

DATE: May 6, 1994

# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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

FROM: J. James Dieter

SUBJECT: William and Clara Cosden Property Petition for Variance - Zoning Item 377

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CASE NO: 94-391-A

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Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-2188

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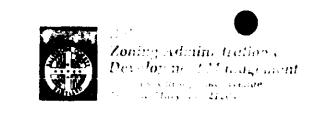
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**Baltimore County Government** Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

May 2, 1994

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Cosden 6828 Hopkins Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

> RE: Case No. 94-391-A, Item No. 377 Petitioner: William J. Cosden, et ux. Petition for Variance

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cosden:

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 April 5, 1994, 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.

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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:

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- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

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Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Minton:

Ms. Charlotte Minton

Zoning Administration and

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 project.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Engineering Access Permits

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_ Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toil Free Mailing Address: P.O. Box 717 - Baltimore, MD 21203-0717 Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baitimore, Maryland 21202 Baltimore County Government Fire Department

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Armold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MAIL STOF-1105

RE: Property Owner: LOCATION: SEE BELOW

Item No.: SEE BELOW

Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

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

8. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 374,377,378,379,380,381, 383,384, and 386. ppl

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F cc: File

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and

DATE: May 5, 1994

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

Development Management

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item Nos. 377, 397, 398, 399, 400, 402, 409, 410, 412 and 414.

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.

Petitioners

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance for the property located at 6826 Hopkins Road in the Harewood Park Subdivision of Baltimore County, near Chase. Variance relief is requested from Sections 1802.3.C.1 and/or 304 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a residential development of an undersized lot 50 ft. in width, in a D.R.5.5 zone, in lieu of the required 55 ft. The subject property and relief requested is more particularly shown on the site plan marked as Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held for this case was one of the property owners, William J. Cosden. Also present was Andrew Johns, Developer. There were no Protestants present.

Testimony and evidence presented was that Mr. Cosden owns the subject property, known as lots 252 and 253 of the Harewood Park Subdivision. Presently, these lots are unimproved. Each lot is 25 ft. in width and 145 ft. in depth. Thus, the two lots, when combined, are 50 ft. wide, 5 ft. less than the required width of any lot to be developed in a D.R.5.5 zone. The lots are .167 acres in area and are, in fact, zoned D.R.5.5.

Mr. Cosden also owns three adjacent lots, known as lots 249 thru 251. These lots are improved with an existing dwelling in which the Petitioner resides. Mr. Cosden proposes selling lots 252 and 253 to Mr. Johns who plans to develop same with a one story single family dwelling. The

proposed dwelling which is shown in the elevation drawing and proposed floor plan document, marked as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 2, will be a rancher style house. It will be similar in design to other houses in the area. In fact, the Petitioner produced a series of photographs showing similar houses which have been constructed within this subdivision. Moreover, both Mr. Johns and Mr. Cosden testified that many of the houses in this older residential community have been developed on twin lots which total 50 ft., as is requested here. As noted above, there were no Protestants present and, also, there were no adverse Zoning Plans Advisory Committee comments.

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

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This property lies within close proximity to the Chesapeake Bay and is, therefore, subject to the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area legislation found within Section 500.14 of the B.C.Z.R.

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These recommendations have not, as yet, been submitted, as noted in the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee comments from the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (D.E.P.R.M.). When D.E.P.R.M.'s final comments are completed, they shall be attached hereto and become a permanent part of the decision rendered in this case. There

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is no evidence in the record that the relief requested would adversely affect the health, safety, and/or general welfare of the public provided there is compliance with the requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management.

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 22 day of May, 1994 that a variance from Sections 1B02.3.C.1 and/or 304 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a residential development of an undersized lot 50 ft. in width, in a D.R.5.5 zone, in lieu of the required 55 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioner may apply for his building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his 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 Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2. Compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management recommendations to be submitted upon completion of their review of this matter.

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After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it

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May 19, 1994

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> RE: Petition for Zoning Variance Case No. 94-391-A Location: 6826 Hopkins Road

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cosden:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned cases. 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.

LES:mmn encl.

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 6826 Hopkins Road (Lots 252 & 253) which is presently somed DR 5.5 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat effected hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 1 B 0 2 · 3 · C · 1 · 6 · 3 · 0 · 4 · C Z R )

TO PERMIT THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNDERSIZED 50' LOT IN A D.R. 5.5 ZONE, IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 55'. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (Indicate hardship or THE WIDTH OF LOT DOES NOT MEET COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, poeting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. I/We do eclemnly declare and allims, under the penalties of perjury, that time are the legal connects) of the property which is the subject of this Politics. 6828 HOPKINS ROAD BALTIMORE, MD 21220 WILLIAM J. and CLARA E. COSDEN 1TEM #377

**EXAMPLE 3 - Zoning Description** - 3 copies Three copies are required. Copies of deeds cannot be used in place of this description. Use this fill-in format provided whenever possible; otherwise, type or ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 6826 HOPKINS ROAD - LOT 252 & 253 Beginning at a point on the NOCTHEASTERN MOST side of (street on which property fronts) (number of feet of right-of way width) wide at a distance of (number of feet) (north, south, east or west) centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street PRINCETON ROAD (name of street) 30 '(number of feet of right-of-way width) Block 87 , Section # 131 in the subdivision of HAREWOOD PARK
(name of subdivision) \_ as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book # WPC 7 . Folio # 131 \*If your property is not recorded by Plat Book and Folio Number, then DO NOT attempt to use the Lot, Block and Subdivision description as shown, instead state: "As recorded in Deed Liber \_\_\_\_\_, Folio \_\_\_\_ " and include the measurements and directions (metes and bounds only) here and on the plat in the correct location. Example of metes and bounds: N.87 12' 13" E. 321.1 ft., S.18 27' 03" E.87.2 ft., S.62 19' 00" W. 318 ft., and N.08 15' 22" W. 80 ft. to the place of beginning.

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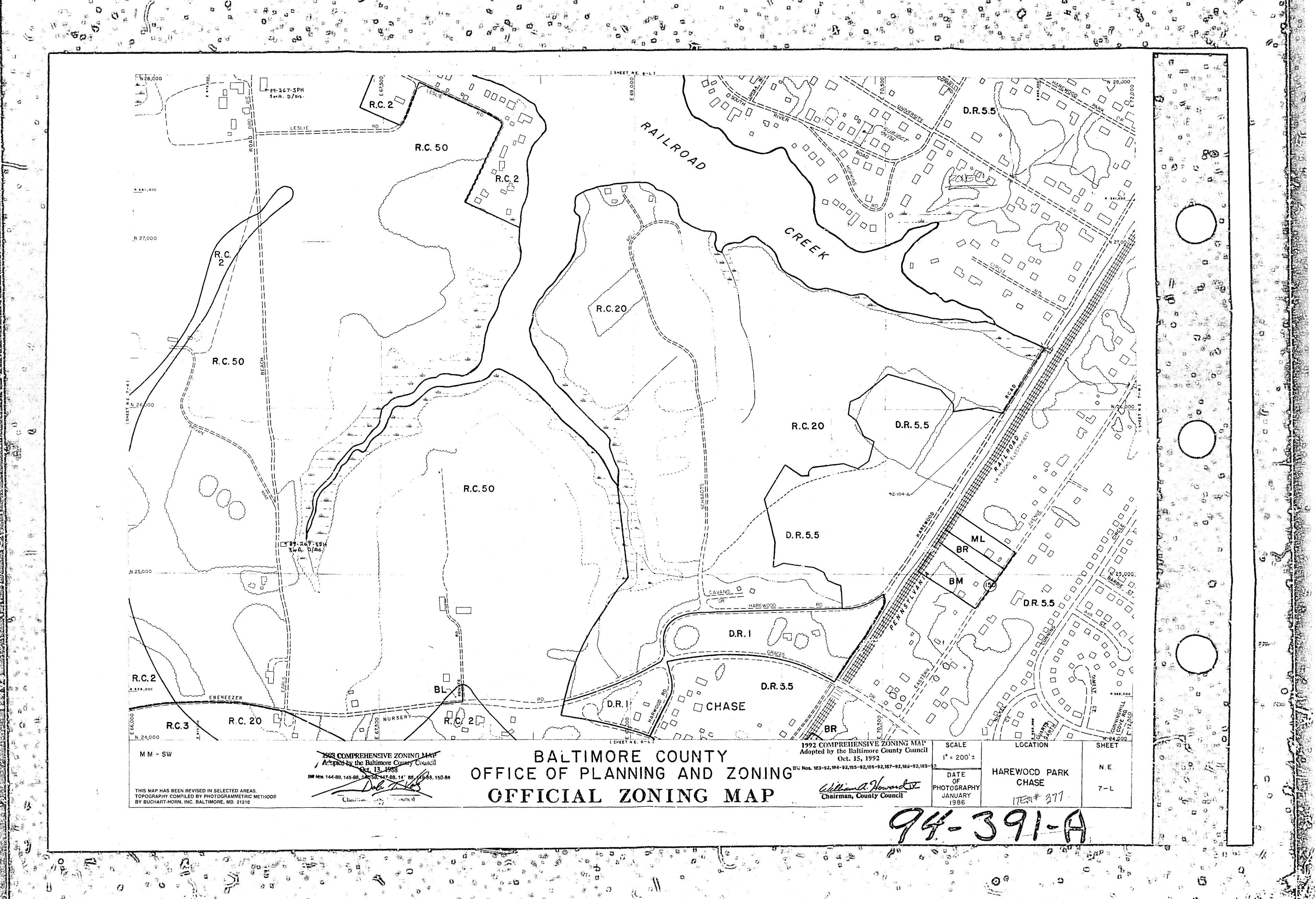
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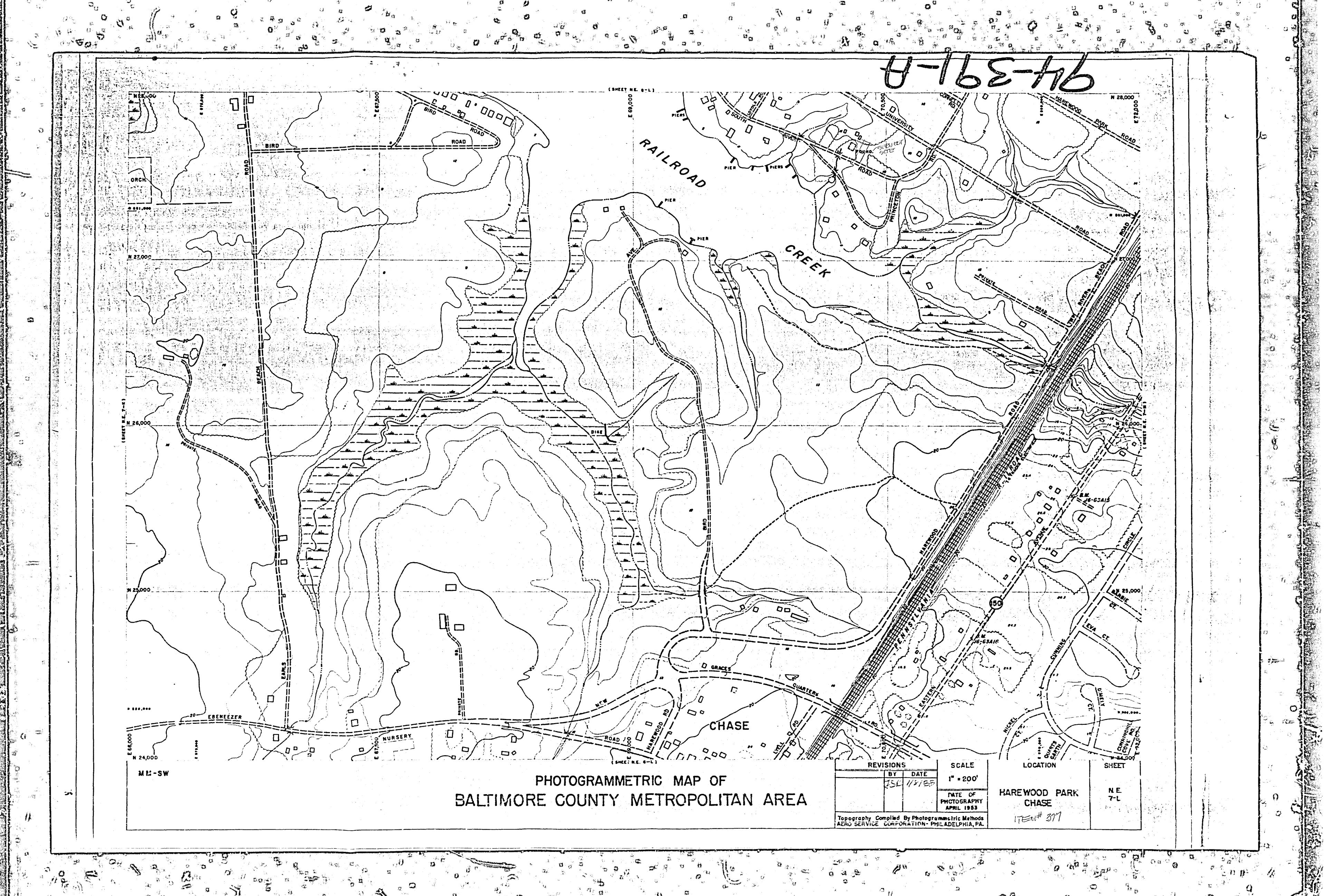
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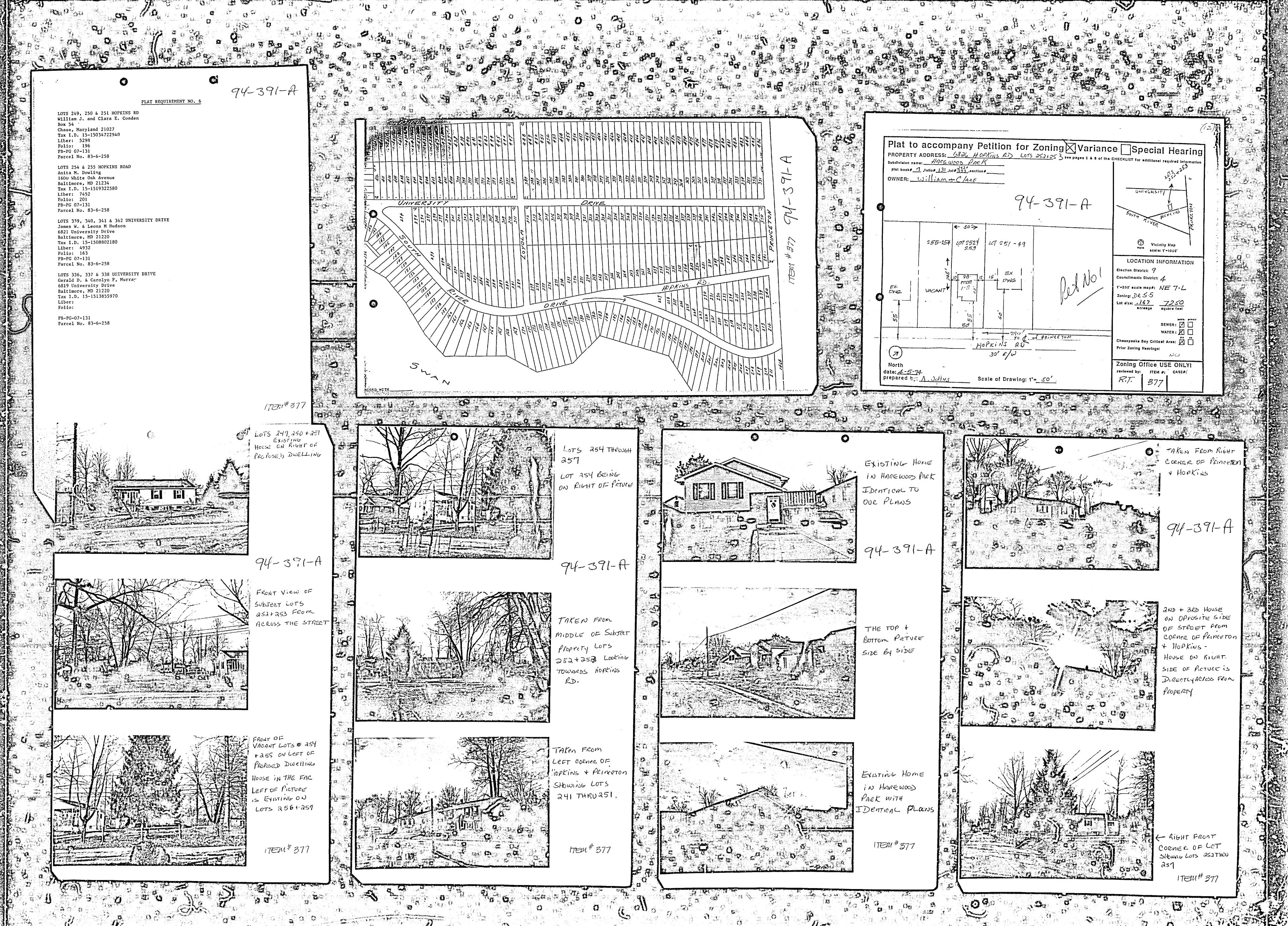
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT on this 17th day of May of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to William J. Cosden and Clara E. Cosden, 6828 Hopkins Road, Baltimore, MD 21220, Petitioners.

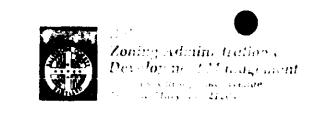
# INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE Director, Office of Planning and Zoning Attn: Ervin McDaniel County Courts Bldg, Rm 406 401 Bosley Av Towson, MD 21204 Amoid Jablon, Director, Zoning Administration and Development Management Pursuant to Section 304.2(Baltimore County Zoning Regulations) effective June 25, 1992; this office is requesting recommendations and comments from the Office of Planning & Zoning prior to this office's approval of a dwelling permit. WILLIAM J. and CLARA E. COSDEN, 6828 HOPKINS ROAD, BALTO., MD 21220 335-3336 1 Let Address 6826 HOPKINS ROAD Election District 7 Council District 4 Square Foot 1250 tand Owner WILLIAM J. and CLARA E. COSDEN Tex Account Number 15-1503370431 CHECKLIST OF MATERIALS: (to be submitted for design review by the Office of Planning and Zoning) r-------Codes 030 & 080 (\$85) X Topo Map (evaluate in the 204 c.o.s.) (2 copies) Photographs (pieces label all photos clearly Surrounding Neighborhood

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May 2, 1994

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Cosden 6828 Hopkins Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

> RE: Case No. 94-391-A, Item No. 377 Petitioner: William J. Cosden, et ux. Petition for Variance

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cosden:

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 April 5, 1994, 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.

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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.

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Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Minton:

Ms. Charlotte Minton

Zoning Administration and

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 project.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

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Armold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MAIL STOF-1105

RE: Property Owner: LOCATION: SEE BELOW

Item No.: SEE BELOW

Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

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

8. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 374,377,378,379,380,381, 383,384, and 386. ppl

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F cc: File

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and

DATE: May 5, 1994

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

Development Management

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item Nos. 377, 397, 398, 399, 400, 402, 409, 410, 412 and 414.

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.

Petitioners

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance for the property located at 6826 Hopkins Road in the Harewood Park Subdivision of Baltimore County, near Chase. Variance relief is requested from Sections 1802.3.C.1 and/or 304 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a residential development of an undersized lot 50 ft. in width, in a D.R.5.5 zone, in lieu of the required 55 ft. The subject property and relief requested is more particularly shown on the site plan marked as Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held for this case was one of the property owners, William J. Cosden. Also present was Andrew Johns, Developer. There were no Protestants present.

Testimony and evidence presented was that Mr. Cosden owns the subject property, known as lots 252 and 253 of the Harewood Park Subdivision. Presently, these lots are unimproved. Each lot is 25 ft. in width and 145 ft. in depth. Thus, the two lots, when combined, are 50 ft. wide, 5 ft. less than the required width of any lot to be developed in a D.R.5.5 zone. The lots are .167 acres in area and are, in fact, zoned D.R.5.5.

Mr. Cosden also owns three adjacent lots, known as lots 249 thru 251. These lots are improved with an existing dwelling in which the Petitioner resides. Mr. Cosden proposes selling lots 252 and 253 to Mr. Johns who plans to develop same with a one story single family dwelling. The

proposed dwelling which is shown in the elevation drawing and proposed floor plan document, marked as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 2, will be a rancher style house. It will be similar in design to other houses in the area. In fact, the Petitioner produced a series of photographs showing similar houses which have been constructed within this subdivision. Moreover, both Mr. Johns and Mr. Cosden testified that many of the houses in this older residential community have been developed on twin lots which total 50 ft., as is requested here. As noted above, there were no Protestants present and, also, there were no adverse Zoning Plans Advisory Committee comments.

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.

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and O G will not result in any injury to the public good.

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is clear that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result

if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance requested, and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety and general welfare. Further, granting of the variance will be in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

This property lies within close proximity to the Chesapeake Bay and is, therefore, subject to the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area legislation found within Section 500.14 of the B.C.Z.R.

In accordance with Section 500.14 of the B.C.Z.R., the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management must submit recommendations which describe what steps the Petitioner must take to insure that the relief requested complies with the following Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas requirements to:

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

These recommendations have not, as yet, been submitted, as noted in the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee comments from the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (D.E.P.R.M.). When D.E.P.R.M.'s final comments are completed, they shall be attached hereto and become a permanent part of the decision rendered in this case. There

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is no evidence in the record that the relief requested would adversely affect the health, safety, and/or general welfare of the public provided there is compliance with the requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management.

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 22 day of May, 1994 that a variance from Sections 1B02.3.C.1 and/or 304 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a residential development of an undersized lot 50 ft. in width, in a D.R.5.5 zone, in lieu of the required 55 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioner may apply for his building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his 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 Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2. Compliance with the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management recommendations to be submitted upon completion of their review of this matter.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it

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

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

May 19, 1994

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Cosden 6828 Hopkins Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

> RE: Petition for Zoning Variance Case No. 94-391-A Location: 6826 Hopkins Road

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cosden:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned cases. 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.

LES:mmn encl.

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 6826 Hopkins Road (Lots 252 & 253) which is presently somed DR 5.5 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat effected hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 1 B 0 2 · 3 · C · 1 · 6 · 3 · 0 · 4 · C Z R )

TO PERMIT THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF AN UNDERSIZED 50' LOT IN A D.R. 5.5 ZONE, IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 55'. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (Indicate hardship or THE WIDTH OF LOT DOES NOT MEET COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, poeting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. I/We do eclemnly declare and allims, under the penalties of perjury, that time are the legal connects) of the property which is the subject of this Politics. 6828 HOPKINS ROAD BALTIMORE, MD 21220 WILLIAM J. and CLARA E. COSDEN 1TEM #377

**EXAMPLE 3 - Zoning Description** - 3 copies Three copies are required. Copies of deeds cannot be used in place of this description. Use this fill-in format provided whenever possible; otherwise, type or ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 6826 HOPKINS ROAD - LOT 252 & 253 Beginning at a point on the NOCTHEASTERN MOST side of (street on which property fronts) (number of feet of right-of way width) wide at a distance of (number of feet) (north, south, east or west) centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street PRINCETON ROAD (name of street) 30 '(number of feet of right-of-way width) Block 87 , Section # 131 in the subdivision of HAREWOOD PARK
(name of subdivision) \_ as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book # WPC 7 . Folio # 131 \*If your property is not recorded by Plat Book and Folio Number, then DO NOT attempt to use the Lot, Block and Subdivision description as shown, instead state: "As recorded in Deed Liber \_\_\_\_\_, Folio \_\_\_\_ " and include the measurements and directions (metes and bounds only) here and on the plat in the correct location. Example of metes and bounds: N.87 12' 13" E. 321.1 ft., S.18 27' 03" E.87.2 ft., S.62 19' 00" W. 318 ft., and N.08 15' 22" W. 80 ft. to the place of beginning.

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