\* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

3rd Councilmanic District \* Case No. 92-438-A Reisterstown Bible Church, Inc.

Petitioner \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Zoning Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Reisterstown Bible Church, Inc., by and through Donald Holman, Pastor, in which the Petitioner requests relief from Section 413.1.b of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a freestanding, double-faced, internally illuminated 94 sq.ft. sign (including 22 sq.ft. of support columns) in lieu of the maximum permitted 32 sq.ft., as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing on behalf of the Petitioner were Donald Holman, Pastor, and David J. Webber, Trustee. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 605 Westminster Pike, consists of 9.33 acres, more or less, zoned R.C. 4 and is the site of the Reisterstown Bible Church. Said property was the subject of previous Case No. 89-552-X in which a special exception for the subject church was granted on July 31, 1989 by then Zoning Commissioner J. obert Haines. Construction of the church was completed in October, 1991. The Petitioner is now desirous of erecting a sign identifying the location f the church, the hours of worship, and the day care services offered by The church as depicted on Petitioner's Exhibit 1. Testimony indicated that the speed limit along Westminster Pike is 50 mph. The Petitioner

performed a traffic study to determine the appropriate size for the lettering of the proposed sign in order to be legible by motorists passing by at that rate of speed. The Petitioner also determined that a two-sided sign was necessary in that traffic proceeds along Westminster Pike in both directions. Based on these studies, the Petitioner decided that the sign depicted on Petitioner's Exhibit 1 is the size and design which best suits

Various comments were submitted by Baltimore County agencies. The Bureau of Traffic Engineering requested that the existing 20-foot wide driveway should be widened to 24 feet to satisfy traffic needs for the subject site. Testimony indicated that while the site plan shows a driveway width of 20 feet, the actual width of the paved driveway is 22.7 feet at its narrowest point. The Petitioner conducted a traffic study on this driveway which proved that while one vehicle is parked on the edge of the driveway, two other vehicles are able to adequately pass by one another. I therefore find that the existing driveway satisfies the traffic needs for the subject site and that the Petitioner will not need to widen the driveway any further.

Another comment submitted by the Developer's Engineering Division indicated that the subject site does not comply with the previously approved landscape plan. Pastor Holman and Mr. Webber assured me that the property is in full compliance with the landscape plan and that they had communicated with Avery Harden, Landscape Planner for Baltimore County, and satisfied any and all concerns he may have had with the site. At the I time of the hearing, it was determined that the property in question has satisfied the requirements of the landscape plan.

The comments submitted by the Office of Planning recommend denial of the Petitioner's request. This denial is based on the fact that the Planning Office considers the area in which the subject property is located to be rural in nature and that a sign of the dimension proposed is not in keeping with other signs in the area. However, the Petitioner informed me that there are many signs along Westminster Pike that are larger than the one proposed on the subject property. In particular, reference was made to the Duron Paint sign located in close proximity to the proposed site for the subject sign. Testimony indicated that the Duron sign is also Further, the Petitioner informed me that the proposed locailluminated. tion for the sign is immediately adjacent to the Tom Mitchell's Golf and Driving Range. Testimony indicated that that particular property stays illuminated well into the evening hours and is highly commercial, particularly in the warmer months of the year. I find that the proposed sign would not have any adverse effects upon the surrounding community over and above that which currently exists at the Tom Mitchell's Golf and Driving Range. Therefore, I have no reservation in granting the Petitioner's request for the proposed sign and its illumination. It should also be noted that the nearby community, known as Knob Hill, had no objections to

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

the size or illumination of the proposed sign.

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

- 3-

Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a freestanding, double-faced, internally illuminated 94 sq.ft. sign (including 22 sq.ft. support columns) in lieu of the maximum permitted 32 sq.ft., 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) Submitted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2 is a design plan of the proposed sign. The large white area of the sign, which consists of a message board, shall not be illuminated past 11:00 PM on any given evening. The top portion of the sign advertising the Reisterstown Bible Church shall be permitted to be illuminated 24-hours a day. The amount of lumens, or wattage, used to light this particular sign shall be at the discretion of the Petitioner. However, the Petitioner has been made aware and agrees to reduce the amount of illumination or light from the sign if requested to do so by a representative of the Zoning Administration and Development Management Office as a result of a complaint.

3) The Petitioner shall at all times maintain the subject sign in a neat and orderly fashion. Such maintenance shall include, but not be limited to painting, repairing any broken glass, or replacing missing letters, as needed, so that at no time shall the subject sign become an eyesore.

4) When applying for any permits, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

**Baltimore County Government** Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

- 2-

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

July 1, 1992

Pastor Donald Holman Reisterstown Bible Church, Inc. 605 Westminster Pike Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE S/S Westminster Pike, 67' W of Mitchell's Drive (605 Westminster Pike) 4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Reisterstown Bible Church, Inc. - Petitioner Case No. 92-438-A

Dear Pastor Holman:

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.

> TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Very truly yours,

cc: Mr. David J. Webber 430 Highmeadow Road, Reisterstown, Md. 21136

People's Counsel

File

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

we are broker a memory or		
	which is presently zoned	
This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administra	tion & Development Management.	Exception
The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimo	ore County and which is described in the description ar	nd plat attached

The undersigned, legal ow hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 413.1b - Signs. To permit a freestanding sign of 72 square feet (plus 22 square feet of supporting column) in lieu of the maximum stated 30 square feet for church, school or college property (B.C.Z.R., 1955)

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (Indicate hardship or practical difficulty) Request a variance to install a double-sided, internally illuminated sign with a total sign area of 72 square feet. Memorandum Attached.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, poeting, 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.

Contract Purchaser/Lesses: Legal Owner(s): Reisterstown Bible Ch	on.
Contract Purchass/Lasses: Lagal Owner(s): REISTEISTOWN BIDIE CR	nurch, Inc.
(Type or Print Name)  Donald Holman, Pastor  Office or Print Name)	
Signature	
Address (Type or Print Name)	<del></del>
Čity State Zipcode Signature	
Attorney for Politioner: 605 Westminster Pike (410) 8	922_6207
	Phone No.
Reisterstown, MD 2	21136
Signature  City State Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract put to be contacted.	Zipcode urchaser or representative
David J. Webber, Trustee, Ha	(301)
City State Zipcode Address	<u>0: 688–8</u> 494 Phone No.
ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING	- IHR
Date	Hest Two Months
NEVIEWED BY: DATE_S	5/12/92

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 structure 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 public 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 / \* day of July, 1992 that the Petition for Zoning Variance requesting relief from Section 413.1.b of the Baltimore County

- 4-

MEMORANDUM 8 May 1992

92-438-1

SUBJECT: Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, Permit for New Reisterstown Bible Church Sign

Request: Variance from Section 413.1b - Signs (B.C.Z.R., 1955) to install a double-sided free-standing illuminated sign to replace the old 2'x8'sign now at the church. The proposed new sign has a total sion area of 72 square feet (32 square feet per side) plus a supporting column area of 22 square feet (11 square feet per side) as shown in the attached sketch plan. A single-sided sign is not feasible because viewers would have to read the sign from a 45 to 90 degree angle when passing the property. The two-sided sign would be much safer as each panel could be read within the normal "cone of vision" without the driver having to move his/her head to the side.

# Background:

1. The Baltimore County sign ordinance limits the size of signs for churches, schools and colleges to a total of 30 square feet. If the sign is double-sided, the total of both sides may not exceed 30 square feet. Therefore, only a sign measuring 3'x5' or 2'x8' (or some other combination totalling 15 square feet per side) can be used, unless a special variance is granted.

2. The purpose of the new sign is to present a twin message to the community. First, the property (with 700 feet of frontage) is the site of Reisterstown Bible Church. Secondly, the Right Start Day Care Center is located there.

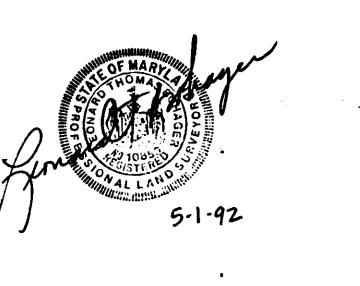
3. The speed of traffic along Westminster Pike (MD Route #140) is between 50-55 mph. This dictates that a minimum of 6-inch tall letters is required to be legible. It is the utmost importance to provide a sign that can be safely read while passing the church in both directions (i.e., east and west) along Westminster Pike. A single-sided sign is not feasible for this location because of the need to have the drivers read the sign at a 90 degree angle from the travel lane. A two-sided sign would be much safer as each panel could be read within the normal "cone of vision" without the driver having to move his/her head.

4. Several designs have been tested for readability and cleanness in design. A sign consisting of 2 panels (a top panel measuring 2'x6' and a bottom panel measuring 3'x8') joined by a twofoot wide supporting column is proposed. The wide column is integral is providing strength and a clean appearance. The design is presented on the attached sheet along with a specifications sheet from the manufacturer. The bottom edge of the sign will begin at a 5-foot height and the total height is 10'-6". The sign base will be landscaped and tied into the entrance plantings.

DESCRIPTION TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION FOR ZONING VARIANCE REISTERSTOWN BIBLE CHURCH 605 WESTMINSTER PIKE ELECTION DISTRICT 4 MAY 1, 1992

Beginning for the same at a point in the center of Westminster Pike (Md. Rte 140), said point being distant North 67 degrees 20 minutes West 50 feet from the intersection formed by the centerline of said Westminster Pike with the centerline of Mitchell's Drive, thence along the centerline of said Westminster Pike North 67 degrees 20 minutes West 702 feet, thence South 28 degrees 43 minutes 03 seconds West 423 feet, thence South 60 degrees 46 minutes 57 seconds East 54.2 feet, thence South 32 degrees 25 minutes 57 seconds East 152.1 feet, thence South 14 degrees 04 minutes 57 seconds East 155.1 feet, thence South 72 degrees 42 minutes 57 seconds East 414.6 feet, thence North 28 degrees 26 minutes 03 seconds East 609 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 9.33 Acres of land, more or less, and being located in the Fourth Election District of Baltimore County, maryland.



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

May 19, 1992

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

NOTICE OF HEARING

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:

CASE NUMBER: 92-438-A Westminster Pike, 67' (+/-) W of Mitchells Drive 605 Westminster Pike 4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Reisterstown Bible Church, Inc. HEARING: TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1992 at 9:00 a.m.

Variance to permit a free-standing sign of 72 sq. ft. (plus 22 sq. ft. of supporting column) in lieu of the maximum stated 30 sq. ft. for church, school or college property.

Baltimore County

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

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING DIMMO DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

92-438-A

District 4.1/h Date of Posting May 28 - 92 Poller Rustinstown Bible Church INC. Location of property. Westminster Pipe 67' W of mitchell Drive 805 Westminster Pipe Location of Stone SW/sich of Westminster Pipe in front of forthesed sign location Date of return: May 29 92

TOWSON, MD., May 28 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 weeks, the first publication appearing on May 28, 1992.

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management

Office of Planning & Zoning

June 15, 1992

Petition for Variance

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

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

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.

improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

RE: Item No. 471, Case No. 92-438-A

Petitioner: Donald Holman, et al

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THE JEFFERSONIAN.

\$ 44.73

(410) 887-3353

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT AMOUNT \$ 250.00 PROM: DAVE WERBER FOR: COMMERCIAL VARIANCE FILING. 04A04H0064MICHRC

receips

PAID PER HAND-WRITTEN RECEIPT DATED 5/12/92

5/13/92 H9200471 PUBLIC HEARING FEES 020 -ZONING VARIANCE (OTHER) \$250.00 TOTAL: \$250.00 LAST NAME OF OWNER: REISTERSTOWN

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

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 6th day of May, 1992

Received By:

Petitioner: Donald Holman, et al

Petitioner's Attorney:

RWB: DAK: 8

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Pastor Donald Holman

605 Westminster Pike Reisterstown, MD 21136

Dear Pastor Holman:

accordingly.

process with this office.

Towson, MD 21204

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

Please be advised that \$79.73 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

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

SHALL NOT ISSUE. DO NOT REMOVE THE SIGN & POST SET(S) FROM THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE DAY OF THE HEARING.

887-3353

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Reisterstown Bible Church, Inc.

Westminster Pike, 67' (+/-) W of Mitchells Drive

4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic

Petitioner(s): Reisterstown Bible Church, Inc.

your Order, immediate attention to this matter is suggested.

Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

605 Westminster Pike

CASE NUMBER: 92-438-A

605 Westminster Pike

Dear Petitioner(s):

Towson, MD 21204

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: May 26, 1992 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E.

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for May 25, 1992 Item 471

The Developers Engineering Division has reviewed the subject zoning item and we offer the following landscape comments:

This site is not in full compliance with its previously approved landscape plan. Compliance should be required prior to granting the variance. Also, the approved landscape plan should be modified in the area impacted by the variance to reflect the requirements of the revised landscape manual.

Robert W. Bowling / DAK ROBERT W. BOWLING, P.E., Chief Developers Engineering Division

(301) 887-4500

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

MAY 22, 1992

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

RE: Property Owner: REISTERSTOWN BIBLE CHURCH, INC.

#605 WESTMINSTER PIKE Location:

Zoning Agenda: MAY 18, 1992 Item No.: +471 (JLL)

Gentlemen:

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.

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

Fire Prevention Bureau Special Inspection Division

JP/KEK

Department of Environmental Protection Development Review Committee/Regionse		
Development Review Committee Response Authorized signature	Helly	Date 67-92
Project Name File Number Waiver Number	Zoning Issue	Meeting Date
Joseph P. And Gloria G. Connore DED DEPRM RP STP TE	467	NO Comments
★ Kilmarnock Associates	468	NO COMMENTS
DED DEPRM RF STF TE		
Automaster. Inc.	465	NO COMMENTS
DED DEPRM RP STP TE		
Douglas And Mary Hoischneider	<b>-47</b> ()	IN PROCESS
DED DEPRM RP STF TE		
Reisterstown Bible Church .	47 <b>t</b>	NO COMMENTS
DED DEFRM AF STP TE		
Pikesville Partnership	47 <b>2</b>	IN PROCESS
DED DEPRM RP STP TE		
Batimore Gas And Electric Company	/ 475	11 500000
DED DEPRM RP STP TE		IN PROCESS
Charles R. Carroll	476	2 - 00
DED DEPRM RP STP TE		IN PICOCESS
. Alonzo G. And Virginia G. Decker		
Variance DED DEPRM RP STP TE	473	IN PROCESS
COUNT 13		
Huntington Development Corporatio	on (Hunting Twe 442	لنے لیا ہے۔ یہ ہے
DEPRM		IN PROCES

DED DEPRM RP STF TE	
Douglas And Marv Horschneider	470 111 2000 000
DED DEPRM RP STF TE	+70 /N PROCESS
Reisterstown Bible Church .	471 NO COMMENTS
DED DEPRM RP STP TE	478 IN PROCESS
Batimore Gas And Electric Company	
DED DEPRM RP STP TE	1N PROCESS
charles R. Carroll	
DED DEPRM RP STP TE	IN PROCESS
. Alonzo G. And Virginia G. Decker	473
.Variance DED DEPRM RP STP TE	IN PROCESS
COUNT 13  Huntington Development Corporation  DEPRM  ===================================	Hunting Tweed Drive)  442  5-4-92  N PLOCES
COUNT 1	
FINAL TOTALS	
COUNT 21	
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY PETITIONER(S	s) sign—in sheet
I DENOE TRIVI ODDINGA	
NAME	ADDRESS  Pice Rose transport
Paster Don Holman	605 WESTUINSTER PIKE, REISTERSTUNN, 430 Highmedow Rd. " 2113
David J. Webber	430 Highmesdaw Kd. " 2113

Department of <b>Recreation and Packs</b> .  Development Review Committee Response Authorized signature	Formuly	Date 6/1/92	<u>F</u>	PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY PETITIONER(S	SIGN-IN SHEET  ADDRESS
Project Name File Number Waiver Number	Zoning Issue	Meeting Date		Paster Don Holman David J. Werbber	605 WESTMINSTER Pike, Reister 430 Highmeddaw Rd. "
Phillip And Carol Faulkenklous DED DEPRM RP STP TE	461	5-18-92		Pavid J. Webber	T 50 FT GITTE TO TO TO THE TOTAL THE TOTAL TO THE TOTAL THE TOTAL TO T
August J. And Elsie W. Seifert	464	=======================================			
DED DEFRM RP STP TE					
DED DEPRM RP STF TE	465				
Robert N. And Joan M. Greene	406				
DED DEPRM RP STP TE					
DED DEPRM RP STP TE	=== No Comments	*======================================			
J Kilmarnock Associates  DED DEPRM RP STP TE	468 No Comments				
Automaster, Inc.	469				
DED DEFRM RP STP TE  ===================================	=======================================	=======================================			
DED DEPRM RP STP TE	470 <u>J. Cannerts</u>				
Reisterstown Bible Church  DED DEPRM RP STP TE	No Connects				
Pikesville Partnership	.472				
DED DEPRM RP STF TE  Batimore Gas And Electric Comp	any	= <u>-</u>			
DED DEPRM RP STP TE	475 N. Connects				
Charles R. Carroll  DED DEPRM RP STP TE	476				
_=====================================					

Reisterstown	5/12/92 polo 109-92
Bible	605 Westminster Pike Reisterstown, MD 21136 (410) 833-6297
"for the equipping of saints for the work of servi	ice, to the building up of the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:12
May 12,	1992
Mr. Arnold Jablon Director ZADM 111 West Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Maryland 21204	92-438-A
SUBJECT: Petition for Variance t Baltimore County	to the Zoning Commissioner of
Dear Mr. Jablon:	
The purpose of this letter requirement that we obtain an att hearing relative to our request for the installation of a two-sided (36 square feet per side) instead Section 413.1b (B.C.Z.R., 1955).	or variance. The variance is I sign measuring 72 square feet
Our church was incorporated in sanctuary and fellowship hall of additional requirement of obtaining significantly add to the cost that preparing for this variance.	taining an attorney would
Thank you for your consideration the responsibility of smy for may be incurred by seeking the state of	ion in this matter. We accept tossible prejudice that a hearing without an  oper the prejudice that without an  oper the prejudice that an  op
	Solding

Petition Filed: May 12, 1992

6187-92

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

DATE: May 22, 1992

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

Rahee J. Famili

SUBJECT: Z.A.C. Comments

Z.A.C. MEETING DATE: May 18, 1992

ITEM NUMBER: 471

The proposed 20 ft. internal driveway needs to be 24 ft. wide.

Traffic Engineer II

RJF/dm

2014 METC -

92-438-A 6/23

BALT ORE COUNTY, MARY AND FFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING New Courts Bldg - 401 Bosley Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

Arnold Jablon, Director - Zoning Administration & Development Management

FROM:	Office of Planning and Zoning	
DATE:	June 5, 1992	
SUBJECT:	Reisterstown Bible Church	
INFORMATI	ON:	
Item Numb	er:	471
Petitione	r:	Donald Holman, Pastor
Property	Size:	9.33 acres
Zoning:		RC 4
Requested	Action:	Variance

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Hearing Date:

The petitioner is requesting a variance to permit a free standing sign of 72 square feet in lieu of the maximum 30 square feet.

The Office of Planning and Zoning Recommends DENIAL of the petitioner's request.

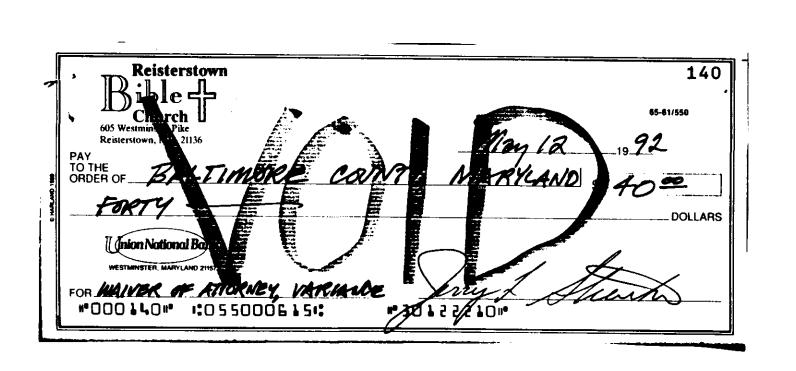
The Reisterstown Bible Church is located in an area considered to be rural. The sign the petitioner is proposing is reflective of a large commercial sign found in more urban areas. A sign of this magnitude would not be in keeping with the rural nature of this area. The proposed sign is a large, internally illuminated, pole mounted, double sign measuring 8 feet by 3 feet and 6 feet by 2 feet. The sign will be located in such a position that cars approaching from both directions have excellent visual exposure. The guidelines for sign regulations were intended to allow ample visual identity without being intrusive. This sign is much larger than is necessary. A sign with dimensions allowed by the Zoning Regulations would be sufficient for this church. The Office of Planning and Zoning does not have any qualms about a two-sided sign, our concern is with the size of the sign. We also like the idea of integrating landscaping with the area surrounding the sign.

Prepared by:	Frances 1. Mary
--------------	-----------------

Division Chief:	Erwin Mi Franch
<u>.</u>	

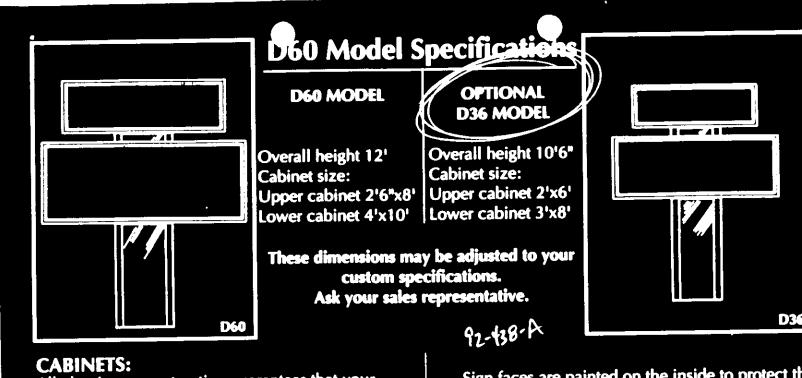
471.ZAC/ZAC1

FM:rdn



Check seturned 6/9/92. The request
for waiver of attorney representation is
not a "WAIVER" in the development/youing
process as we use the term "WAIVER". It
does not entail a fee.

(over)



CABINETS:
All aluminum construction guarantees that your new sign will never show signs of rust or corrosion. Reinforced corners assure you of cabinets that will never warp or twist.

Signs Plus uses standard length high output energy efficient fluorescent lamps for attractive, even illumination and low cost replacement.

The cabinets are painted with premier quality paints for a beautiful, long lasting finish.

MESSAGE CENTER:
For those who prefer a changeable copy message center, Signs Plus includes a minimum of 520 space saving letters. And you have choices: Choose either Helvetica Condensed or Craw Clarendon Condensed letter styles, whichever

Choose between a commercial or non-commercial letter selection. Our commercial fonts include the extra dollar signs, cent signs, and miscellaneous numerals a business needs.

If you don't need them, choose a non-commercial assortment. We include more "E"s and "T"s - the more commonly used letters. You can never have too many of them.

All letters are silk screened on the front of clear plastic blanks to reduce scratching when placed against the sign surface.

Signs Plus uses only polycarbonate plastic faces for all of our internally illuminated signage. Polycarbonate is used for professional football helmets, bulletproof "glass" - indeed, almost everywhere a virtually unbreakable surface is required.

Sign faces are painted on the inside to protect the design from scratching or weathering.

Unless otherwise requested, all Signs Plus signs are double sided.

Signs Plus will provide a color chart illustrating the more popular selections for sign use. Upon request we will match your color sample, within acceptable industry standards, however a precise color match cannot be guaranteed.

INSTALLATION:
Ease of installation is a hallmark of the Signs Plus design. Base plates welded to the bottom of each sign leg allow quick, simple installation and leveling; anchor bolts are included. If your sign must be moved, simply unbolt the sign from its foundation and relocate to a new location. You will never have to dig up a sign with legs buried in cement

## **DELIVERY:**

Please allow 3-5 weeks for delivery. All Signs Plus signs are custom manufactured to exacting specifications. Call us for precise delivery information.

# U.L. APPROVAL: All Signs Plus internally illuminated signs are U.L. approved for outdoor use even in the most extreme weather conditions.

NOTE:
Sign colors in this brochure are for representation purposes only. Please refer to the Signs Plus color chart for actual sign colors.

SIGNS

