen Lane (1721 Beechwood Avenue) 15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District Douglas B. Celmer, et ux - Petitioners Case No. 92-433-A

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Celmer:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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for Baltimore County cc: Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas Commission 45 Calvert Street, 2nd Floor, Annapolis, Md. 21401

DEPRM

People's Counsel

Towson, MD 21204

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

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DATE: 6/1/92

Doglas and Judith Celmer 365 Mitchells Road Essex, Maryland 21221

CASE NUMBER: 92-433-A E/S Beechwood avenue, 15' N of c/l Evergreen Lane 1721 Beechwood Avenue 15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Douglas B. and Judith A. Celmer

Please be advised that \$ 77.25 is due for advertising and posting of the above captioned

THIS FEE MUST BE PAID AND THE ZONING SIGN & POST SET(S) 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 HEARING.

Please forward your check via return smil 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.

05/18/92

Meeting Date

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

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 21204 as follows:

NOTICE OF HEARING

Baltimore County Government

Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management

Office of Planning & Zoning

CASE MUMBER: 92-433-A E/S Beechwood Avenue, 15' N of c/l Evergreen Lane 1721 Beechwood Avenue 15th Election District - 5th Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Douglas B. and Judith &. Celmer HEARTHG: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1992 at 2:00 p.m.

Variance to allow a street centerline setback for 55 ft. in lieu of the required 75 ft. and a side setback of 40 ft. in lieu of the required 50 ft.

Baltimore County

NOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCORNIONYIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING New Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Arnold Jablon, Director - Zoning Administration & Development Management

Ervin McDaniel, Chief Development Review Section Office of Planning and Zoning

PETITIONS FROM ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 5/11/92

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petitions:

Jerald & Brenda Windes - Item 453 Daniel & Susan Gutkin - Item 455 Donald & Anne Kahn - Item 457 Ronald W. Bair William & Mary Jane Kramer - Item 459 Douglas & Judith Celmer - Item 460

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

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

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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Development Review Committee Response Form

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Meeting Date

5-11-92

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas B. Celmer 365 Mitchells Road Essex, MD 21221-6324

> RE: Item No. 460, Case No. 92-433-A Petitioner: Douglas B. Celmer, et ux Petition for Variance

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Celmer:

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 indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but 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

1) 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 preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

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

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 4th day of May, 1992.

Petitioner: Douglas B. Celmer, et ux

Petitioner's Attorney:

Baltimore County Government Fire Department

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

MAY 13, 1992

(301) 887-4500

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

DOUGLAS B. CELMER AND JUDITH A. CELMER #1721 BEECHWOOD AVENUE

Item No.: 460 (LJG)

Zoning Agenda: MAY 11, 1992

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

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", 1988 edition prior to occupancy.

Fire Prevention Bureau Special Inspection Division

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Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director

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#1721 Beechwood Road

See attached Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Findings.

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FROM: J. Lawrence Pilson

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of May 11, 1992

DATE: July 23, 1992

RALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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

DATE: July 22, 1992

FROM: J. James Dieter. Director

SUBJECT: Petition for Zoning Variance - Item 460 Celmer Property Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Findings

ZONING OFFICE

## SITE LOCATION

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The subject property is located at 1721 Beechwood Road. The site is within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and is classified as a Limited Development Area (LDA).

## APPLICANT'S NAME Douglas B. and Judith A. Celmer

## APPLICANT PROPOSAL

The applicant has requested a variance from section 1 A04.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations to permit a street centerline setback of 55 feet in lieu of the required 75 feet and a side setback of 40 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet.

### GOALS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA PROGRAM

In accordance with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Program, all project approvals shall be based on a finding which assures that proposed projects are consistent with the following goals of the Critical Area Law:

- 1. "Minimize adverse impacts on water quality that result from pollutants that are discharged from structures or conveyances or that have runoff from surrounding lands;
- 2. Conserve fish, wildlife and plant habitat; and
- 3. Establish land use policies for development in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area which accommodate growth and also address the fact that even if pollution is controlled, the number, movement, and activities of persons in that area can create adverse environmental impacts." <COMAR 14.15.10.01.0>

July 22, 1992

Mr. Arnold E. Jablon

### REGULATIONS AND FINDINGS

1. Regulation: "A minimum 100 foot buffer shall be established landward from the mean high water line of tidal waters, tidal wetlands. and tributary streams" <Baltimore County Code Section 26-449(a)>.

Finding: This property is located over 100 feet from the tidal waters of Back River. Therefore, no disturbance of the shoreline buffer shall occur.

 Regulation: "Dredging, filling, or construction other than approved bulkheading shall not be permitted in any non-tidal and tidal wetlands unless the proposed development consists of utility, bridge, or street development in a non-tidal wetland and unless the Director of Environmental Protection and Resource Management finds this proposed development not detrimental to the County's Wetland Management Programs" <Baltimore County Code, Section 26-447>.

Finding: Non-tidal wetlands are not present on or within the immediate vicinity of this site. Therefore, no dredging, filling, or construction is proposed in any non-tidal wetlands for this project. No tidal or non-tidal wetlands were found on this site, or in the vicinity of the site.

Regulation: "The sum of all man-made impervious areas shall not exceed 15% of the lot" <COMAR 14.15.02.04 C.(7)>.

Findings: The proposed single family dwelling with an attached garage creates impervious surfaces which total 5% of the lot. No impervious surfaces shall be allowed which exceed 15% of the lot.

Regulation: "If no forest is established on proposed development sites, these sites shall be planted to provide a forest or developed woodland cover of at least 15% <COMAR 14.15.02.04 C.(5)(e)>.

Finding: This property presently contains 15% forest cover.

However, property owners are always encouraged to plant additional native plants. Trees are an important factor in improving water quality. The roots of trees greatly improve the infiltration rate of stormwater and efficiently remove nitrogen from subsurface flows at ground water. Trees also act as both a barrier and a sponge, blocking and absorbing eroding soils and the phosphorous associated with them.

Regulation: "Infiltration of stormwater shall be maximized throughout the site, rather than directing flow to single discharge points" <Baltimore County Code, Section 26-453(h)(2)>.

Finding: Stormwater runoff shall be directed from impervious surfaces associated with this plan, to previous areas, to encourage maximum infiltration. Rooftop runoff shall be directed through downspouts and into a seepage pit or dry well, to encourage maximum infiltration.

Mr. Arnold E. Jablon July 22, 1992 Page 3

The Zoning Variance shall be conditioned so the project proposal is in compliance with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Regulations and Findings compliance with the thesapeake bay tritical Area Regulations and Findings listed above. This proposal does comply with Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Regulations, and is therefore approved. If there are any questions, please contact Ms. Patricia M. Farr at 887-2904.

> Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management

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c: Mr. & Mrs. Douglas B. Celmer

Attachment

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