PETITION FOR VARIANCE SE/S Harford Road, 167' NE of Fork/Sunshine Road

(12609 Harford Road) * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 11th Election District 5th Councilmanic District * Case No. 93-430-A John Cherry, et ux Petitioners

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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* BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance for the subject property, known as 12609 Harford Road, which is located in the rural community of Fork, Maryland. The Petition was filed by John Cherry and Patricia Cherry, his wife, property owners. The Petitioners request relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) as follows: from Section 259.3C.2.b to permit a side yard setback of 6 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet; from Section 259.3C.3.a to permit landscaping of a minimum of 0 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet along the front, side and rear yard setbacks, as shown on the site plan submitted; from Section 259.3C.3.b to permit 0% of the parking lot to be pervious surface in lieu of the required 7% with no trees provided in lieu of the required one tree per eight parking spaces provided; from Section 409.4A, B & C to permit parking spaces with less than the required two-way travel aisle width of 22 feet and to permit said spaces to be located without direct access to an aisle, and to permit a two-way driveway width ⊳of a minimum of 10 feet in lieu of the required 20 feet; from Section 409.6.A2 to permit 9 parking spaces in lieu of the required 13, or, in the alternative, to permit 2 parking spaces in lieu of the required 13 parking spaces, if the requested variances and modified site plan are not granted; and from Section 409.12.B to permit a modified site plan to be approved by

Mr. Cherry during his testimony. Further, the comment referenced Section 259.2A.1 of the B.C.Z.R. which defines a C.R. district. In essence, that Section states the legislative intent for the C.R. district classification. The district is established to provide opportunities for convenience shopping and personal services that are customarily and frequently needed by the rural residents of the agricultural vicinity. The commercial centers within the C.R. districts are not intended to be regional facilities providing specialty goods to the population outside of the rural area. The goods and services provided by Mr. Cherry are clearly not convenience items or personal services. However, the case before me is not a Petition for Special Exception. The issue is not whether the proposed use is detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locale. The use is permitted as of right in the subject B.L. zone. Further, there is no doubt that the goods and services provided by Mr. Cherry are beneficial to the residents of this locale.

Nevertheless, Mr. Cherry must comply with the use restrictions set forth within Section 230.12 of the B.C.Z.R. These restrictions govern the uses permitted in a B.L. zone. Specifically, no more than five (5) persons shall be engaged in the repair or fabrication of goods on the premises and no more than five (5) horsepower shall be employed in the operation of any one machine used in the repair or fabrication and not more than fifteen (15) horsepower in the operation of all such machines. Further restrictions are contained within Section 230.12 of the B.C.Z.R. relating to the storage, display and use of the property. Mr. Cherry has sought no relief from these Sections and there will be none given. He must comply with the provisions of Section 230.12 of the B.C.Z.R. as it the Zoning Commissioner in accordance with Section 409.12.B. All of the relief requested and the subject property are more particularly described on the site plan submitted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhib-

Appearing at the requisite hearing held on this case was the property owner, John Cherry. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition was Nicholas Commadari, Zoning/Development Consultant. The Petitioner was represented by Edward Covahey, Esquire. Appearing as an interested party was Charlotte W. Pine, Esquire on behalf of the Greater Kingsville Community Association. Ms. Pine indicated that she was unfamiliar with the proposed development but was appearing to learn what was proposed on site and to protect the interests of the Community Association.

Testimony presented by Mr. John Cherry revealed that the subject property, known as 12609 Harford Road, consists of .552 acres, zoned B.L.-C.R. and is improved with a one-story building with attached garage Said property is located in a small commercial center in the rural village of Fork. Immediately southwest and adjacent to the subject property is an automobile gasoline station, owned and operated by Harvey Russell. On the other side of the property to the northeast is a small residential dwelling. Beyond that property on the same side of Harford Road is a C & P Telephone Company building. Across the street from the site is a small strip shopping center, known as the Fork Plaza Strip Mall. This plaza is occupied by a number of commercial uses, including a High's dairy store, a dry-cleaning business, a video store and a hardware store. As noted above, the subject property is nestled in the small commercial center of the village of Fork. Most of the surrounding properties, including the

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parcel immediately to the rear of the subject site, are residential/rural in character and are zoned R.C. 5 and R.C. 2.

Mr. Cherry noted that he purchased the subject property two years ago and uses the site for his business, known as Cherryworks, Ltd. The business is described as a small operation which includes furniture making, fabrication, and sales. Specifically, the business receives finished furniture parts and fabricates same into a finished product. Most often, children's furniture and cabinets are produced. Mr. Cherry has been in this business since 1974 and currently employs three other persons besides himself. He and another individual work at the shop performing the fabrication and sales while the two other employees install the finished furniture at job sites. Mr. Cherry produced a number of photographs, which have been marked as Petitioner's Exhibits 2A and 2D, depicting the type of items he sells. He noted that his business has little walk-in trade. Most o his business is through contractors, although one or two customers might visit the site during the course of a week. Lastly, he noted that approximately half of the furniture he received is already assembled when obtained by him and the other half needs assembly by him and his employees.

As to the site, the property was formerly used as a barber shop. Mr. Cherry indicated that he has spent significant time and money in rehabilitating the property. As shown in the photographs submitted, the site is improved with a 2200 sq.ft. block building and attached garage. Parking is provided by way of a macadam driveway parking pad leading from Harford Road. Also, as clearly shown in the photos, a retaining wall extends on the southwest side of the property separating the use on the subject property from the service station. However, the retaining wall does not follow the property line. As shown on the site plan, a parking lot which appears

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connected to the service station use is actually located on the subject property. Three full spaces serving the subject site are so connected and can be accessed only through the service station entrance from Harford Road. Although this might normally present a problem, the Petitioner indicated that he and his neighbor have found the situation workable. In the true spirit of country cooperation, these neighbors apparently share the parking spaces on an as-needed basis.

As to the proposed improvements, the Petitioner contemplates constructing a significantly sized addition (3,444 sq.ft.) to the rear of the existing building. The proposed addition will be anywhere from 28 to 35 feet in depth (depending on where measured) and 105 feet in width. Further, it will be 18 feet tall. Mr. Cherry noted that the proposed addition will be used to house the fabrication shop associated with his business and as storage space. The existing structure will be retained for use as a showroom and sales area. Mr. Cherry also indicated that the exterior of the proposed addition will be a stucco surface similar in character and appearance to the existing building. Further, the driveway will be extended to provide parking and access as shown. In this respect, Mr. Cherry does not anticipate much traffic. He testified that there would be little customer walk-in in view of the nature of his business. Further, he anticipates two deliveries per week. He believes that the parking to be provided will be more than sufficient for his needs

As noted above, the site is zoned B.L.-C.R. and is in a rural location. Furniture stores are permitted as a matter of right in the B.L. zones (See Section 230.9 of the B.C.Z.R.). Further, a lengthy recommendation was issued by the Office of Planning and Zoning regarding this Petiion. The comment offered a number of questions which were addressed by

machinery must be so limited and the Petitioner shall have no more than five (5) persons, including himself, engaged in the repair or fabrication

Also testifying on behalf of the Petition was Nicholas Commadari, a development consultant. Mr. Commadari discussed the proposed improvements to the property and the necessary variances.

of goods on the premises.

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 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

Applying this standard to the variances requested, consideration is first given to the request for a 6-foot side yard setback in lieu of the required 15 feet. This setback enjoys the support of the Office of Planning and Zoning in that it will orient the appearance of the proposed addition away from Harford Road. Based upon the site constraints imposed by the property, namely the configuration of existing improvements and the use of the lot, I am persuaded that this variance should be granted. The

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side yard property line relating to this request is adjacent to the service station use and will clearly not adversely affect that property. Clearly, the Petitioner has recognized the desirability of orienting the addition towards the neighboring service station and away from the adjacent dwelling to the northeast.

The second variance request relates to the provisions of Section 259.3C.3A. That regulation requires that "the entire required front, side and rear setbacks shall be landscaped" (emphasis added). The need for the variance is clear in that, notwithstanding that the Petitioner proposes some landscaping, anything less than the entire setback distance requires a variance. I will likewise approve this variance; however, same shall be conditioned upon the submission of a landscape plan to the County Landscape Architect for approval. The site plan shows that the Petitioner proposes the bulk of landscaping contemplated to be along the front and northeast sides of the property adjacent to the residential dwelling. Clearly, this is where landscaping is most needed and should be required. Thus, I will grant the relief requested from the strict requirements of Section 259.3C.3A so that the entire setback distances on the front, side and rear yards need not be landscaped. Nevertheless, the relief is modified so as to require appropriate landscaping consistent with the comments herein.

The third variance request relates to another strict requirement contained in Section 259.3C.3B. Therein, a minimum of 7% of the parking lot shall be pervious surface and a minimum of one tree per eight parking spaces shall be provided. Again, strict compliance with this regulation is not possible or feasible. The nature of the lot, adjacent properties,

burden of practical difficulty in this respect. Moreover, proper landscaping as provided in the method described above will lessen the impact of the proposed use on the surrounding locale.

The remaining variances requested all relate to the proposed parking arrangement and seek relief from numerous divisions of Section 409 of the B.C.Z.R. Here the testimony from Mr. Cherry was particularly persuasive. As noted above, the proposed use cannot be expected to generate significant amounts of traffic, as Mr. Cherry conducts most of his business with contractors by phone and delivers finished products to be installed at locations off-site. Further, materials delivered to the site will be received on an infrequent basis, approximately one or two times per week In view of the nature of the proposed use and Mr. Cherry's testimony, it appears that the proposed parking arrangement is suitable and workable. As shown on the site plan, a driveway to the loading area in the proposed addition is planned for deliveries. Further, adequate parking on the front of the site is provided to accommodate anticipated customers. In addition, the parking layout in the manner proposed will preserve the north and east portions of the site for landscape utilization. Thus, the variances requested shall be approved. It is to be particularly noted that the request for relief from Section 409.6A.2 shall be limited to permit 9 parking spaces in lieu of the required 13, in view of approval of the other variances referenced above.

Lastly, a comment is in order about other County approvals which may be necessary in order for the Petitioner to proceed with his plans. The relief which is granted herein is specifically limited to the variances

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cess or obtain an exemption therefrom. Further, as noted above, I will incorporate certain provisions suggested within the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee comments. In my view, these comments are appropriate and insure that the use of the property will not be detrimental to the surrounding locale and is in keeping with the rural character of this community.

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 Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 13 day of August, 1993 that the Petition for Variance requesting relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) as follows: from Section 259.3C.2.b to permit a side yard setback of 6 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet; from Section 259.3C.3.a to permit landscaping of a minimum of 0 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet along the front, side and rear yard setbacks, as shown on the site plan submitted; from Section 259.3C.3.b to permit 0% of the parking lot to be pervious surface in lieu of the required 7% with no trees provided in lieu of the required one tree per eight parking spaces provided; from Section 409.4A, B & C to permit parking spaces with less than the required two-way travel aisle width of 22 feet and to permit these spaces to be located without direct access to an aisle, and to permit a two-way drive of a minimum of 10 feet in lieu of the required 20 feet; from Section 409.6.A2 to permit 9 parking spaces in lieu of the required 13 parking spaces; and from Section 409.12.B to permit a modified site plan to be approved by the Zoning Commissioner in accordance with Section 409.12.B, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restric-

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Variance Requests

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required 13 parking spaces or in the alternative

permit a two-way drive of a minimum of 10'

and rear yard setbacks, as shown on the

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) Compliance with the comments submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM) dated June 24, 1993, which incorporates their comments of April 27, 1993, regarding the septic system design and water supply system.

3) The proposed addition must comply with the provisions of the 1991 Life Safety Code and the Baltimore County Fire Prevention Code, pursuant to the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee comments submitted by the Baltimore County Fire Department, dated June 16, 1993.

4) The site is subject to the requirements of the Baltimore County Landscape Manual to the best extent possible. The Petitioner shall submit a landscape plan for approval by the County Landscape Architect prior to the issuance of any building permits.

5) The Petitioner must comply with the provisions of Section 230.12 of the B.C.Z.R., including, but not limited to, the fact that no more than five (5) employees, including himself, shall be involved in the fabrication and/or repair of products on site, and the limitation on the horsepower of the machinery used.

6) Prior to the issuance of any permits, the Director of Planning shall approve the exterior design of the new building, including, height, mass, color, materials, detailing and roof style. Building elevations, perspective sketches and/or cross-sections of the proposed development must be submitted to the Director for review and approval prior to the issuance of any building permits.

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

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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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(215) 593-2157 FAX (215) 593-7068

Variance Description 12609 Harford Road

R.D. #1, Box 10A

Cochranville, PA 19330

Located on the southeast side of Harford Road approximately 167' northeast of centerline of Fork/Sunshine Roads and

running thence the following courses and distances.

N 37⁰ 59'17" E. 121.54' thence

S 57⁰ 42'49" E. 181.11' thence

S 37⁰ 49'12" W. 145.05 thence

N 50° 15'49" W. 180.73 to the place of beginning.

Containing approximately .552 acres.

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

August 13, 1993

(410) 887-4386

Edward C. Covahey, Jr., Esquire 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE SE/S Harford Road, 167' NE of Fork/Sunshine Road (12609 Harford Road) 11th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District John Cherry, et ux - Petitioners Case No. 93-430-A

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Cherry:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for 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 the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: Mr. & Mrs. John Cherry 11630 Camp Cone Road, Glen Arm, Md. 21057

Mr. Nicholas Commadari 3410 Woodstock Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21213

Charlotte W. Pine, Esquire 607 Baltimore Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204

People's Counsel

File

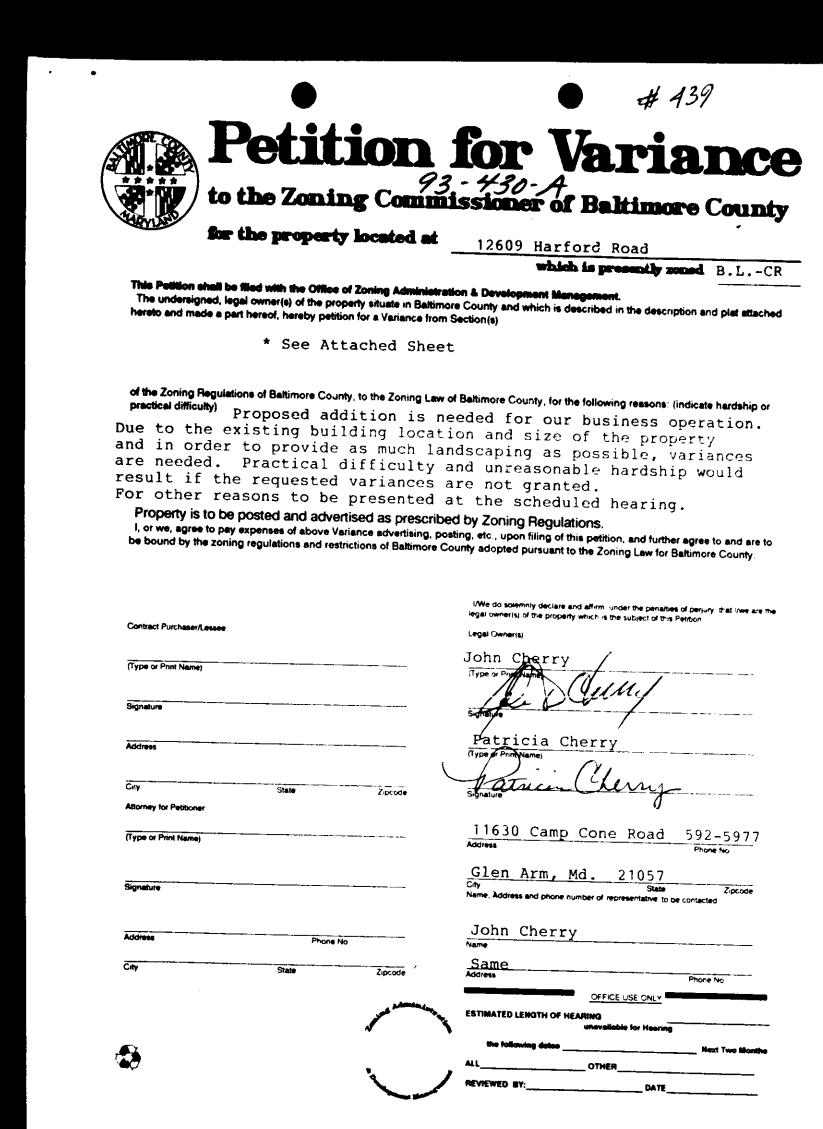
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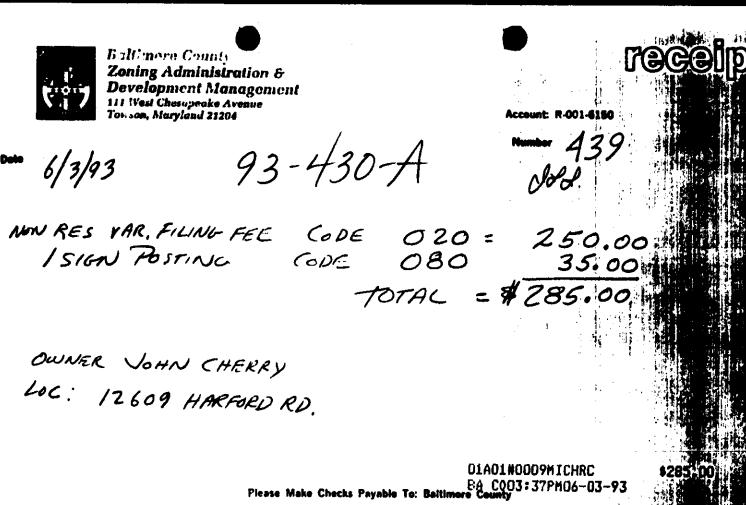


CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

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 ___ weeks, the first publication appearing on _

THE JEFFERSONIAN.





111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper. NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

For newspaper advertising:

Location: 12609 HArford Rd

PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:

ADDRESS: 1630 CAMA Cove Rd. Glen Azm Md

21057

PHONE NUMBER: 410 592.5977

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: June 21, 1993

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, Senior Engineer EWB/DAF

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

Development Plan Review

for June 21, 1993

Item No. 439

issuance of the building permit.

should be provided onsite.

Zoning Administration and Development Management

The Development Plan Review has reviewed the subject

Some of the parking spaces shown on the plan are not

A minimum 22-foot wide travelway needs to be provided.

useable spaces; therefore, adequate "useable" parking spaces

zoning item. The site is subject to the Landscape Manual.

Compliance to the extent possible will be sought prior to

(Revised 04/09/93)

Maryland Department of Transportation

State Highway Administration

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

JUNE 11, 1993

CASE NUMBER: 93-430-1 (Item 439)

cc: John and Patricia Cherry

SE/S Harford Road, 167' NE of Fork/Sunshine Road

Legal Owner(s): John Cherry and Patricia Cherry (Cherryworks Ltd.)

HEARING: THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1993 at 10:30 a.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse.

11th Election District - 5th Councilmenic

12609 Harford Road

Towson, MD 21204

O. James Lighthizes Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

(410) 887-3353

6-17-93

Ms. Helene Kehring Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Baltimore County
Item No.: +439 (JLL)

Dear Ms. Kehring:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Baltimore County Government

Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management

NOTICE OF HEARING

Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Haryland 21204

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Heshington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

Variance to permit a side yard setback of 6 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet; to permit landscaping

of a minimum of zero feet in lieu of the required 15 feet along the front, side and rear setbacks, as

shown on the site plan; to permit zero percent of the parking lot to be pervious surface in lieu of the

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NOTES: (1) ZONTING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPRAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE. (2) HEARTINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; POR SPECIAL ACCOMPONATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

(3) FOR IMPORMATION CONCERTING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.

County, will hold a public bearing on the property identified herein in

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

John Contestabile, Chief Engineering Access Permit

Teletypewriter for impaired Hearing or Speech 383-7555 Baitimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toli Free 707 North Caivert St., Baitimore, Maryland 21203-0717

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry 11630 Camp Cone Road Glen Arm, MD 21057

> RE: Case No. 93-430-A, Item No. 439 Petitioner: John Cherry Petition for Variance

June 30, 1993

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cherry:

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 June 3, 1993, and a hearing was 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.

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.

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee Comments Date: June 30, 1993

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 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 incompleteness.

3) Attorneys, engineers and applicants 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 forfeiture loss of the filing fee.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed comments, please feel free to contact Helene Kehring in the Zoning Office at 887-3391 or the commenting agency.

Zoning Coordinator

WCR:hek Enclosures

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

June 24, 1993

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

J. Lawrence Pilson \mathcal{CP} Development Coordinator, DEPRM

SUBJECT: Zoning Item #439, Cherry Property 93 430-A 12609 Harford Road Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of June 14, 1993

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

See attached letter to John D. Cherry dated April 27, 1993.

JLP:sp

Attachment

CHERRY/TXTSBP

BALTIMORE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT 401 Bosley Avenue, Towson, MD 21204
REAU OF WATER QUALITY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMEN

MR JOHN D CHERRY CHERRYWORKS LTD 11630 CAMP CONE ROAD GLEN ARM ND 21057

Dear Mr. Cherry: Building Permit application number B 1 4 7 9 7 3, for a commercial building "Cherryworks" located at 12609 Harford Road, E.D. 11

SEPTIC SYSTEM DESIGN

Permission is granted to use the existing sewage disposal system and well.

Prior to use and occupancy, the following work must be completed:

1) Clean and inspect the existing septic tank and provide manhole access to grade. Repair septic tank as necessary. 2) All plumbing fixtures in the showroom shall be replaced or equipped with water saving devices as follows:

 All toilets shall be ultra-low volume flush variety (1.6 gallon flush). - All faucets shall be equipped with flow reducers rated 2.0 gpm or less.

3) An activated carbon filter must be installed on a point of use tap/faucets in the showroom. Water samples must be collected from a raw water tap and the treated water tap and sampled for volatile organics to ensure proper functioning of the activated

A plumbing permit is required for installation of an on site sewage disposal system. Installation detail shall conform with the Baltimore County Plumbing and Gasfitting Code. This office must be contacted if any deviation to specification or location of the sewage disposal system is desired. Deviation requests must be accompanied by revised site plans showing all structures, water well,

sewage disposal system and reserve area, for review and approval prior to system construction. An inspection must be made by the Plumbing Inspection Division at the time the absorption trench is completely excavated to verify

the final depth and grade of the trench. A transit or similar device must be provided.

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

Permission to use the existing well.

If there are any questions regarding the above, please contact Mr. J. Robert Powell at (410) 887-2762.

Program Supervisor GROUND WATER MANAGEMEN

RWB:DAK:6

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Zoning	Advisor	ry Committee DATE: June 16. 1993		
FROM: Jerry L. Pfeifer. Captain Fire Department				
SUBJECT:	June 24.	1993. Meeting :		
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#433	-	No comments		
#434	-	No comments		
#435	-	No comments		
#436	-	No comments		
#437		No comments		
#438	-	Building shall be built in compliance with the 1991 Life Safety Code and the Baltimore County Fire Prevention Code.		
#439	-	Building shall comply with the applicable sections of the 1991 Life Safety Code and the Baltimore County Fire Prevention Code.		
#440	-	No comments		
		JUN 17 1993		
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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration &

Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE: June 28, 1993

SUBJECT: 12609 Harford Road

INFORMATION

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Property Size:

Petitioner:

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The development site is located in a rural village and in a scenic corridor (see page 131 of the Baltimore County Master Plan). Therefore, the applicant's proposal constitutes a significant development project.

Because of the location and the proposed use of the site and because of the number and type of variances requested, the Office of Planning and Zoning questions whether the proposed project is appropriate for this particular site.

This proposal does not provide enough information for the community and the County's reviewing agencies to fully evaluate the project. Some questions that should be addressed are as follows. What will the new building look like and will it complement the existing building on the site and the surrounding community? Will the manufacture of furniture or other projects be conducted on the premises and if so, is such activity permitted in a BL-CR zone/district? What truck traffic (i.e., volume and type or size of trucks) will be generated by the proposed use and will the proposed on-site driveway be adequate to handle the anticipated truck traffic? How many employees will be working on the premises and will the number of employees be limited so that the proposed amount of parking will be adequate to accommodate employees and customers? Is the project consistent with the statement of intent for the C.R. District as contained in Section 259.2.A.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations? Why does the applicant state in his petition that as much landscaping as possible will be provided when he is requesting variances to permit zero landscaping? If the requested

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existing building.

variances are granted and the proposed use is established, will the viability of the site for alternate uses be impaired if and when the proposed use ceases?

A Development Plan for this project was submitted previously and was denied. The Office of Planning and Zoning staff has met with the applicant three times and has advised him that the Development Plan should show grades and that front and side elevations of the proposed building should be provided showing its relationship to the existing structure. A warehouse type structure is not appropriate at this location.

It appears that the site is not large enough to provide the required parking and to meet the landscaping requirements of the C.R. District. Landscaping is important because the site is located on a scenic road. It is most important to provide screening of the building and parking areas. Therefore, except along the property line abutting the service station property, the landscaping standards of the C.R. District should be met. However, if a variance to allow nine parking spaces is granted, it should be conditioned on limiting the number of employees on the entire site.

The Office of Planning and Zoning does not object to a variance to permit a side yard setback of six feet as shown on the applicant's plan because this would reduce the mass of the building visible from Harford Road. However, based upon the information provided, it appears that the applicant has not demonstrated that:

- 1. Strict compliance with the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations produces undue hardship or practical difficulty.
- 2. Authorization of the requested variances will not be detrimental to the neighborhood.
- 3. Authorization of the requested variances will not change the character of the site and the neighborhood.
- 4. The proposed use will be in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the C.R. District regulations specified in Section 259.2.A.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations as follows:
- 1. The C.R. District is established to provide opportunities for convenience shopping and personal services that are customarily and frequently needed by the rural residential and agricultural population and tourists. It is intended that the C.R. District be applied only to areas where such facilities are not available within a reasonable distance; where sewerage treatment and a potable water supply can be provided without an adverse effect on the environment and neighboring uses and where public roads are capable of handling the anticipated increase in traffic without adverse impacts on surrounding areas. The commercial centers within C.R. Districts are not intended to be regional facilities providing specialty goods to a population outside of the rural area. [Bill No. 103, 1988.]

Specifically, it does not appear that the proposed use will provide goods or services that are customarily and frequently needed by the rural residential and agricultural population and tourists. Further, it is highly questionable whether the proposed use will not be a regional facility providing specialty goods to a population outside of the rural area.

Should the requested variances be granted, however, this office recommends the

- 1. Prior to the issuance of any building permits, the Director of Planning should approve the exterior design of the new building, including height, mass, color, materials, detailing, and roof style. Building elevations, perspective sketches and/or cross-sections of the proposed development should be submitted as required by the Director.
- 2. The Director of Planning and the Baltimore County Landscape Planner should approve a landscape plan for the site prior to the issuance of any building permits.
- 3. No more than four employees, including the owner, should be involved in the conduct of the business on the premises.

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER SE/S Harford Rd., 167' NE of Fork/Sunshine Rd. (12609 Harford: OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Rd.), 11th Election District, : Case No. 93-430-A 5th Councilmanic District

JOHN AND PATRICIA CHERRY (Cherryworks Ltd.), Petitioners

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notices should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

> Peter Max Zimmerman People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 23rd day of June, 1993, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to John and Patricia Cherry (Cherryworks Ltd.), 11630 Camp Cone Rd., Glen Arm, MD 21057, Petitioners.

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September 3, 1993

11630 Camp Cone Road Glenarm, Maryland 21057 RE: Cherryworks XI-694 (Case No.93-430A) Permit B-147973 C1802-92

Dear Mr. Cherry: As required by the Zoning Commissioner's order dated August 13, 1993, the Office of Planning and Zoning has reviewed the photographs and building elevations submitted and

recommends that the exterior design be in accordance with the following: 1. The exterior of the addition shall be a stucco surface as referenced in the Zoning Commissioner's Order.

- 2. The wall color and roof color of the addition shall match, as nearly as possible, the colors of the existing building. 3. The color and style of the garage door shall be the same as that used on the
- 4. Window detail on the addition shall approximate the detail of the windows and sliding glass doors on the existing building and match in color.
- 5. Shutters on the windows of the addition should match the grey window trim and
- 6. The proposed awning on the front elevation of the existing building should be straight pitched to fit the residential style of the building.
- 7. The colors shown on the existing building: light grey on exterior walls, dark gray roof materials, door and window frames, and garage door, are appropriate also for the addition. The awning should be in a subdued color such as wine or green to complement the color of the trim.

The building permit should be amended to reflect the above conditions.

Please advise this Office when you have reactivated the permit application process. Following review of the permit application, the Office of Planning and Zoning will notify the Zoning Office. Zoning will not sign off on the permit until the exterior design has been approved by the Exceptor of Figure 2.

> Erwin Mc Dann Ervin McDaniel, Chief Development Review Section

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CC: Carl Richards, ZADM Joe Maranto, ZADM

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