IN RE: APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT \* BEFORE THE

FOR UNDERSIZED LOT

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

530 Berrymans Lane
4th Election District
3rd Councilmanic District
Land Owner: Ethel Porter
Joseph M. Collins, Sr.,
Applicant/Petitioner

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* Permit No.:

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#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner pursuant to a request for approval of the construction of a single family dwelling on that property known as lot No. 2 from the subdivision of the Porter property located adjacent to the intersection of Berrymans Lane and Saffel Road in the Reisterstown section of Baltimore County. The Application is filed pursuant to Section 304.2.A of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), which allows the use of undersized single family lots in certain circumstances. The Application is filed by Joseph M. Collins, Sr., property owner. Pursuant to Section 304.2.A, Mr. Collins has filed the requisite documentation requesting approval of his plans for a single family dwelling on the subject lot. The property was posted pursuant to Section 304.3 of the B.C.Z.R. and a request for hearing was filed pursuant to Section 304.4 of the B.C.Z.R. This request for a hearing was filed by Kenneth Wolfson, who resides immediately next door to the subject lot.

Appearing at the public hearing held for this case was the Applicant, Joseph M. Collins, Sr. Also appearing was his father, Joseph M. Collins. The Applicant was represented by Alan R. Engel, Esquire. The aforementioned, Mr. Wolfson appeared as a Protestant.

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Testimony and evidence offered is that the subject lot is 1.09769 acres in size and is zoned R.C.4. As noted above, the lot is situated adjacent to the intersection of Berrymans Lane and Saffel Road. The lot was once part of a larger tract known as the Porter property. The Porter tract was approximately 7.5 acres in size. In 1931, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company acquired an easement across the Porter property which dissected the farm into two sections. In 1968, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company recorded a deed thereby acquiring the property subject to the easement in fee. Baltimore Gas and Electric Company has utilized this strip to construct a tension transmission wire across the farm. west side of the aforementioned strip is the original farm house and approximately 6.5 acres. On the east side of the strip is the aforementioned one acre property. As noted above, this property has recently been acquired by Mr. Collins. It is to be noted that he does not own any adjacent land.

Mr. Collins proposes to construct a single family dwelling on the subject lot. The Applicant/Petitioner is a builder and the house will be constructed as a spec dwelling for sale. The location of the proposed dwelling is shown on the site plan, marked as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1.

As noted above, the property owner seeks relief pursuant to Section 304.2.A of the B.C.Z.R. It is to be noted that a favorable recommendation has been obtained pursuant to that section from the Office of Planning and Zoning.

As to Mr. Wolfson, he objects to any structure on the subject lot. As noted above, he resides immediately next door, having lived there for approximately one year. He stated that he has vested substantial sums in his property and does not want a dwelling next door. Although he does

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not own the subject lot, he apparently wants to retain the unspoiled view provided by this lot. He fears that construction on the property will overcrowd the neighborhood and detrimentally affect his lot.

After considering the merits of the arguments made by both parties, I am persuaded that the approval should be given for the use of the lot as proposed. To deny the Applicant the use of this lot for an otherwise permitted purpose would be improper and unjust. Clearly, the date of B.G.& E.'s acquisition of the easement use of the adjacent strip predates the adoption of any zoning regulations in Baltimore County. Moreover, the proposed dwelling will meet all other setbacks. The Petition should not be denied merely so that the neighbor can enjoy an unspoiled view. Moreover, the proposed house and lot's size are both consistent with other properties in the neighborhood. Houses in the subdivision across the street, as well as properties on this side of Berrymans Lane are similar to what is proposed. For these reasons, I am persuaded that the Application should be granted.

Notwithstanding my approval of the application, however, I am persuaded that one of Mr. Wolfson's remarks has merit. He objects to the siting of the house as shown on the plan. As depicted, the house does not face Berrymans Lane but is pivoted so as to front Saffel Road and the intersection. He complains that construction of a deck to the rear of the property will visually intrude into his rear yard.

From a sound planning standpoint, construction of the house, as proposed, might seen reasonable. Obviously, front yards facing rear yards is not appropriate. However, in this instance, there will be no other construction near this lot on Saffel Road. The closest house is on the 6.5 acre Porter property which is separated from this site by the B.G.& E.

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strip. Clearly, there will never be construction where the B.G.& E. transmission lines exist. Thus, I am persuaded that a more proper alternative would be to pivot the house so as to face Berrymans Lane. This would provide a side yard to side yard scheme between the Wolfson's property and the subject site. Moreover, it appears that all required setback distances can be maintained by moving the house in this direction. The Petitioner expressed some concern over the existing septic system, however, a review of the site plan shows that sufficient area for a septic reserve system is afforded. Thus, I shall approve the plan as submitted but require the Applicant to amend same so as to align the house with the Wolfson property and face Berrymans Lane. A new site plan, reflecting this amendment, shall be submitted for approval.

Pursuant to the advertising, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Application held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 29 day of December, 1993 that construction of a single family dwelling at the subject property known as 530 Berrymans Lane, in accordance with the drawings submitted as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction which is a condition pursuant to the relief granted herein:

1. The Applicant/Petitioner must submit a new plan within 30 days from the date of this Order to the Zoning Commissioner, for his approval, showing that the proposed house shall face Berrymans Lane and be in alignment with the house on the Wolfson property.

Any appeal from this decision must be filed with the Baltimore County Board of Appeals in accordance with the applicable provisions of law and Section 304.6 of the B.C.Z.R.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

December 28, 1993

Alan R. Engel, Esquire 211 Key Highway Baltimore, Maryland 21230

> RE: Application for Building Permit for Undersized Lot Permit No.: None 530 Berrymans Lane

Dear Mr. Engel:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Application for Building Permit for Undersized Lot has been granted, with a restriction.

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.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

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att.

cc: Mr. Joseph M. Collins, Sr.

cc: Mr. Kenneth Wolfson

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

#### REQUEST NOTICE OF FOR HEARING AND HEARING DATE FOR UNDER-SIZED LOT PERMIT

Permit Number:

None

Appliant:

Joseph M. Collins, Sr.

Owner:

Ethel Porter

Lot location:

530 Berrymans Lane

Please note that a formal request for a public hearing to be held before the Zoning Comissioner has been filed with this office. Pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulation, such hearing has been scheduled and will take place as follows:

HEARING ON UNDERSIZED LOT

530 Berrymans Lane

4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Ethel Porter

Applicant: Joseph M. Collins, Sr.

Hearing to determine whether the Zoning Commissioner should approve the proposed improvements on an undersized lot.

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

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Director ZADM

cc:

Joseph M. Collins, Sr.

Ethel Porter

Kenneth and Denise Wolfson

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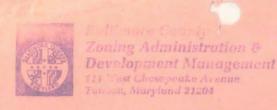
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County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

The application for your proposed Building Permit Application has been accepted for filing by on 10/28/93
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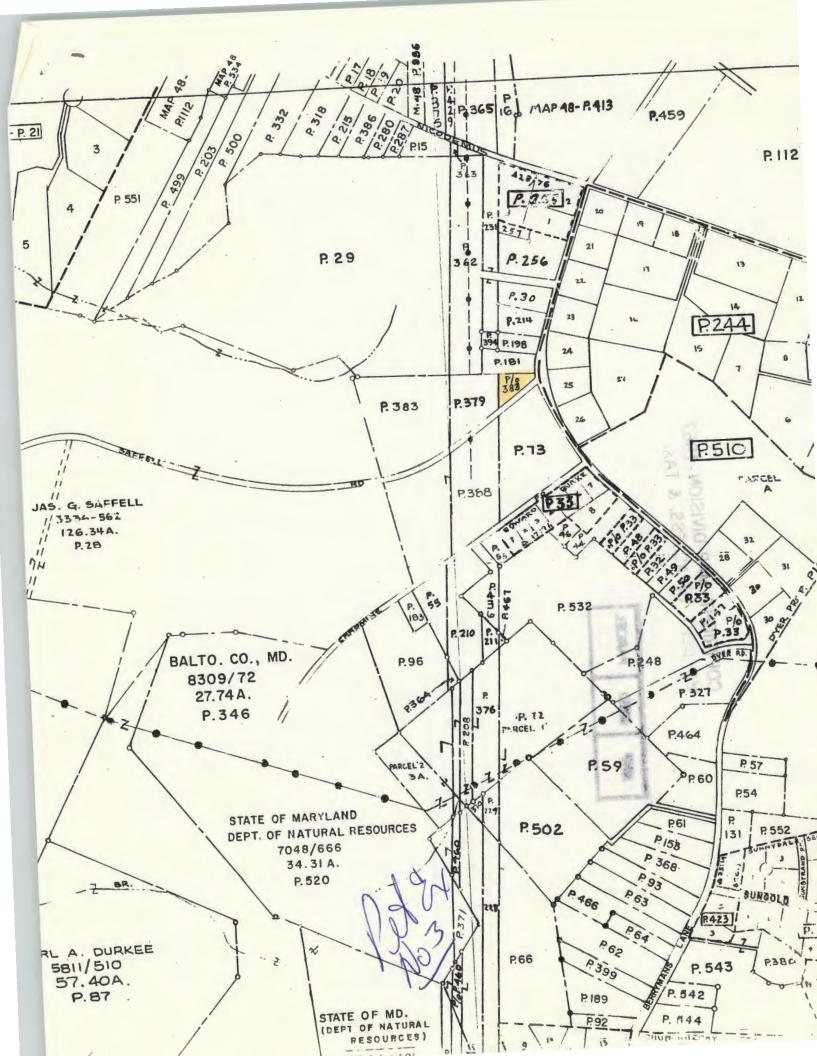
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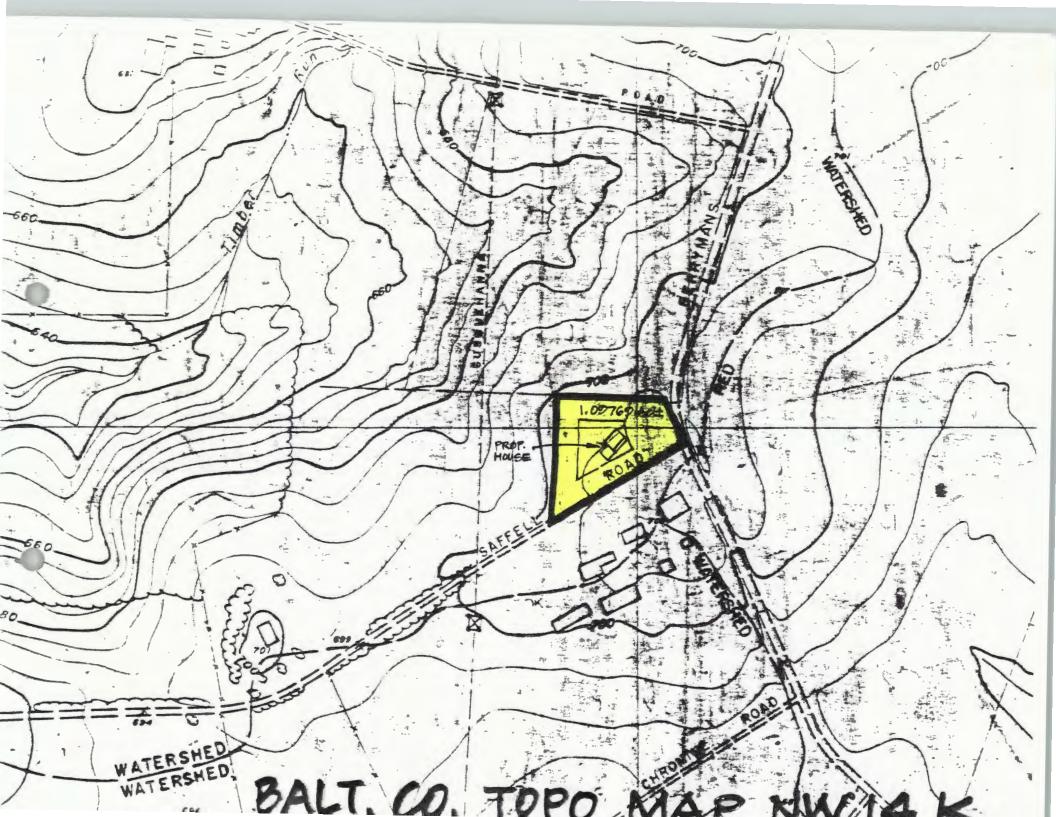










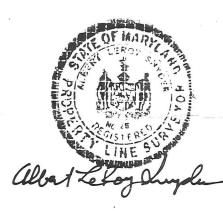


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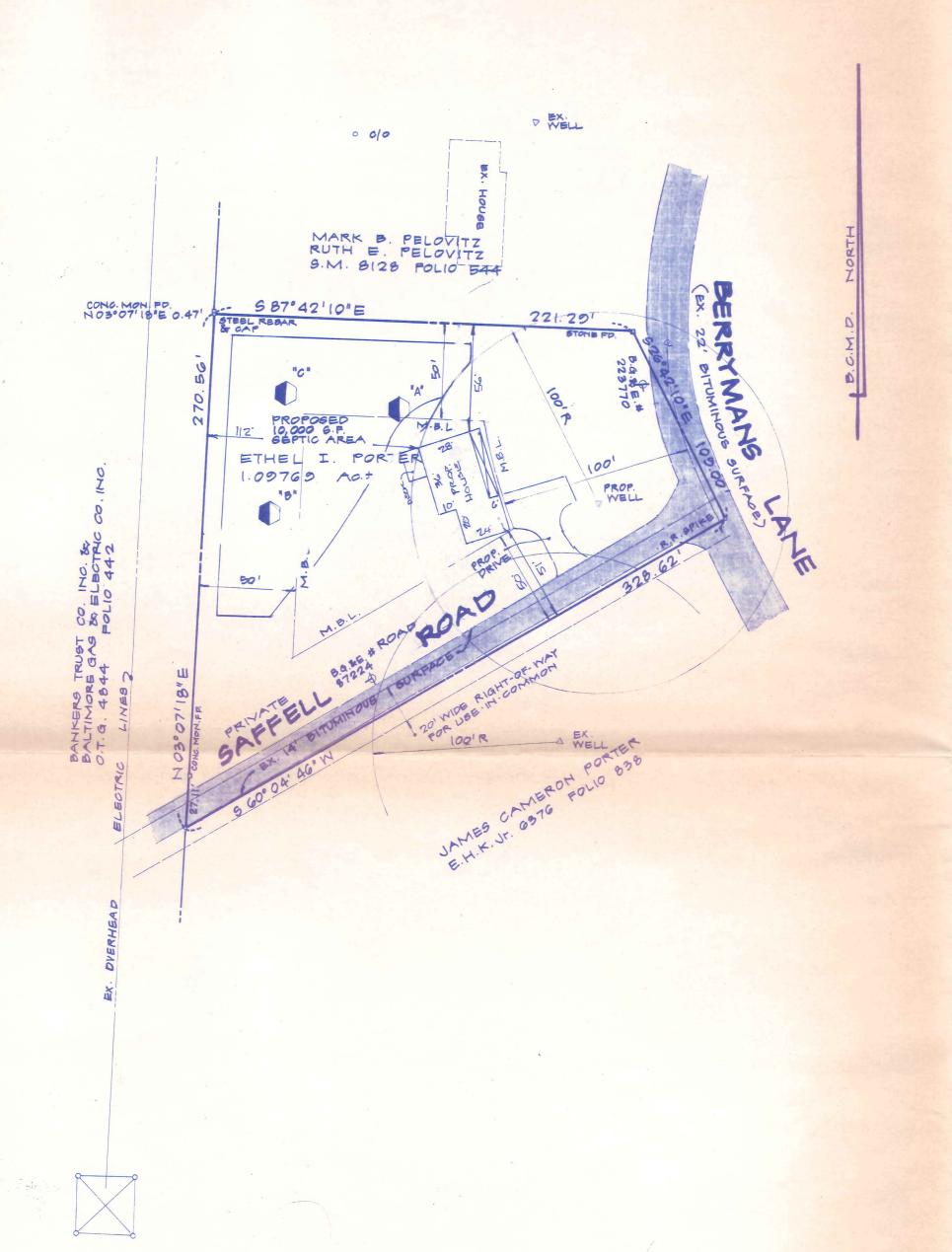
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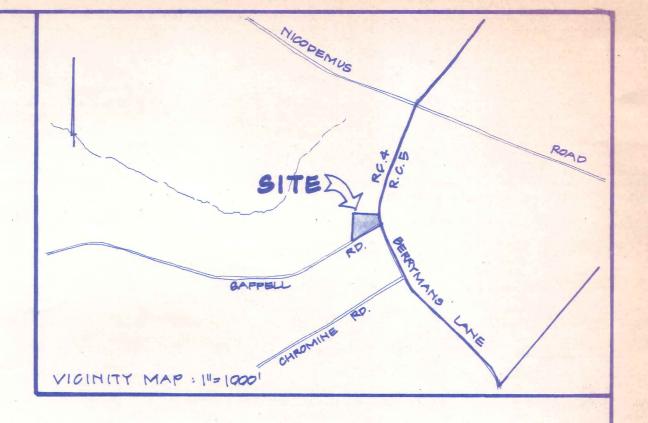


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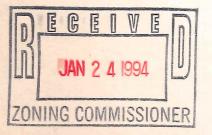


### PLAT TO ACCOMPANY REQUEST FOR UNDERSIZED LOT OF THE PORTER PROPERTY

4TH ELECTION DISTRICT

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD. DATE: OCTOBER 20, 1993

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