S/S Hunters Run Drive, 125 ft.

ZONING COMMISSIONER * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY * Case No. 94 63-A

Allen Montegriffo, et ux Petitioners

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance for that property located at 11703 Hunters Run Drive in the Hunters Run Subdivision of Baltimore County. The named Petitioners are Allen and Frances Montegriffo, property owners. However, as the evidence presented at the public hearing demonstrated, the variance is also sought by the developer of this subdivision, Chapel Homes, Inc. Relief is requested from Section 1B01.2.C.l of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and Section V.B.3.b. of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policy (CMDP) to permit a distance of 23.5 ft. between dwellings. As will be explained hereinafter, the required separation distance is either 25 ft. or 30 ft. Also sought is an amendment to the Final Development Plan for this subdivision.

Appearing at the public hearing held for this case were the property owners, Mr. and Mrs. Montegriffo. Also appearing were several principals from Chapel Homes, Inc. Also present were Rick Chadsey and Robert B. Barkel, engineers with G.W. Stephens and Associates. This firm engineered much of the subdivision layout and prepared the site plan submitted in this case. The Petitioners were represented by John B. Gontrum, Esquire. Appearing as Protestants in this case were Marty and Nancy Crawford, owners/residents of the property immediately next door to the subject lot. Their property is located at 11701 Hunters Run Drive. Also appearing as Protestants were Marty Leahy and John Krosnick, two other neighbors. The

Although the nature of the relief requested herein may be considered similar to numerous other variance Petitions filed in Baltimore County, the facts and circumstances which have led to the subject Petition are Apparently, operating under the old theory that it is easier to obtain forgiveness than permission, the Petitioners come before me seeking relief from circumstances which they have created. To the contrary, the Protestants seek strict enforcement of the B.C.Z.R.

The facts presented in the case are not largely in dispute. subject subdivision is a large residential subdivision consisting of substantial single family homes. Economically, this is an upper middle class neighborhood located adjacent to Ashland Road in Hunt Valley. The property is located not far from York Road and near the bicycle/recreational trail which runs from Northern Baltimore County to the Pennsylvania line. The subject property known as 11703 Hunters Run Drive is located in Section VII of the Hunters Run Subdivision. This section is approximately 22 acres in area and is zoned D.R.3.5. Overall, the entire subdivision is nearly 180 acres. C.R.G. approval for the subdivision was obtained from Baltimore County on August 25, 1983. Record plats for Section VII were submitted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibits 2A and 2B and were recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County on May 2, 1989.

The subject property is designated within the record plat as lot No. 170. The subject variance requested relates to the distance between the proposed dwelling on that lot and an existing dwelling on lot No. 169. Lot No. 169 is a corner lot located at the intersection of Twin Leaf Court and Hunters Run Drive. The record plat shows that these two lots were originally proposed for the construction of a single family dwelling on each. The dwelling on lot No. 169 was to maintain a 20 ft. setback from

Protestants were represented by Donna Larkin, Esquire.

the eastern property line which is shared with lot No. 170. The single family dwelling proposed on lot No. 170 was to maintain a 6 ft. setback. Thus, the total separation was to be 26 ft. These distances are clearly shown on the grading plans which were submitted for these two lots, collectively marked as Petitioners' Exhibits 9A and 9B.

The developer's first mistake which led to the filing of the Petition herein occurred when the dwelling on lot No. 169 was constructed. This house was built several years ago and, as noted above, is presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Crawford. Unfortunately, due to errors during construction in the field, the house was built so as to be situated 18 ft. from the property line, not 20 ft. as intended. Apparently, the house was inappropriately located in the field when construction was to begin. Unfortunately, this error was not initially discovered.

Subsequently, Mr. and Mrs. Montegriffo acquired lot No. 170 and decided to construct a single family dwelling thereon. Their house is to be constructed by Chapel Homes, Inc., the same builder, (or its successor) who constructed the Crawford home. Testimony offered by the Crawfords was that they noticed something might be amiss when construction on lot No. 170 first began in June of 1993. After inspecting the beginning of the foundation on their neighbors lot, they concluded that the location of the house appeared inappropriately close to their house. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford immediately contacted Chapel Homes and inquired whether the property setback distances between buildings were being maintained. There then occurred the developer's second mistake. Rather than carefully checking the setbacks, the builder incorrectly assured the Crawfords that the proper setback distances were being observed. Perhaps, it might be surmised, the developer mistakenly relied upon the wrong set of regulations in rendering such an opinion. That is, in that the project received approval

under the C.R.G. regulations in 1983, construction was governed by the setback requirements in effect at that time. These requirements were revised by way of the adoption of a new Comprehensive Manual of Development Policy (CMDP) in 1992. Under the present code, only a 20 ft. distance between houses under 50 ft. in height need be maintained. Perhaps, the developer mistakenly applied the more recent CMDP regulations to these dwellings and believed that since, at least, 20 ft. was maintained, the construction was in compliance with all regulations and standards.

In any event, construction of the single family dwelling on lot No. 170 continued over the Summer of 1993. Un-deterred by the developer's assurances, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford continued their investigation through Baltimore County. Eventually, an inquiry was made to the Zoning Enforce ment Division of the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Man agement (ZADM). This office dispatched an inspector to the site, who investigated the distances between buildings. This investigation disclosed that the buildings were actually 23.65 ft. apart. That is, not only had the developer incorrectly praced the dwelling on lot No. 169 two feet closer to the property line, but the dwelling on io? No. 170 was slightly less (5.65 ft.) than the 6 ft. which had been planned. Moreover the Zoning Inspector advised the developer that the necessary distance to be maintained between dwellings was not 20 ft. Rather, under the provi sions of the CMDP in effect in 1983, buildings in excess of 20 ft. .n height need be separated by 25 ft. and buildings over 25 ft. need be sepa rated by 30 ft. Under either scenario, an insufficient distance was main-Due to this error, a stop work Order was issued and the building permit revoked. However, the builder, apparently wishing to complete what it had started, requested and approved permission to finish at least as much of the dwelling as was necessary to put same under roof and protect

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it from the elements. Thus, additional construction expenses were incurred by the developer in anticipation that a variance could be obtained. This might well be considered as developer's mistake No. 3.

In baseball, as is well known, it is three strikes and you are out. However, in the sometime confusing world of interpreting the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, this developer may get, yet, another chance.

Having presented the factual history as outlined above, attention is next turned to the proper regulations to be applied to this factual scenario. As noted above, it is clear that this subdivision received C.R.G. approval from Baltimore County in 1983. As is well settled, development is regulated by the CMDP in effect at the time of the approval of the subdivision. This is, indeed, unfortunate from the developer's standpoint in view of the recent amendment of the CMDP. As noted above, under the current CMDP, only a 20 ft. distance need be obtained. Thus, a variance is still required. Moreover, although the reduction in distance, imposed by regulation, may well reflect a changed standard adopted by the County Council, the old requirement must be met. This old standard requires that for buildings under 25 ft. in height, a 25 ft. setback must be required. If either of the buildings is over 25 ft. in height, a 30 ft. distance must be maintained. Additionally, the manner of determining a building's height has also changed since 1983. Under the current regulations, height is determined by measuring that distance from the highest natural grade to the highest point of the roof. Thus a single measurement is made to determine a building height. In 1983, a building height was not computed in the manner as outlined above. Rather, determination of height was made by measuring the average level of grade around the base of the building to the average (mid-point) of the roof(s). One can readily see why the methodology employed to measure height was changed. Operating under the old

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regulations was cumbersome and difficult. Disputes could often arise as to the precise location of the average natural grade and location of the mid-point of the roof.

In any event, the Petitioners claim that, under the old method of measurement, both the existing Crawford dwelling and the nearly completed Montegriffo dwelling are under 25 ft. in height. Specifically, as shown on Petitioners' Exhibits 6A and 6B, the Petitioners have calculated the height of the Crawford home to be 24 ft. 11 inches and the Montegriffo home to be 24 ft. 7 inches. In that both dwellings are under 25 ft., it is averred that the required minimum distance is 25 ft. Thus, it is claimed that a only a minor variance (18 inches more or less) is all that Although this argument was advanced by the Petitioners at the hearing, the Petition, as filed, seeks a 6-1/2 ft. variance. That is, the Petition states that the required separation is 30 ft. and that the buildings are greater in height than 25 ft. Apparently, at the time of the filing of the Petition, a ZADM technician who accepted the Petition reached a different conclusion when calculating the buildings height. Obviously, his calculations were that, at least, one of the structures was over 25 ft. in height. Unfortunately, the technician was not present at the hearing. Rarely, if ever, will ZADM's personnel appear at soning hearings voluntarily. Moreover, none were subpoensed by the parties in this case and no direct testimony or evidence was offered as to ZADN's measurements. Moreover, I am required to consider this case based upon the testimony and evidence offered in the hearing and contained in the case file. In this case, I am, therefore, persuaded that the height of both of these structures, as computed under the 1983 regulations, is less than 25 ft. There was no testimony offered to the contrary in the record. Admittedly, I have reservations that the Petitioners properly

computed the height. It appears that the height was determined by them only by considering measurements on the elevations of these buildings which faced one another. Zoning policy in effect in 1983 required measurements be taken from all sides of the building. However, notwithstanding concern on this issue, I find, as a fact, based upon the uncontradicted evidence in the record before me, that the heights of these buildings as measured under the 1983 regulations is less than 25 ft. Thus, the required separation must be 25 ft., not 30 ft.

Notwithstanding my conclusion in this respect, a variance is still Although the variance is quite obviously minor in scope (18 inches), I must consider same carefully. I am particularly inclined to do so in this case due to the developer's past history in this case. The developer has quite obviously caused and contributed to its dilemma Nonetheless, following the hearing, I was advised by counsel for the Crawfords that the Petitioners and her clients had resolved their differenc-Apparently, the parties recognized the difficulty of relocating the building on lot No. 170. Moreover, relocation of same 18 inches easterly would solve none of the concerns expressed by Mr. and Mrs. Crawford at the hearing. In the scheme of things, such a minor relocation would not diminish the visual effects of this building. However, in recognition of the Crawfords concerns, a settlement has been reached where as the Crawford have now withdrawn their opposition and acquiesce to the granting of the variance. As the most affected parties, I feel compelled to consider this

In order to justify the grant of a variance, the Petitioner must satisfy the three prong test set forth in Section 307.1 of the B.C.E.R. That is, the Petitioner must show that strict compliance with the regulation would result in practical difficulty or undue hardship; that such

variances are in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the regulaand that the granting of the variance will not cause injury to the public health, safety and general welfare. It is of note that for an area variance, the Petitioner can satisfy either the practical difficulty or undue hardship test. The concept of practical difficulty has been established by the appellate courts of this State. See McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973)

To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

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

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 Hd. App 28 (1974).

In applying the standard in the instant case, I am persuaded that the practical difficulty test has been met. Testimony was presented by the Petitioners that relocation of the dwelling in a westerly direction may hood. Moreover, the variance is, indeed, minor in scope and nature. is doubtful that strict compliance would resolve the Crawfords concerns.

As to the other requirements set forth in Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R., I am, likewise, persuaded that the Petitioners have satisfied those. A granting of the variance does appear to be in hermony with the

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 29m of October, 1993 that a variance from Section 1B01.2.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and Section V.B.3.b. of the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policy (CMDP) to permit a 23.5 ft. building separation, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an amendment to the Final Development Plan for this subdivision be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The 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.

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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

October 28, 1993

John B. Gontrum, Esquire 814 Eastern Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21221

> RE: Case No. 94-63-A Petition for Variance Property: 11703 Hunters Run Drive Mr. and Mrs. Allen Montegriffo, Petitioners

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

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

> Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

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cc: Mr. and Mrs. Marty Crawford cc: Mr. Thomas Faust, Chapel Homes, Inc.

cc: Mr. R. Chadsey, George W. Stephens & Assoc., Inc.

11703 Hunters Run Drive which is presently sented DR 3.5 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zening Administration & Development Management.

The undereigned, legal corner(s) of the property situate in Sellimore County and which is described in the description and plat attented. hereto and made a part hereef, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) B.C.Z.R. Section 1 Bol.2C1 and V.B.3 b (C.M.D.P.) to permit a 23.5 foot building separation in lieu of the required 30 feet. For a height greater than 25' and less than 30' and to amend the final development plan. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or 1. House is up, framed in and under roof. 2. Adjoining house is existing. 3. A building permit was issued. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. 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. GGS F62 "We do sciently decise and affirm unser the penalties of perjuty, that the are the legal connected of the property which is the outpest of the Pesson. NO ATTORNEY Mr. Allen Montegriffo INFO EXCEPT SIGNATURE Mrs. Frances Montegriffo 409 F Lakevista Circle W 667-0851 Cockeysville, Maryland

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ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR #11703 Hunters Run Drive

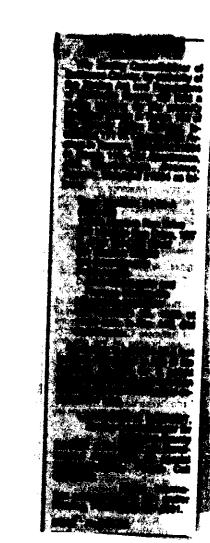
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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Bultimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Bultimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Champeaha Avenue in Tousan, Maryland 21204

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

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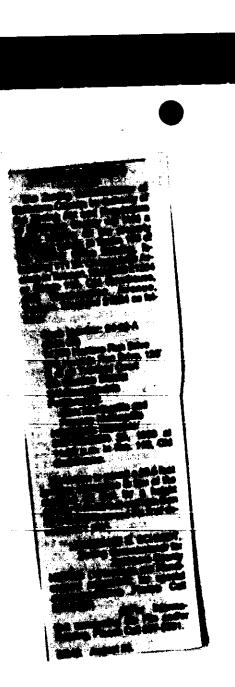
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Ms. Helene Kehring Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Toward Maryland 21204

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.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-3350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours, John Contestabile, Chief

Engineering Access Permits

My telephone number is _____ Teletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech
383-7555 Baltimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free
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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item Nos. 62, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 81, 82, 84, 86, 87 and 88. If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

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IN RE: PETITION FOR

Issued:

* ZONING COMMISSIONER 11703 HUNTERS KUN DRIVE * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* BEFORE THE

ALLEN AND FRANCES MONTE GRIFFUS Case No. 9463A Petitioners

CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS CHAPEL HOMES TIMONIUM, MARYLAND

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You are hereby summoned and commanded to be and appear personally before the Zoning Commissioner/Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 118, 018 Courthouse, 400 Washington AVE Towson, Maryland.

And to bring Any and all documents relating to your contact with the above-named.
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Louse at 11703 Hunteakun Drive, including, but not limited to (cont'd below the on the 20 day of September 1993, regarding the above captioned case, for the purpose of testifying at the request of Donna M. Lakin, Esq. Seven East Redwood Street, Ninth Floor, Balkmore, MD, counsel for Nancy and Marty Cranford. Marie & Street

the following: Plats, plans, construction schedules, correspondence, memorada, contracts, building permit applications, building permit, stop und orders, downeats from Bathmore County Zoning Office or Budding Inspector, and documents relating to variance, sought by Pextioners.

Hr. Sheriff/Private Process Server:

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Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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ALLEN & FRANCES MONTE GRIFFO

G. W. STEPHEN, JR. 4 ASSOCIATES

658 KENILWORTH DRIVE, SUITE 100

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE S/S Hunters Run Drive, 125' E of C/L Twinleaf Court, 8th Election Dist., 3rd Councilmanic Dist.

ALLEN AND FRANCES MONTEGRIFFO,

Petitioners

BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

: Case No. 94-63-A

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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

Larite 1. lamilie Carole S. Demilio Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-2188

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2nd day of September, 1993, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Allen and Frances Montegriffo, 409 F Lakevista Circle, Cockeysville, MD, Petitioners.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Larry E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

DATE: August 27, 1993

James H. Thompson - DT Zoning Enforcement Coordinator

SUBJECT: ITEM NO.:

Chapel Homes, Inc.

VIOLATION CASE NO.:

LOCATION OF VIOLATION:

11703 Hunters Run Drive Cockeysville, Maryland 21030 8th Election District

Chapel Homes, Inc. DEFENDANTS: P. O. Box 4397

Please be advised that the aforementioned petition is the subject of an active violation case. When the petition is scheduled for a public hearing, please notify the following persons:

Timonium, MD 21093

Mr. and Mrs. Marty Crawford

11701 Hunters Run Drive Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

After the public hearing is held, please send a copy of the Zoning Commissioner's Order to the Zoning Enforcement Coordinator, so that the appropriate action may be taken relative to the violation case. JHT/DT/hek

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Inter-Office Correspondence

Zoning Advisory Committee

DATE: August 19, 1993

Captain Jerry Pfeifer SUBJECT: August 30, 1993 Meeting

Building shall comply with the 1991 Life Safety Code.

Buildings shall comply with the 1991 Life Safety Code.

Townhouses, for which the initial building permits are applied for after 07/01/92, are required by State law to be sprinklered. A standard cul-de-sac shall be provided at the end of the road. A 35' inside turning radius shall be maintained.

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BALTIHORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

John R. Reisinger, P.K. DATE: July 15, 1993 Building Engineer Permits and Licenses

PRON: Donna Thompson Soning Inspector Zoning Enforcement

Case No. 94-34 Building Permit #8-104851 11703 Hunters Run Crive. Munters Run" dth Election District

Due to a complaint received, this office has become aware of a violation of the final development plan for the above subdivision.

The home currently under construction does not meet the distance of 30 feet between buildings required for heights of 25-30 feet. Also, the distance window-to-window does not meet the required 40 feet.

At this time, we have withdrawn our approval on Permit #3164851 and requesting a "stop work" order until this issue is resolved.

Elegen have any questions. I can be reached at 887-3351.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alan L. Montegriffo

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111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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

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 ORDI

For newspaper advertising: Item No.: 62 Petitioner: Allen Montegrifto Location: 11703 Hunters Ren Drive PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: NAME: 6. W. Stephens, Tc. + Assoc.

ADDRESS: 658 Kenilworth Dr., Sc. te 100 Touson, MO 21204 PHONE NUMBER: F25- 8/20

(Revised 04/09/93)

GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR., & ASSOCIATES, INC ENGINEERS 658 KENILWORTH DRIVE, SUITE 100, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

Variance Petition for 11703 Hunters Run Drive

Bill: George William Stephens, Jr. & Associates, Inc. for advertising in

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Joanne & Timothy Regan 10 Turnleaf Court Hunt Valley, MD 21030 September 20, 1993

Battimore County Zoning Commission,

It has come to our attention that Chapel Homes is applying for a Building variance from your office for a house they are building on Hunter's Run Rd. what is most disturbing to use is that Chapel Homes ignored a request to check the correct placement of the footings for the house. They continued to build, regardless of legitimate concerns of the Crawfords.

We strongly feel that this variance should be denied so as not to detrementally affect property values in our community Just as strongly, we ful that Chapel Homes, and their predicessor Faust Homes, should not be rewarded for their ineptness; un competence & blatent desregard for country building codes. Their past performance & your service to customers in this community is testimony enough to deny their request in this matter.

Joanne L. Agan

Leptember 18, 1993

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To Baltimore County Zoning:

As homeowners in Hunt Valley Station, we are extremely concerned about a proposed variance on Hunter's Run Drive.

We are certain such a variance will lessen the consistent appearance in our neighborhood. Consequently, a decrease in our property value will occur. The residents of Hunt Valley Station strive to maintain the appearance of their homes; as anything less will result in a loss in our investments.

The builder was alerted about our concerns when the footings on the proposed site were initially poured. The builder chose to ignore the homeowners' concerns and continued to build. Chapel Homes is responsible for the error and NOT the residents of Hunt Valley Station.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you DENY the Hunter's Run Drive variance.

Thank you,

Kammer R. Jeniel Kathryn R. Gould

FROM: RONALD J. STEINMETZ 14 TWINLEAF CT. COCKEYSVILLE, MD. 21030

DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 1993

TO: ZONING COMMISSIONER

BALTIMORE COUNTY

DEAR SIR, CONCERNING THE SUBJECT OF VARIANCES FOR HOUSES IN THE HUNT VALLEY STATION DEVELOPMENT, IN REGARDS TO THE AMOUNT OF SPACE ALLOWED BETWEEN HOUSES, I WOULD URGE YOU TO RESPECT THE CODE AND STAND BY IT. WHEN PEOPLE BUY HOMES THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPECT THAT THE CODE THAT EXIST WILL BE ENFORCED. THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPECT THAT THE AESTHETIC VALUE OF THERE HOME WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF PRIVACY THAT THEY EXPECTED WHEN THEY BOUGHT A HOME IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. WHEN HOMES ARE PLACED TOO CLOSE THEY AFFECT BOTH THESE RIGHTS AND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED.

SEP 17 '93 10:04

To Whom It May Concern:

September 17, 1993

As homeowners in Hunt Valley Station, we want to express our concern over the proposed variance on Hunter's Run Drive.

We strongly feel that such a variance will diminish the uniform appearance in our neighborhood and result in a decrease in our property values. We are all trying very hard to maintain our community in the best possible anner as everyone knows the real estate market is virtually flat and of course that means a loss of

The mistake of the homebuilders should not cost us. It's the "cost of doing business" to be held accountable for one's errors and correct them without causing others to suffer.

It is for these reasons that we respectfully ask that you dany the Hunter's Run Drive variance. Thank you.

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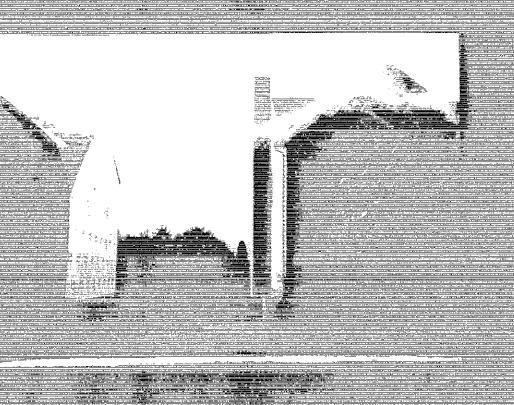
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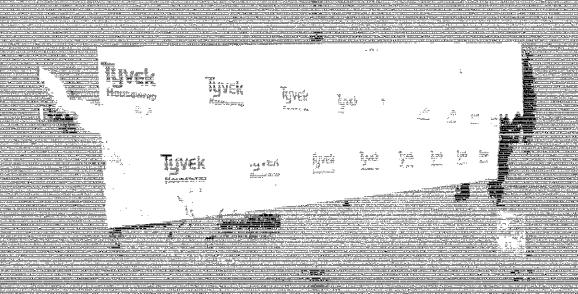
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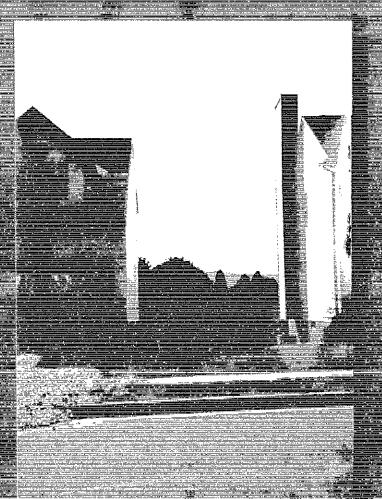






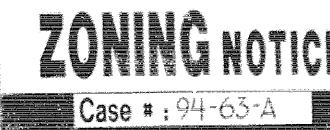






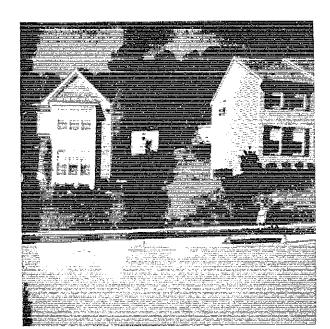






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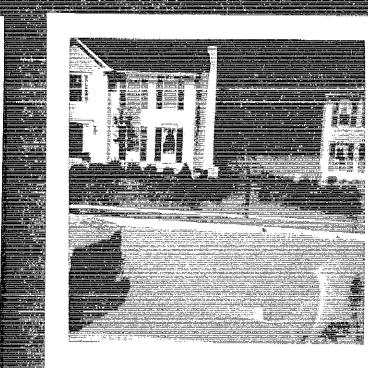




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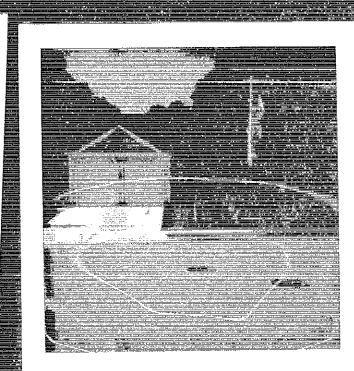
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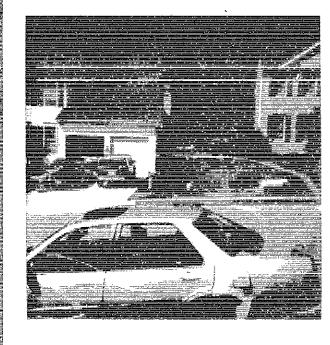
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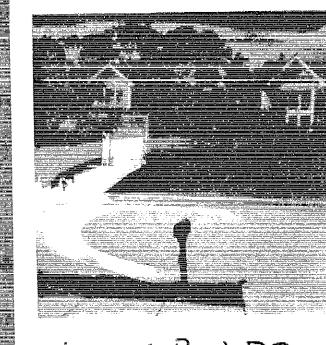
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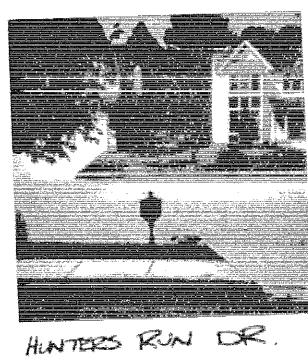
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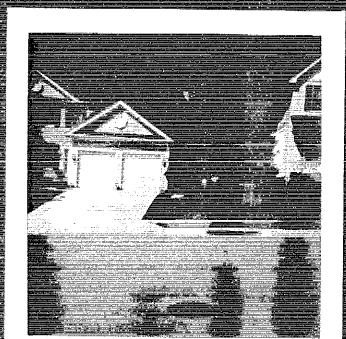


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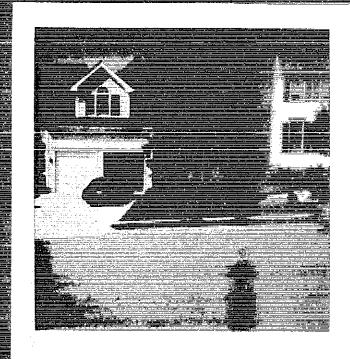


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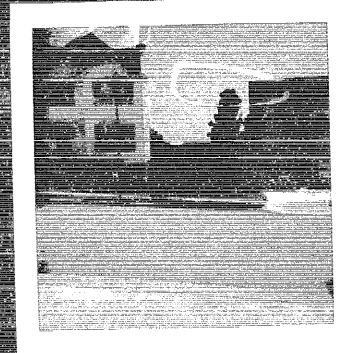




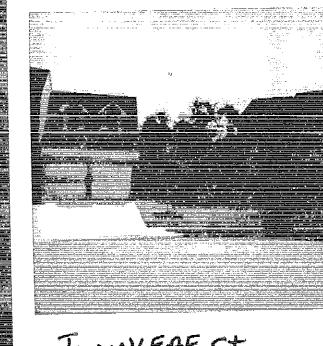
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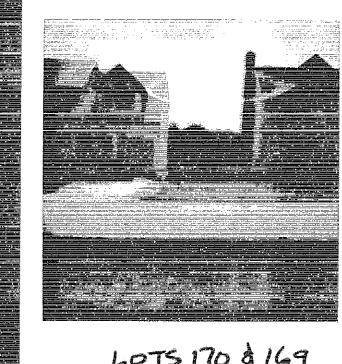
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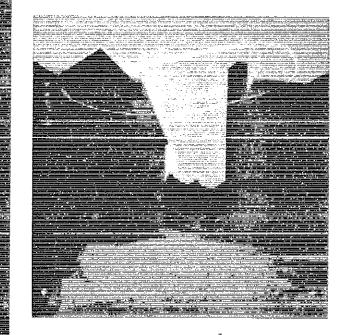
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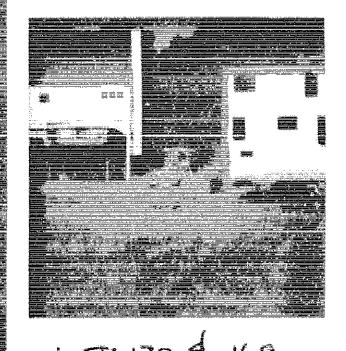
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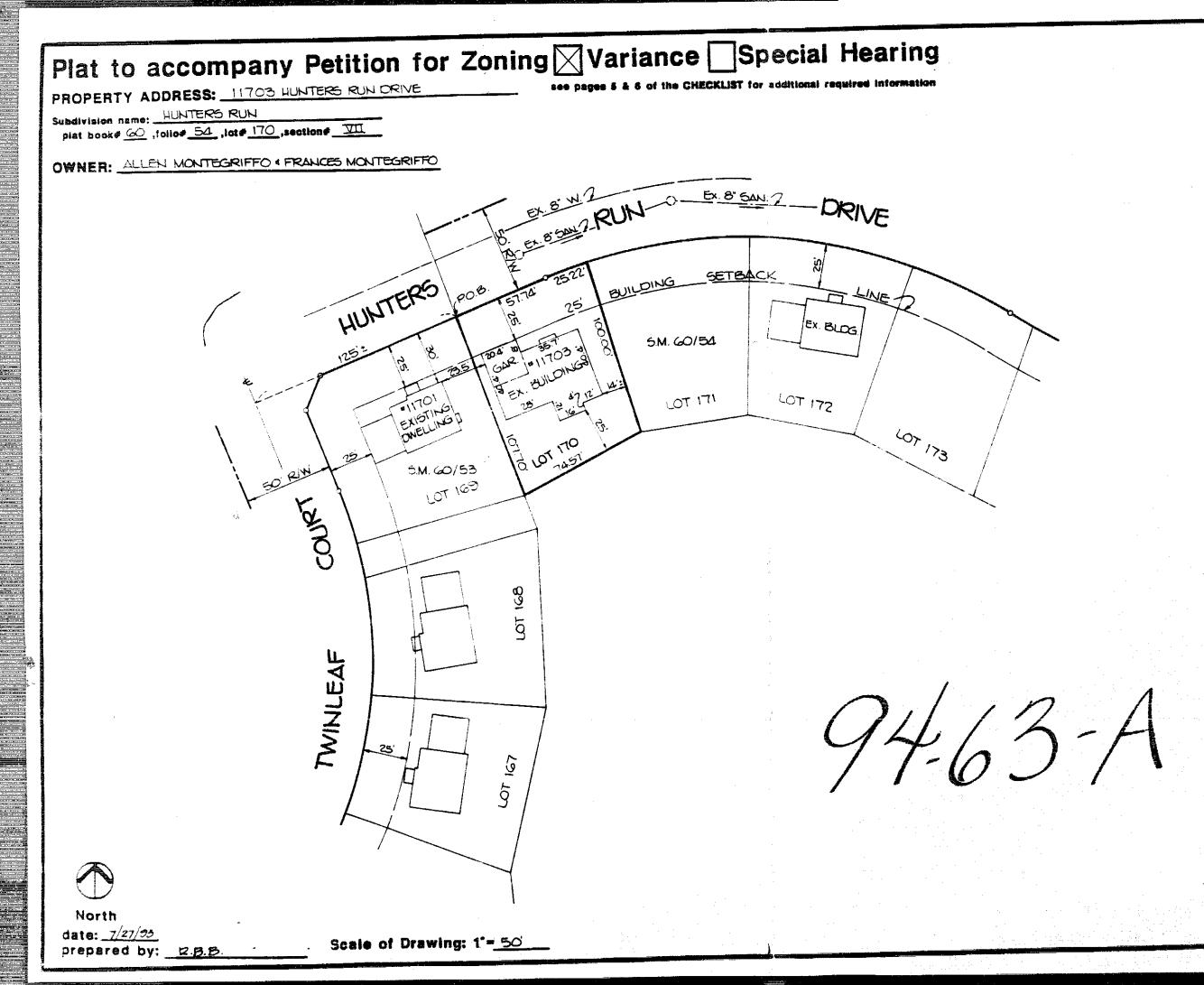
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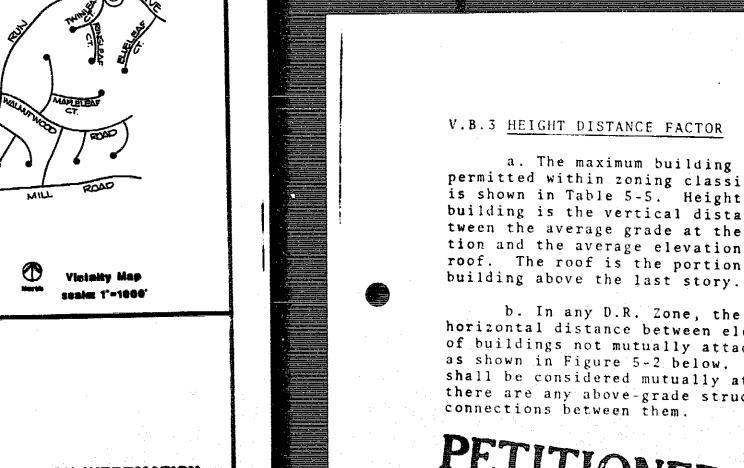
l, the undersigned am opposed to allowing the variance at 11703 Hunters Run Dr.. I believe that the standards of this community should be enforced and I oppose any amendment to the final development plan which would compromise the covenents established by the Community of Hunt Valley Station.

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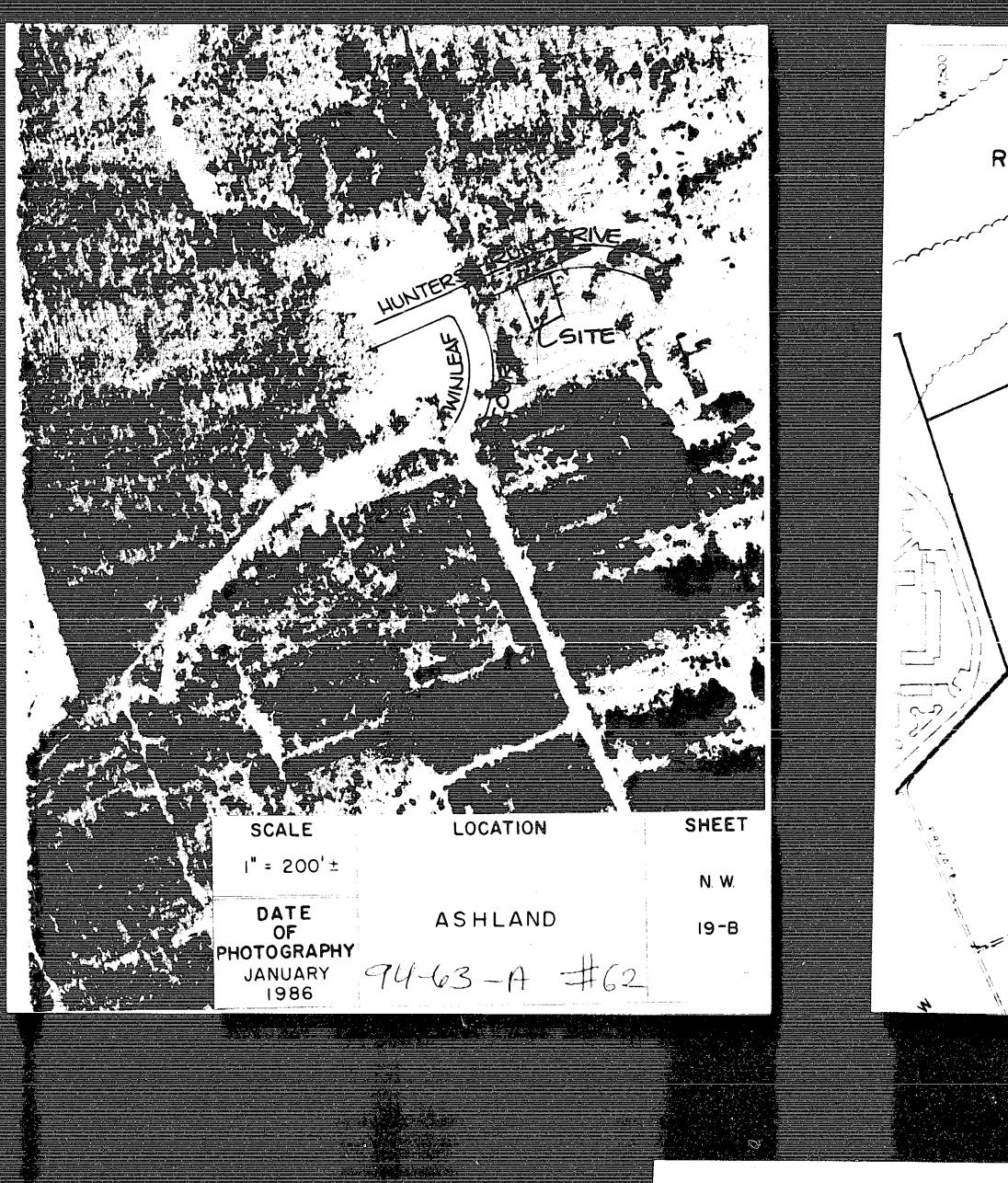
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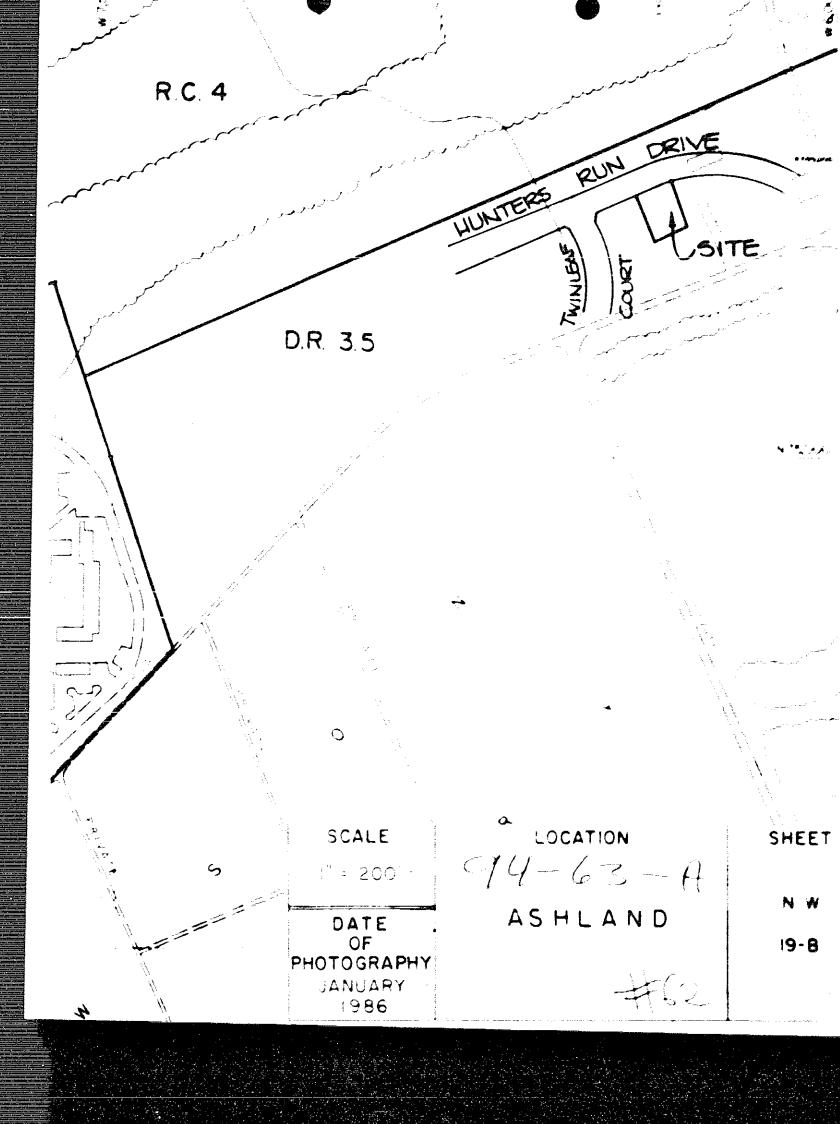




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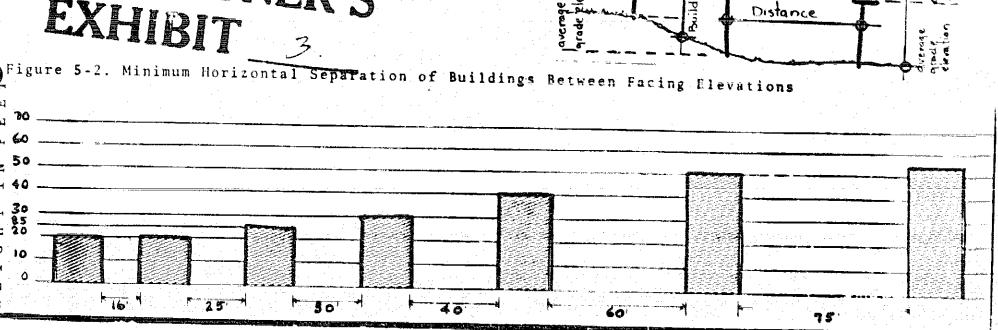


V.B.3 HEIGHT DISTANCE FACTOR

a. The maximum building height permitted within zoning classification is shown in Table 5-5. Height of a building is the vertical distance between the average grade at the foundation and the average elevation of the roof. The roof is the portion of a

b. In any D.R. Zone, the minimum horizontal distance between elevations of buildings not mutually attached are as shown in Figure 5-2 below. Buildings shall be considered mutually attached if there are any above-grade structural connections between them.

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Table 5-5. Maximum Building Height by

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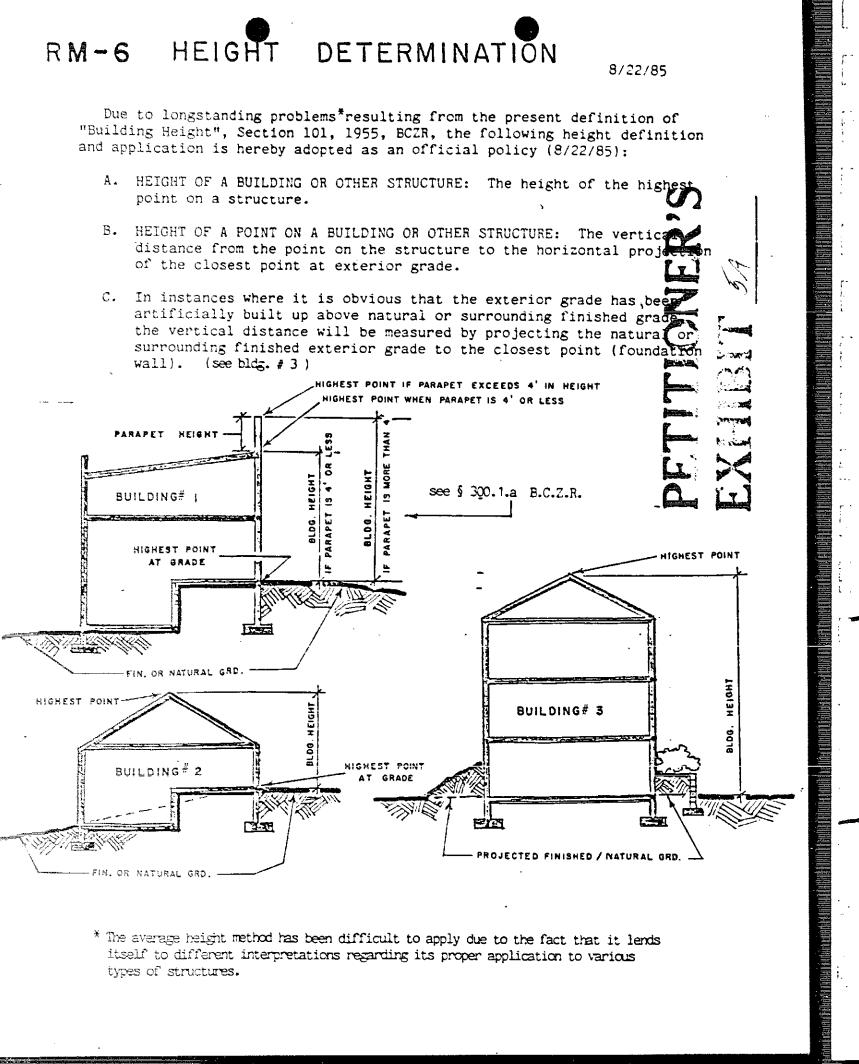
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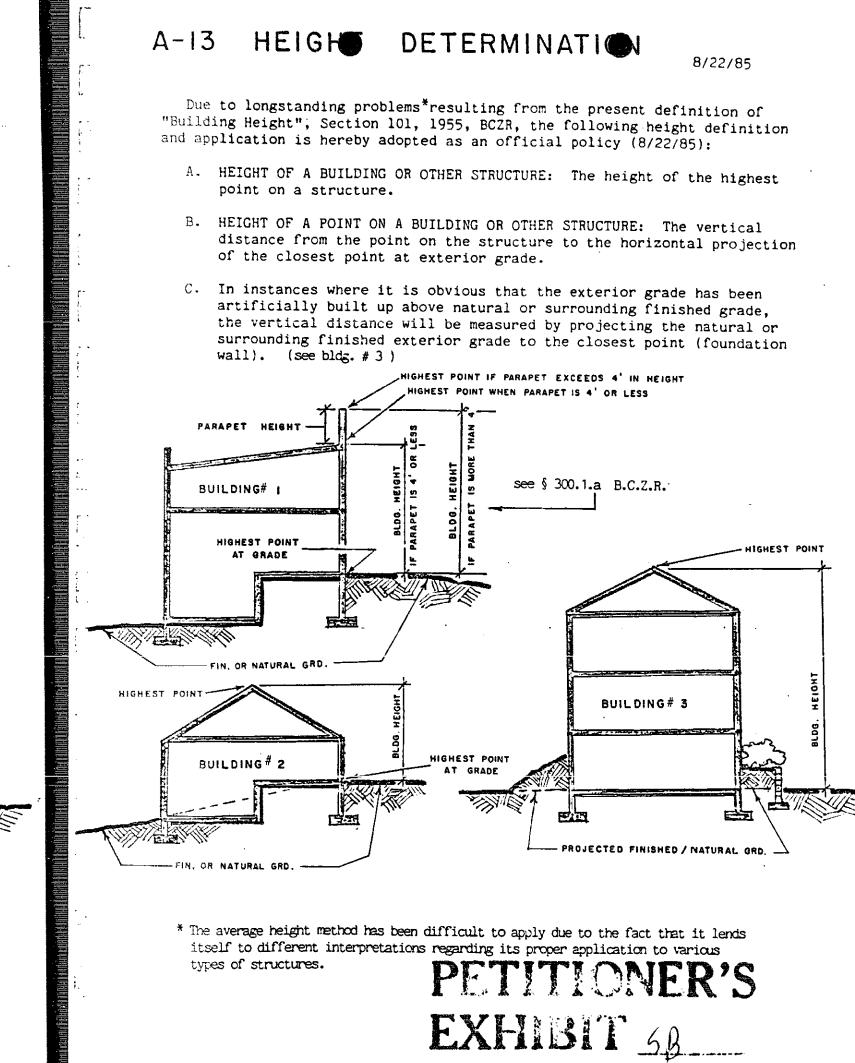
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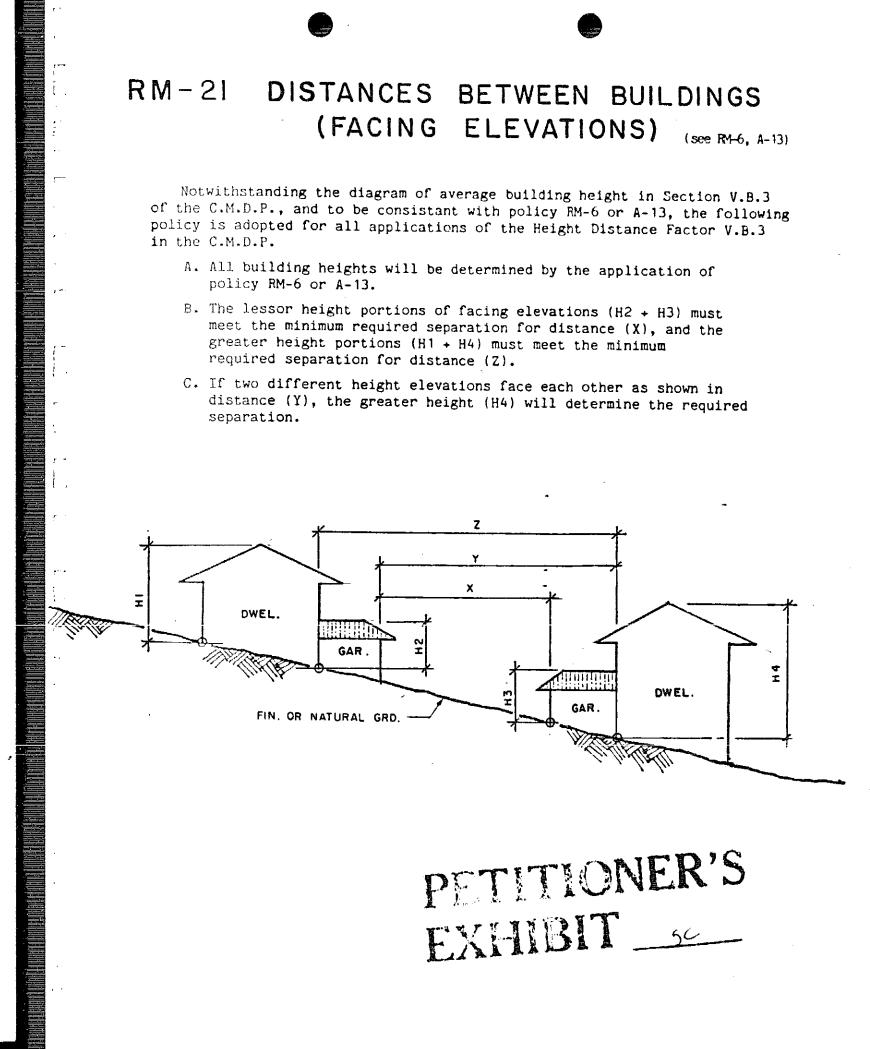
Nore imaginative site layout of residential units has often been prevented by requirements for minimum lot size, side, front, and backyard set-backs. Under the new D.R. provisions, these constraints have been eliminated. Siting will not be based upon property lines and zones, but upon relationship of structure bulks to one another and spaces.

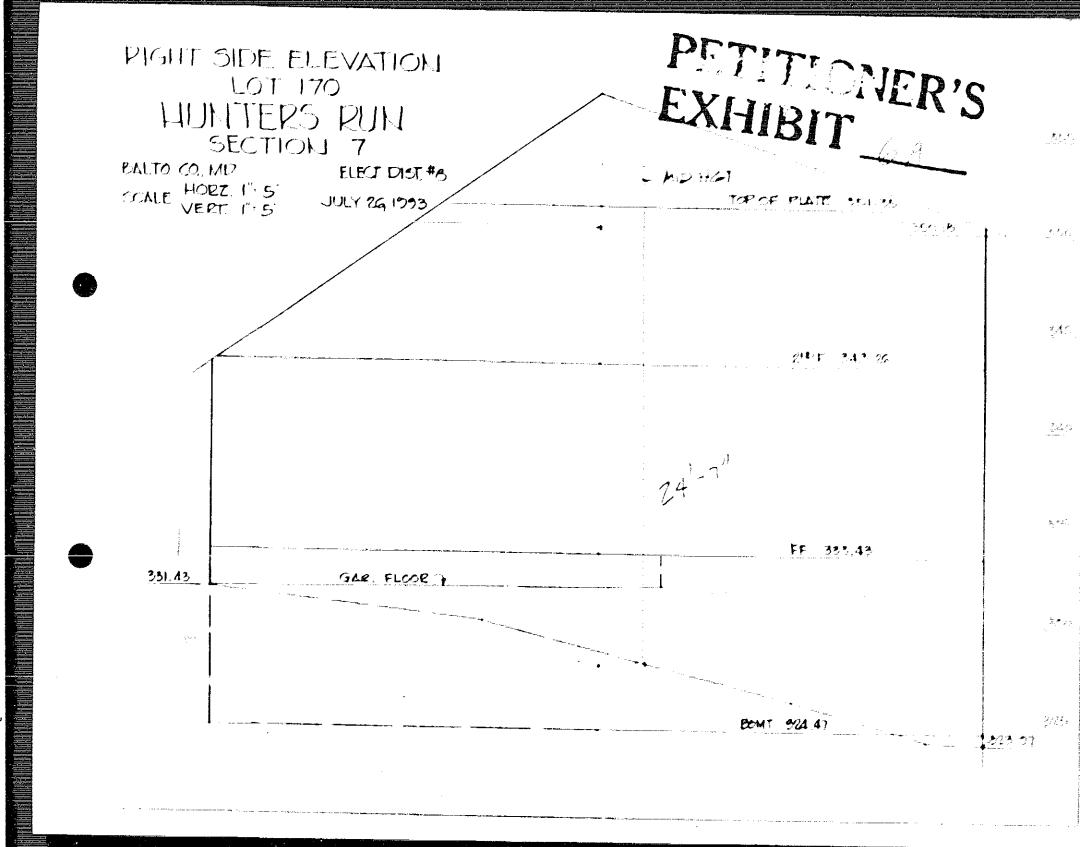
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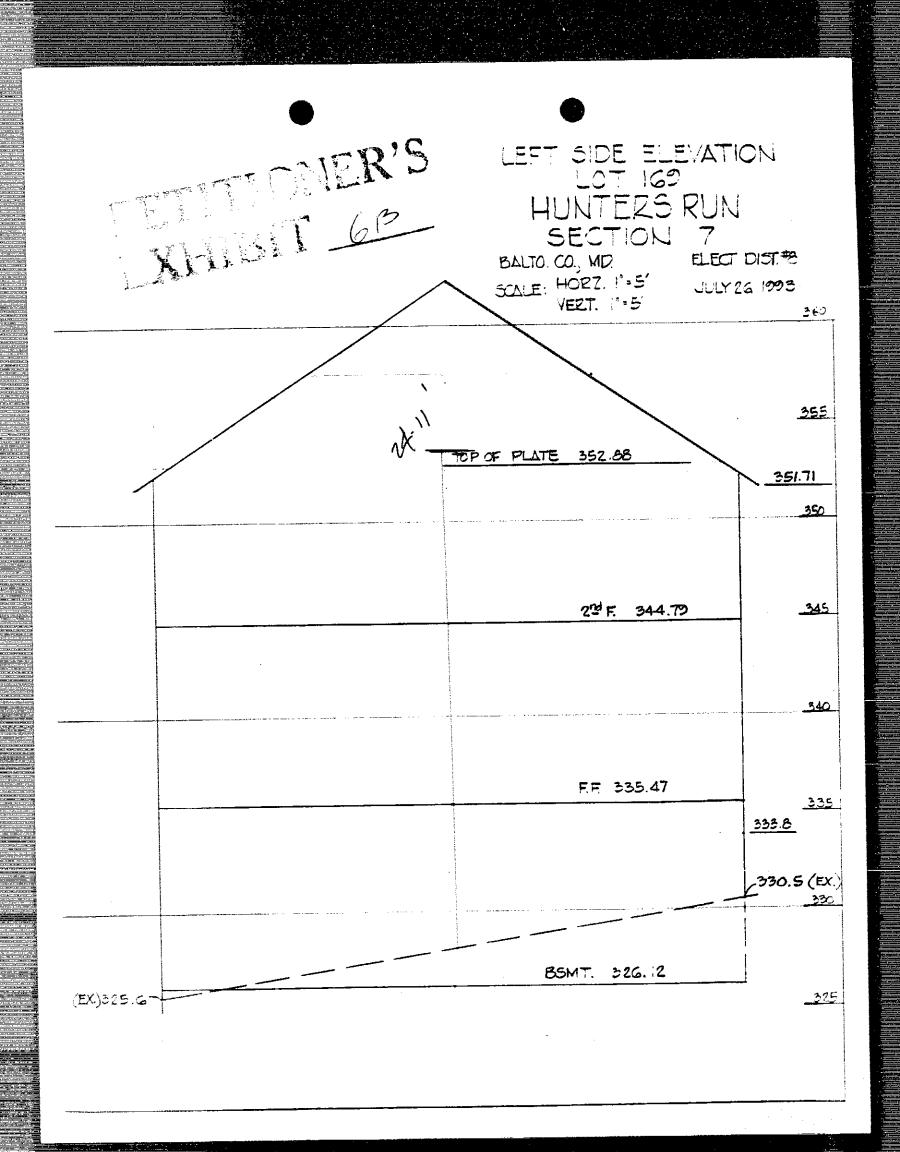


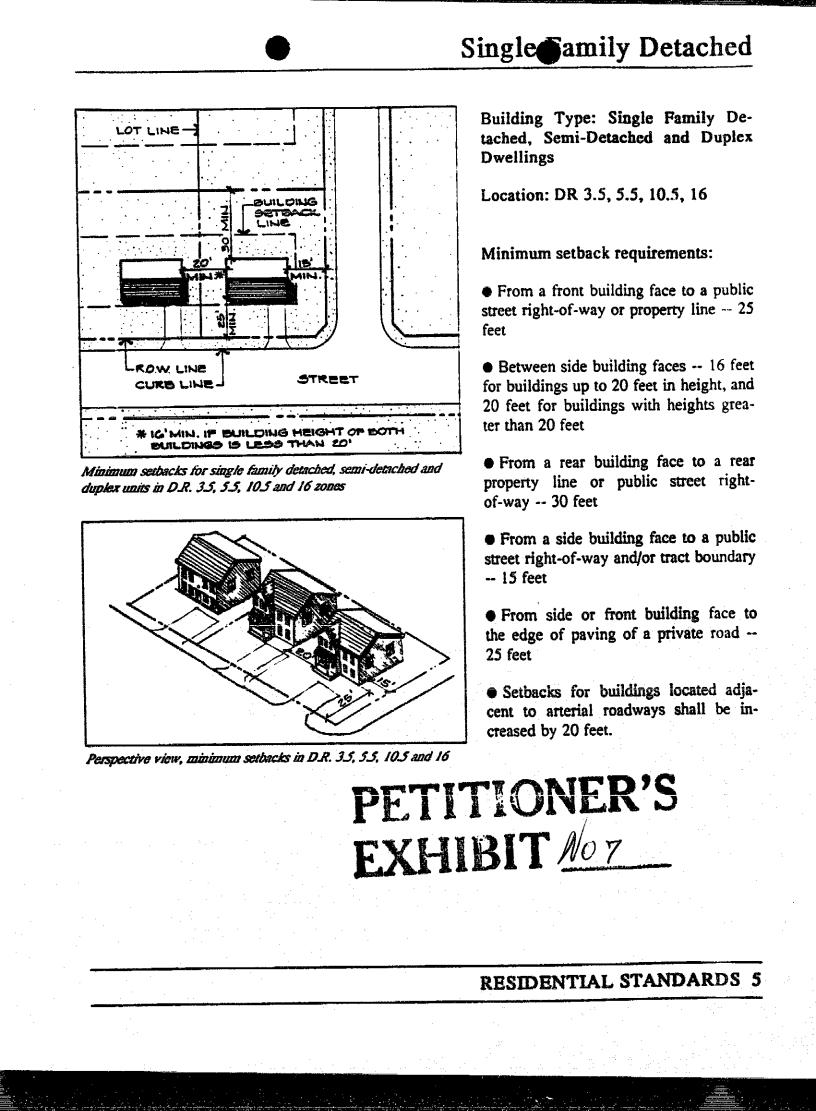


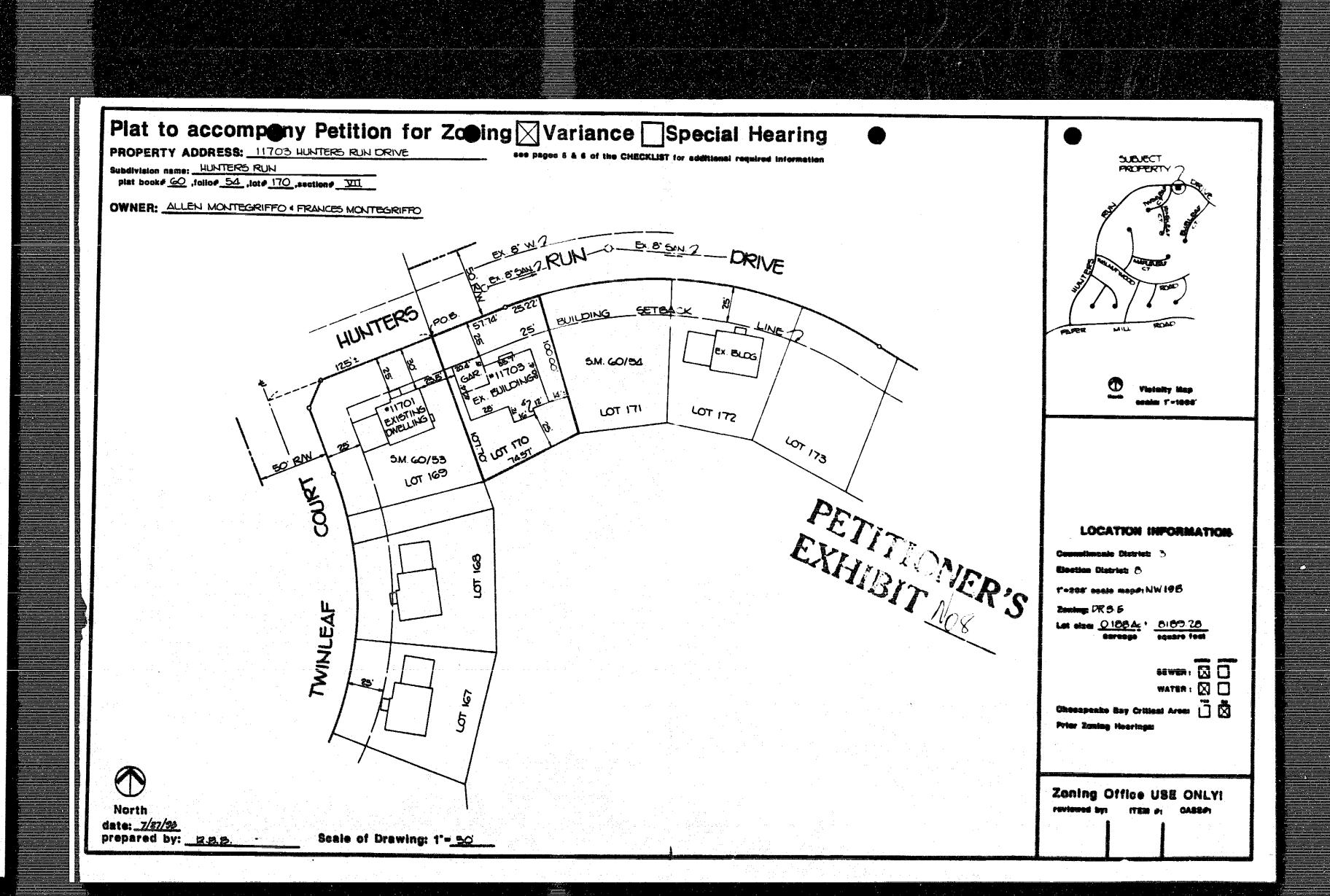


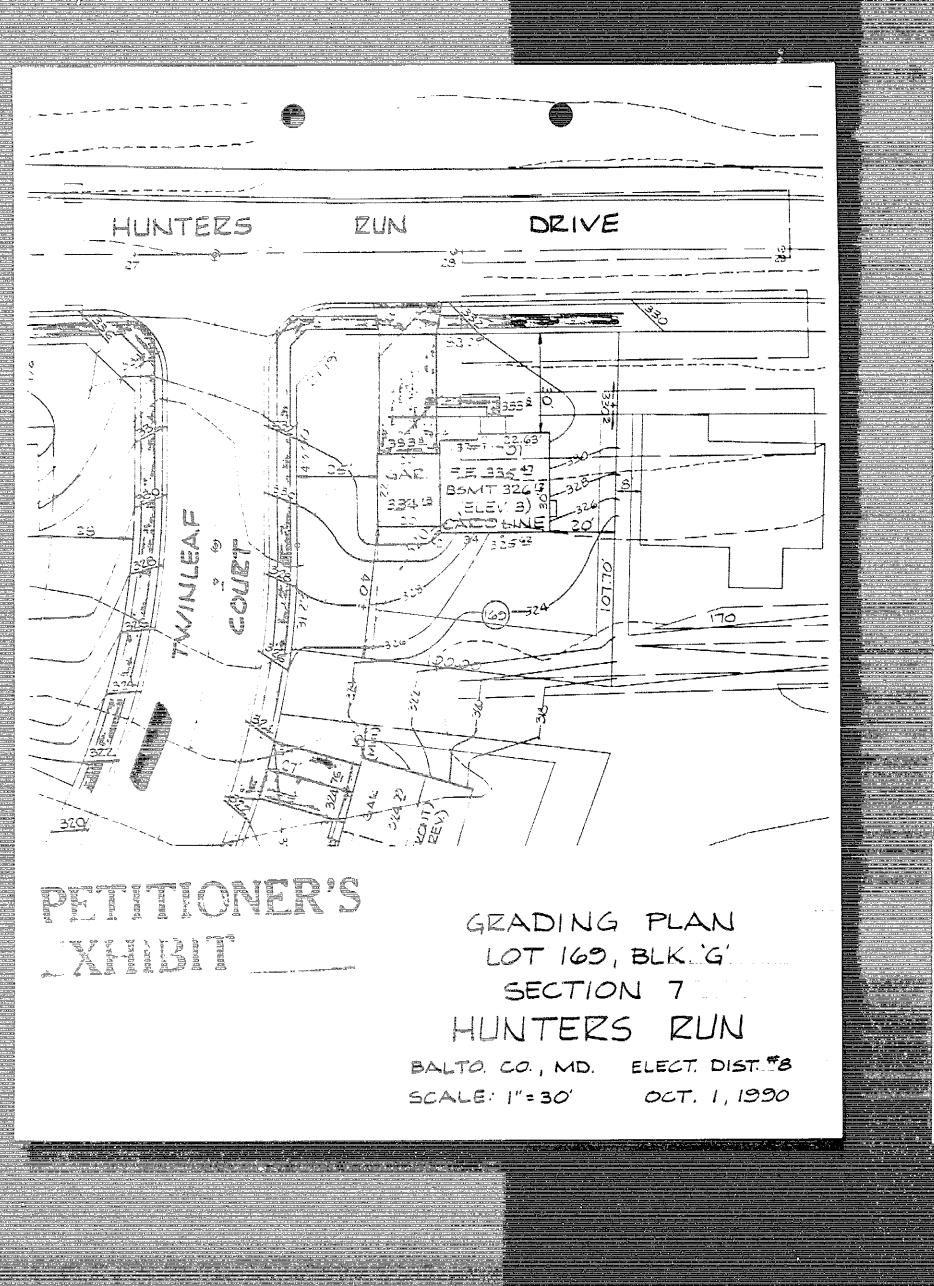


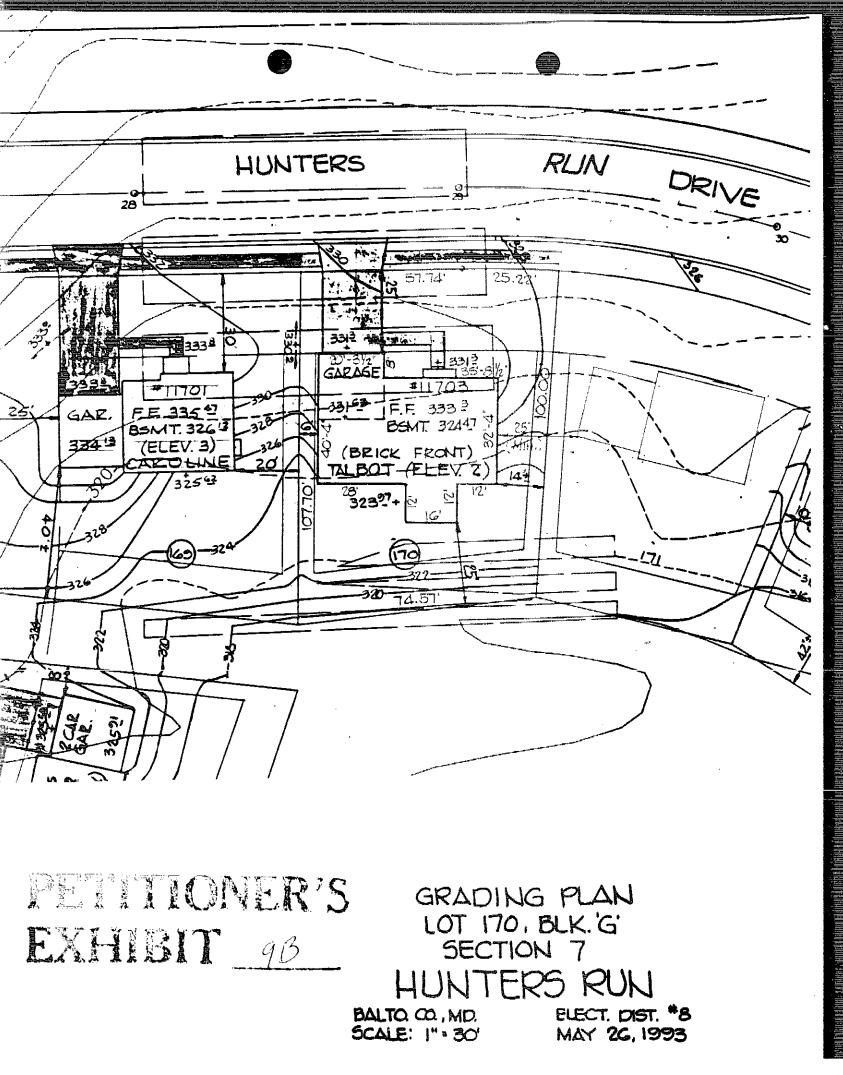


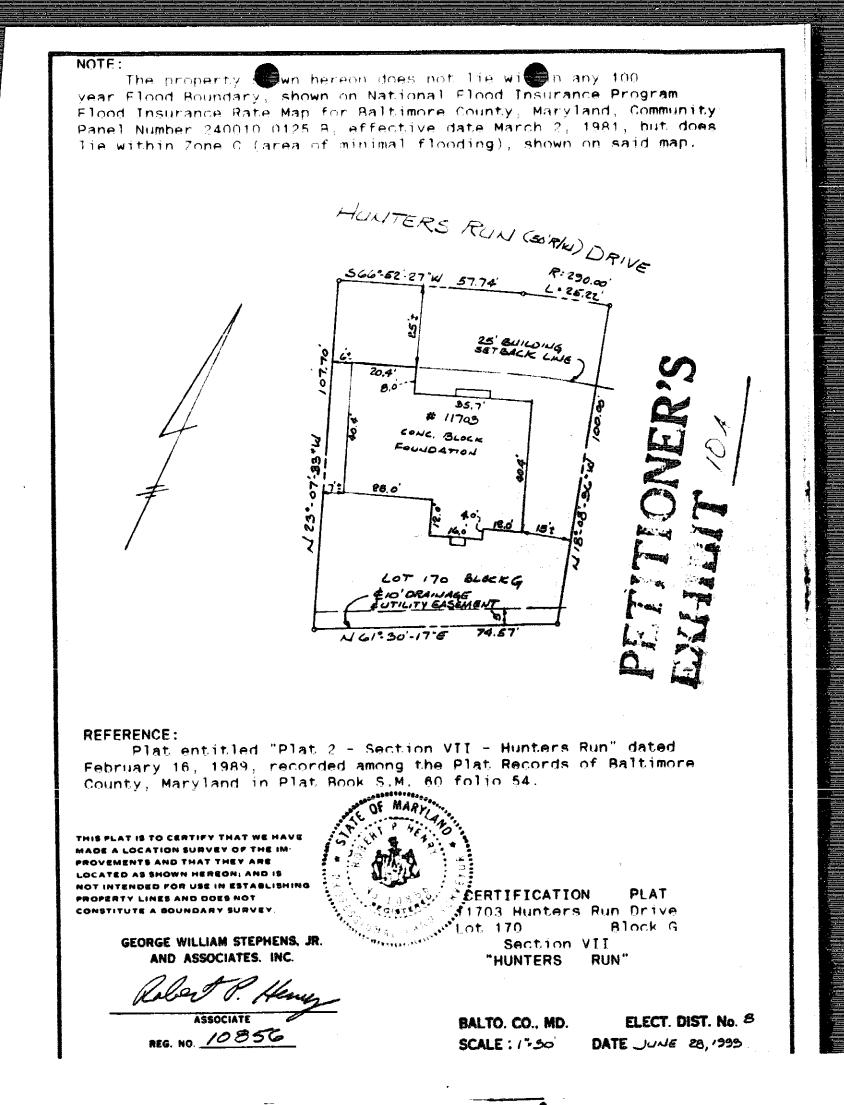


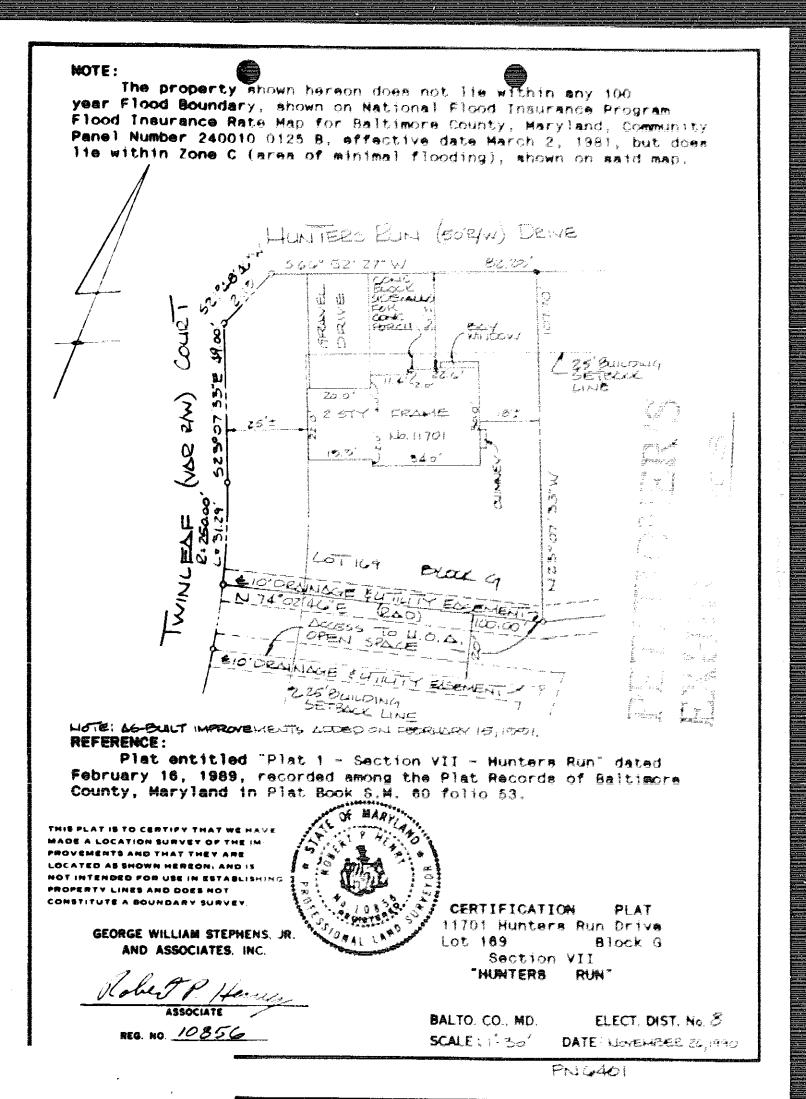








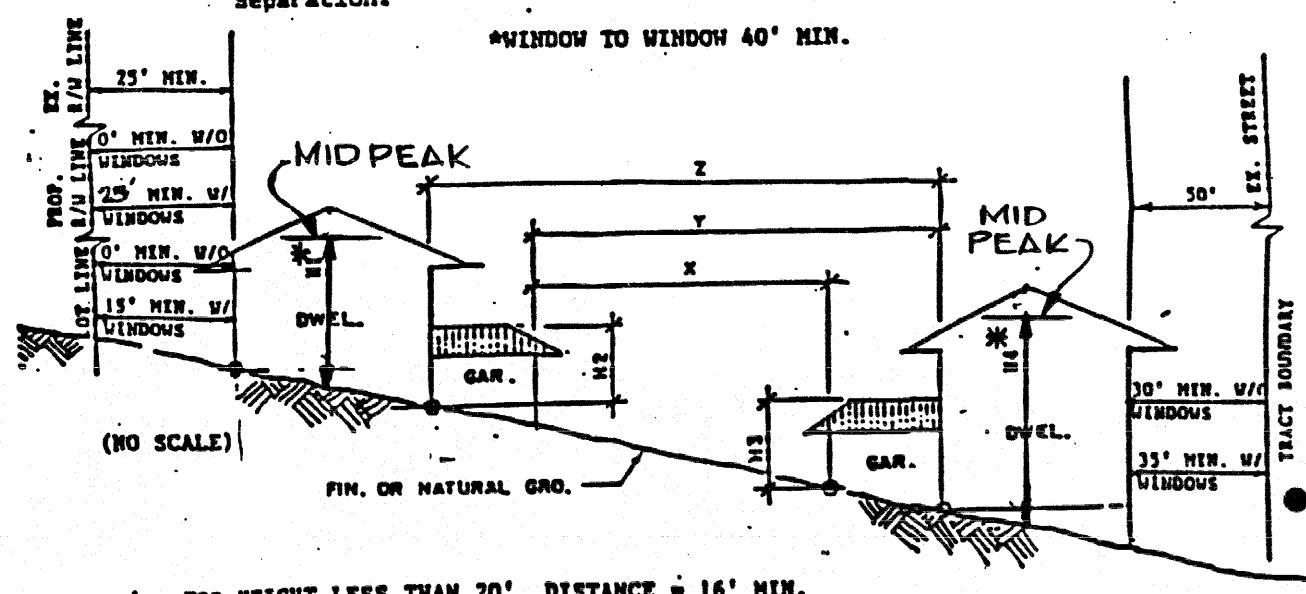




D-5 DISTANCES BETWEEN BUILDINGS (FACING ELEVATIONS) (SEE RH-6, A-13 RH-21)

Notwithstanding the diagram of average building height in Section V.B.3 of the C.M.D.P., and to be consistant with policy RM-6 or A-13, the following policy is adopted for all applications of the Height Distance Factor V.B.J in the C.H.D.P.

- A. All building heights will be determined by the application of policy RH-6 or A-13.
- B. The lessor height portions of facing elevations (HZ + H3) must meet the minimum required separation for distance (X), and the greater height portions (H1 + H4) pust meet the minimum required separation for distance (2).
- C. If two different height elevations face each other as shown in distance (Y), the greater height (H4) will determine the required separation.

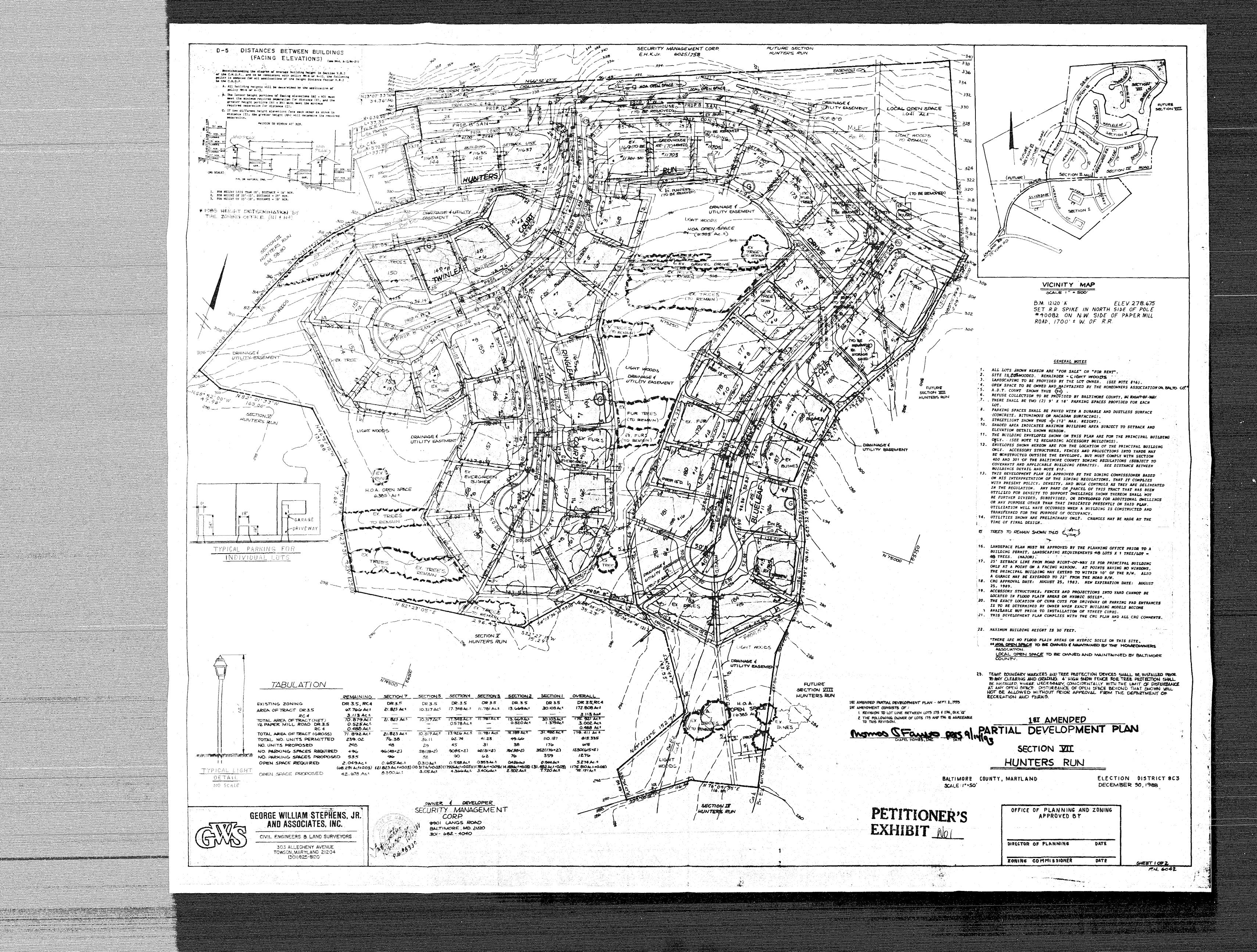


- 1. FOR HEIGHT LESS THAN 20', DISTANCE 18 HIM
- 2. FOR HEIGHT OF 20'-25', DISTANCE 25' MIN.
- 3. FOR HEIGHT OF 25'-30', DISTANCE 30' MIN.

* 1983 HEIGHT DETERMINATION BY THE ZONING OFFICE. (HI + H4)

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