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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING * BEFORE THE

AND VARIANCE - SW/S Whitestone Road,

780' N of Whitehead Road * DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

(6709 Whitestone Road) 1st Election District

st Election District * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

2nd Councilmanic District

* Case No. 96-279-SPHA

A & E Partners, L.P. and Emmes Meadows Corporation, G.P. -

Petitioners

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance for that property known as 6709 Whitestone Road, located in the vicinity of Woodlawn Drive and Security Boulevard in Woodlawn. The Petitions were filed by the owners of the property, A & E Partners, L.P., and Emmes Meadows Corporation, General Partner, by Richard Previdi, Executive Vice President, through their attorney, Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire. The Petitioners seek approval of a variance to the 15% sales restriction, and a variance from Section 253.1.Fl of the Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a warehouse sales operation of 70% of the total gross floor area of an existing building in lieu of the maximum permitted 15%. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plans submitted which were accepted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 1A.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petitions were Ira Blank, President of Blanks, Inc., the proposed proprietor of the subject building, Debra Wittle, a representative of STV Group, the engineering firm which prepared the site plan for this project, Harold Reid, a representative of the Baltimore County Office of Community Conservation, and



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Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioners. There were no Protestants present.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property consists of a gross area of 3.49 acres, more or less, zoned M.L.-I.M., and improved with a one and one-half story warehouse building. tioners are desirous of utilizing 17,361 sq.ft. of the subject building, or 70% of the total floor area, for a retail sales operation. Testimony revealed that Blanks, Inc. has been in the business of selling fabric and materials, both wholesale and retail, since 1904 and is desirous of relocating its business from their present location on Northern Parkway to the subject site. Testimony indicated that Blanks must maintain a large inventory of its goods and materials to which the general public must have access in order to make a selection. Therefore, the proposed warehouse sales operation will be accessible by the public for retail sales purposes. As a result of this unusual method of doing business, the relief requested is necessary, inasmuch as the regulations only allow 15% of the total gross floor area of a building to be utilized for retail sales.

On behalf of the Baltimore County Office of Community Conservation, Mr. Harold Reid appeared and testified in support of the relief requested. Mr. Reid stated that Blanks employs 36 individuals and will be a welcome addition to the merchants and businesses in the Woodlawn area.

As to the special hearing relative to whether a variance from the 15% sales area standard set forth in the B.C.Z.R. can be requested, I find that a variance is appropriate in this instance. Variances from this provision have been granted in the past, specifically, in Case Nos. 90-110-A and 91-352-A. Therefore, I believe that the Petitioner does have the right to request a variance and I shall so find.

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As to the variance that is being requested, I also find that the request to permit a sales area of 70% of the total gross floor area in lieu of the maximum permitted 15% is also appropriate in this instance and shall so Order.

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 a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

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

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the special hearing and variance are not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly

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restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 54 day of March, 1996 that the Petition for Special Hearing seeking approval of a variance to the 15% sales restriction, and the Petition for Variance from Section 253.1.F1 of the Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a warehouse sales operation of 70% of the total gross floor area of an existing building in lieu of the maximum permitted 15%, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 1A, be and is hereby GRANT-ED, subject to the following restriction:

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 relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCC

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

TMK:bjs

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

March 5, 1996

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire Evans, George and Bronstein 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 205 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE
SW/S Whitestone Road, 780' N of Whitehead Road
(6709 Whitestone Road)
1st Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District
A & E Partners, L.P. and Emmes Meadows Corporation, G.P. - Petitioners
Case No. 96-279-SPHA

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance have 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,

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

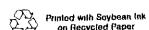
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cc: Mr. Richard Previdi, Executive Vice President
Emmes Meadows Corporation, 6666 Security Blvd., Baltimore, Md. 21207

Mr. Harold Reid, Office of Community Conservation People's Counsel

Case File





Petition for Variance

and Special Husting to Permit a variance to the 15% Sales restriction to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County TMK

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6709 Whitestone Road

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which is presently zoned

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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 attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

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253.1.F.1 Zoning Commissioner's

Policy Manual to permit warehouse sales in 70 % of the total gross floor area in lieu of the permitted 15%.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

- 1. Configuration of property.
- 2. And such other and further reasons as may be demonstrated at the time of hearing.

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.

	legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:	Legal Owner(s): A & E Partners, L.P.
(Type or Print Name)	Emmes Meadows Corporation, General Partner
Signature	Richard Previde
Address	Richard Previdi, Executive Vice President (Type or Print Name)
City State Zipcode Attorney for Petilioner: Benjamin Bronstein	Signature
Evans, George and Bronstein	6666 Security Boulevard 944-8900
Signature June	Address Phone No. Baltimore, Maryland 21207 City State Zipcode Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representance to be contacted.
29 W. Susquehanna Ave., Suite 2055	STV Group
Towson, Maryland 21204 State Zipcode	21 Governor's Court, Balto., MD 21207 Address (410) 944-9112 Phone No.
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21 Governor's Court Baltimore, Maryland 21244-2722 (410) 944-9112 fax:(410) 298-2794

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ZONING DESCRIPTION
BELMONT BUILDING
MEADOWS INDUSTRIAL PARK
ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

BEGINNING at that point formed by the intersection of the centerlines of Whitehead Road (70 feet wide) and White Stone Road (60 feet wide), thence running with and binding on the centerline of said White Stone Road, the five following courses and distances;

North 49°59'12" West 85.57 feet to a point and,

By a curve to the right having a radius of 650.00 feet, an arc length of 170.27 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 42°28'56" West 169.78 feet to a point and,

North 34°58'39" West 314.98 feet to a point and,

By a curve to the right having a radius of 650.00 feet, an arc length of 204.20, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 25°58'39" West 203.36 feet to a point and,

North 16°58'39" West 621.49 feet to a point, thence at right angles to said centerline.

South 73°01'21" West 30.00 feet to a point on the southwesterly side of said White Stone Road for the true POINT OF BEGINNING of this description, thence along said southwesterly side of White Stone Road,

- 1. South 16°58'39" East 621.49 feet to a point, thence leaving White Stone Road and running,
- 2. South 73°01'21" West 320.97 feet to a point on the easterly side of the Baltimore Beltway, Interstate No. 695 (width varies), thence along same,
- 3. North 00°08'38" East 546.38 feet to a point, thence leaving said Baltimore Beltway and running,
- 4. North 41°12'40" East 188.42 feet to the point of beginning, as recorded in Deed Liber E.H.K., Jr. 5423, Folio 914.

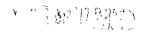
BEING Lot No. 1-D as shown on the Revised Plat of Meadows Industrial Park as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book E.H.K., Jr. 45, Folio 137, containing 133,555 square feet or 3.066 acres of land in lot. Also known as No. 6709 White Stone Road and located in the 1st Election District.

STV INCORPORATED

Mark A. Riddle

MD Professional Land Surveyor No. 10899

January 19, 1996



Engineers 'Architects / Plan

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LAWRENCE E, SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County.
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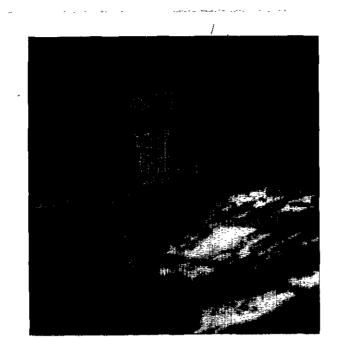
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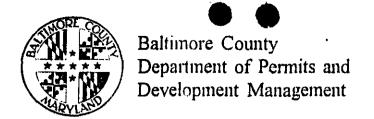
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Development Processing
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ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

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.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR
For newspaper advertising:
Item No.: 280 Petitioner: A & E Partners
Location: 6709 Whitestone Rd-
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
NAME: Benjamin Bronstein/Evans, George & Bronstein
ADDRESS: 29 W. Suspechanne Ave, Suite 205
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PHONE NUMBER: (410) 296-0200

TO: PUTUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY
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The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore
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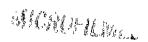
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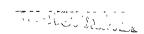
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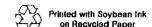
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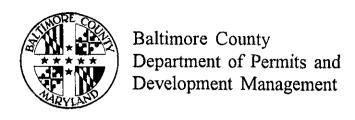
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(2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, PLEASE CALL 887-3391.









Permits and Licenses County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-3900

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Director

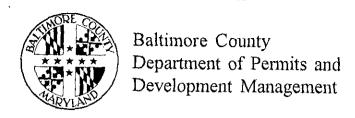
cc: A & E Partners, L.P.

STV Group

Benjamin Bronstein, Esq.

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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

February 23, 1996

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire Evans, George and Bronstein 29 W. Susquehanna Ave., Suite 205 Towson, MD 21204

RE: Item No.: 280

Case No.: 96-279-A

Petitioner: A & E Partners, L.P.

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on January 22, 1996.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

Sincerely,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

WCR/jw
Attachment(s)

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: Feb. 12, 1996 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM Pobert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Development Plans Review

RE: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for February 12, 1996 Items 280 and 285

The Development Planz Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have no comments.

RWB:sw

Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500 Office of the Fire Marshal (410) 887-4880

DATE: 02/08/96

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

RE: Froperty Owner: A&E PARTNERS, L.P.& EMMES MEADOWS CORP. GENERAL PART

Location: 9/S BURKE RD., 860' OF CENTERLINE BOWLEYS QUARTERS (1607 BURKE RD.)

Item No.: 280

Zoning Agenda: VARIANCE

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.

- 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.
- 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1991 edition prior to occupancy.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

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Baltimore County Item No. 280 (MJIC)

Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Watson:

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 affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

Bob Small.

Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits

RE:

BS/es

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 717 • Baitimore, MD 21203-0717

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice 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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Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

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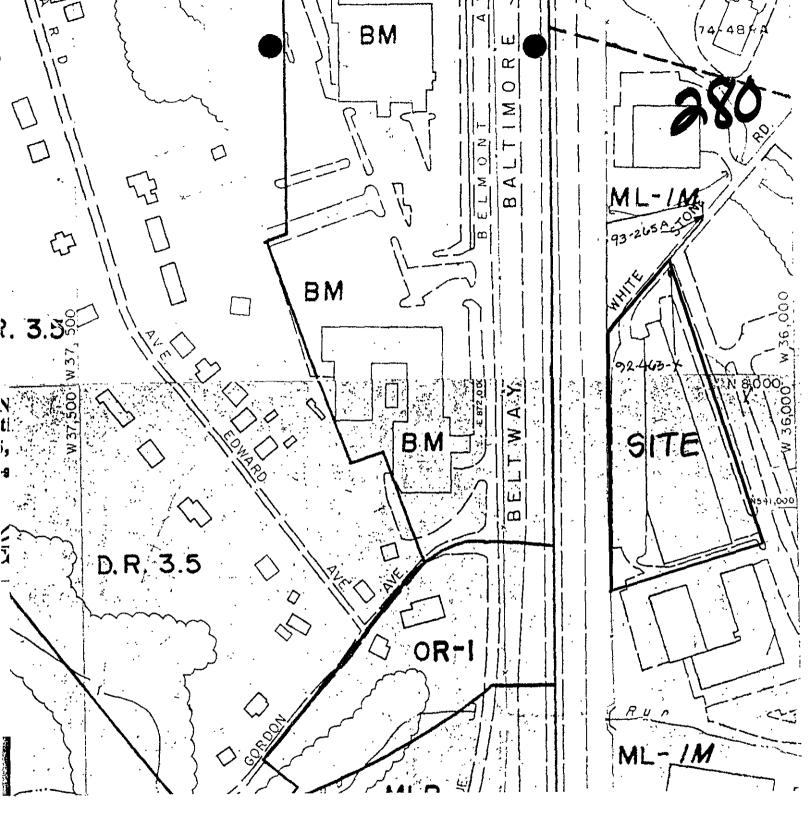
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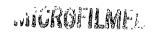
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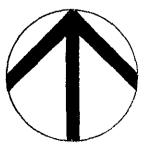
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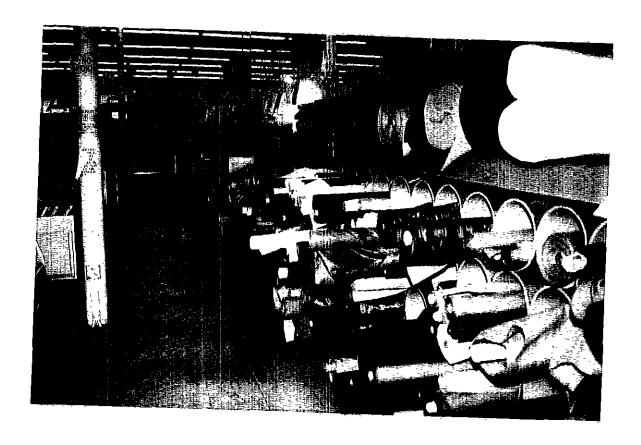
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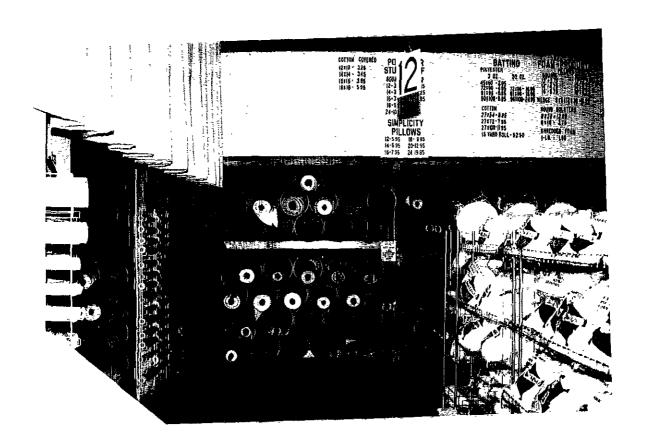


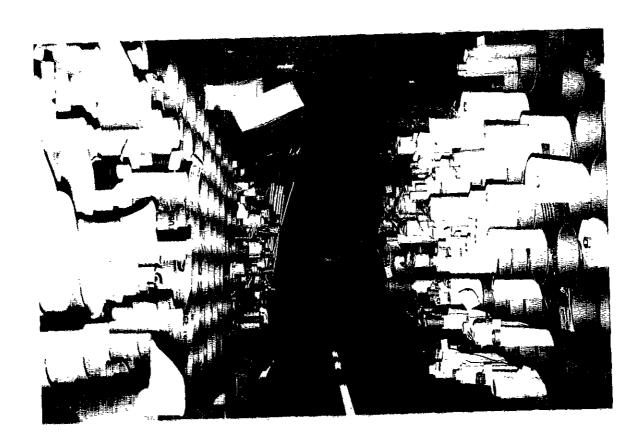


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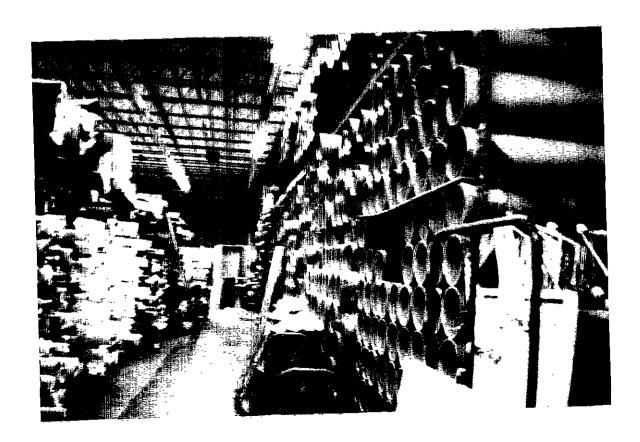


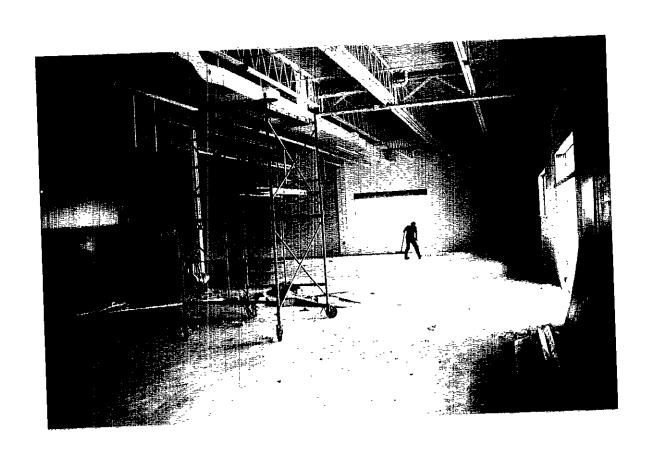


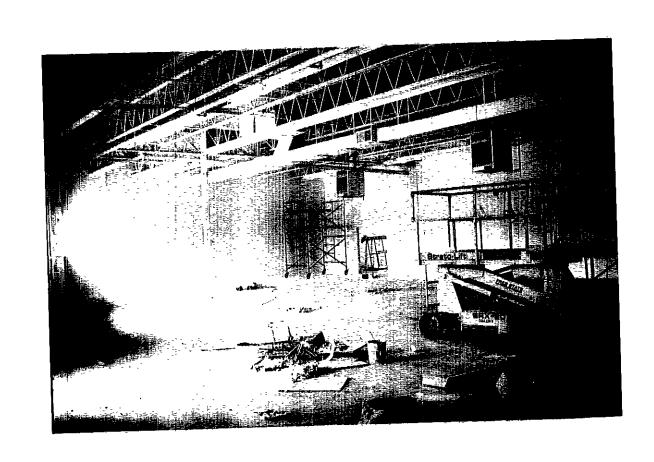














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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Meadows Corporation, G.P. -

Petitioners

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance for that property known as 6709 Whitestone Road, located in the vicinity of Woodlawn Drive and Security Boulevard in Woodlawn. The Petitions were filed by the owners of the property, A & E Partners, L.P., and Emmes Meadows Corporation, General Partner, by Richard Previdi, Executive Vice President, through their attorney, Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire. The Petitioners seek approval of a variance to the 15% sales restriction, and a variance from Section 253.1.Fl of the Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a warehouse sales operation of 70% of the total gross floor area of an existing building in lieu of the maximum permitted 15%. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plans submitted which were accepted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 1A.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petitions were Ira Blank, President of Blanks, Inc., the proposed proprietor of the subject building, Debra Wittle, a representative of STV Group, the engineering firm which prepared the site plan for this project, Harold Reid, a representative of the Baltimore County Office of Community Conservation, and

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioners. There were no Protestants present.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property consists of a gross area of 3.49 acres, more or less, zoned M.L.-I.M., and is improved with a one and one-half story warehouse building. The Petitioners are desirous of utilizing 17,361 sq.ft. of the subject building, or 70% of the total floor area, for a retail sales operation. Testimony revealed that Blanks, Inc. has been in the business of selling fabric and materials, both wholesale and retail, since 1904 and is desirous of relocating its business from their present location on Northern Parkway to the subject site. Testimony indicated that Blanks must maintain a large inventory of its goods and materials to which the general public must have access in order to make a selection. Therefore, the proposed warehouse sales operation will be accessible by the public for retail sales purposes. As a result of this unusual method of doing business, the relief requested is necessary, inasmuch as the regulations only allow 15% of the total gross floor area of a building to be utilized for retail sales.

On behalf of the Baltimore County Office of Community Conservation, Mr. Harold Reid appeared and testified in support of the relief requested. Mr. Reid stated that Blanks employs 36 individuals and will be a welcome addition to the merchants and businesses in the Woodlawn area. As to the special hearing relative to whether a variance from the 15% sales area standard set forth in the B.C.Z.R. can be requested, I find that a variance is appropriate in this instance. Variances from this provision have been granted in the past, specifically, in Case Nos. 90-110-A and 91-352-A. Therefore, I believe that the Petitioner does have the right to request a variance and I shall so find.

As to the variance that is being requested, I also find that the request to permit a sales area of 70% of the total gross floor area in lieu of the maximum permitted 15% is also appropriate in this instance and shall so Order.

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 a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient 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

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

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the special hearing and variance are not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly

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restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for day of March, 1996 that the Petition for Special Hearing seeking approval of a variance to the 15% sales restriction, and the Petition for Variance from Section 253.1.Fl of the Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a warehouse sales operation of 70% of the total gross floor area of an existing building in lieu of the maximum permitted 15%, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 1A, be and is hereby GRANT-ED, subject to the following restriction:

> 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 relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

> > Mustly 16 traco Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire Evans, George and Bronstein 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 205 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE SW/S Whitestone Road, 780' N of Whitehead Road (6709 Whitestone Road) 1st Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District A & E Partners, L.P. and Emmes Meadows Corporation, G.P. - Petitioners Case No. 96-279-SPHA

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance have 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, TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

cc: Mr. Richard Previdi, Executive Vice President Emmes Meadows Corporation, 6666 Security Blvd., Baltimore, Md. 21207

Mr. Harold Reid, Office of Community Conservation People's Counsel Case File

) and Secul Hurting to Permit a variance to the 15% Sales instruction to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County Till for the property located at 6709 Whitestone Road which is presently zoned MLIM 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 intached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 253.1.F.1 Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual to permit warehouse sales in 70 % of the total gross floor area in lieu of the permitted 15%. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hards or 1. Configuration of property. 2. And such other and further reasons as may be demonstrated at the time of hearing. 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. I/We do solemnly deciare and affirm, under the penalties of penury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Legal Owner(s): A & E Partners, L.P. Emmes Meadows Corporation, General Partner (Type or Print Name) school Meridi Richard Previdi, Executive Vice President Attorney for Petitioner. Benjamin Bronstein Evans, George and Bronstein 6666 Security Boulevard

29 W. Susquehanna Ave., Suite 205

Address (410) 296-0200 Phone No.

Towson, Maryland 21204

ORDE Date By

Baltimore, Maryland 21207

21 Governor's Court, Balto., MD 21207

TEVIEWED BY: NEW DATE 1/22/96

Petition for Variance

STV Incorporated 21 Governor's Court Baltimore, Maryland 21244-2722 (410-944-9110 fax:(410) 298-2794

ZONING DESCRIPTION BELMONT BUILDING MEADOWS INDUSTRIAL PARK ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

BEGINNING at that point formed by the intersection of the centerlines of Whitehead Road (70 feet wide) and White Stone Road (60 feet wide), thence running with and binding on the centerline of said White Stone Road, the five following courses and distances; North 49°59'12" West 85.57 feet to a point and,

By a curve to the right having a radius of 650.00 feet, an arc length of 170.27 feet, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 42°28'56" West 169.78 feet to a point and, North 34°58'39" West 314.98 feet to a point and,

By a curve to the right having a radius of 650.00 feet, an arc length of 204.20, said curve being subtended by a chord bearing North 25°58'39" West 203.36 feet to a point and. North 16°58'39" West 621.49 feet to a point, thence at right angles to said centerline, South 73°01'21" West 30.00 feet to a point on the southwesterly side of said White Stone Road for the true POINT OF BEGINNING of this description, thence along said southwesterly side of White

- 1. South 16°58'39" East 621.49 feet to a point, thence leaving White Stone Road and running.
- 2. South 73°01'21" West 320.97 feet to a point on the easterly side of the Baltimore Beltway. Interstate No. 695 (width varies), thence along same,
- 3. North 00°08'38" East 546.38 feet to a point, thence leaving said Baltimore Beltway and
- 4. North 41°12'40" East 188.42 feet to the point of beginning, as recorded in Deed Liber E.H.K., Jr. 5423, Folio 914.

BEING Lot No. 1-D as shown on the Revised Plat of Meadows Industrial Park as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book E.H.K., Jr. 45, Folio 137, containing 133,555 square feet or 3.066 acres of land in lot. Also known as No. 6709 White Stone Road and located in the 1st Election District.

STV INCORPORATED Mark A. Riddle MD Professional Land Surveyor No. 10899 Engineers/Architects/Plan

on Managers

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Tower, Maryland AtE Portner/ Emmos Moodour Corp

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 ____ successive vecks, the first publication appearing on 2/8

THE JEFFERSONIAN.

LEGAL AD. - TOWSON

Stone Road.

January 19, 1996

Please Call 887-3353.
(2) For Information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Please Call 887-3391.

2/097 Feb. 8. C30304



BALTIMONE COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT Evans, George & Bronstein #020 - VARIANCE & #080 - SIGN POSTING 6709 Whitestone Road \$285.00 03A91#0323M1CHRC 8A 0009:08AM01-23-96 VALIDATION OR SIGNATURE OF CASHIER

Development Processing County Office Building III West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 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:

 Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR

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.

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Item No	:280 Petitioner: A & E Partners	_
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NAME:_/	Benjamin Bronstein/Evans, Feorge & Bronstein	
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TO: PUTUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY February 8, 1996 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please foward billing to:

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NOTICE OF HEARING

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

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

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Variance to permit warehouse sales in 70% of the total gross floor area in lieu of the permitted 15%.

HEARING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, PLEASE CALL 887-3391.

Department of Permits and

Permits and Licenses County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-3900 Fax: (410) 887-2824

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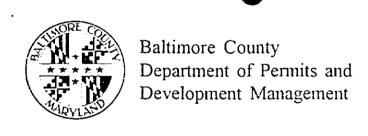
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cc: A & E Partners, L.P. STV Group Benjamin Bronstein, Esq.

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Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

February 23, 1996

Evans, George and Bronstein 29 W. Susquehanna Ave., Suite 205 Towson, MD 21204

RE: Item No.: 280 Case No.: 96-279-A Petitioner: A & E Partners, L.P.

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on January 22, 1996.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

Attachment(s)

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: Feb. 12, 1996
Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Development Plans Review

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for February 12, 1996 Items 280 and 285

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have no comments.

Baltimore County Government Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500

Office of the Fire Marshal (410)887-4880

DATE: 02/08/96

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

RE: Property Owner: A&E PARTNERS, L.P.& EMMES MEADOWS CORP. GENERAL PART

Location: S/S BURKE RD., 860' OF CENTERLINE BOWLEYS QUARTERS (1607 BURKE RD.)

Zoning Agenda: VARIANCE Item No.: 280,

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.

4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1991 edition prior to occupancy.

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

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Ms. Joyce Watson

Baltimore County Office of

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

2-5-96

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 280 (MJK)

Towson, Maryland 21204 Dear Ms. Watson:

County Office Building, Room 109

Permits and Development Management

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 affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Ronald Burns, Chief **Engineering Access Permits**

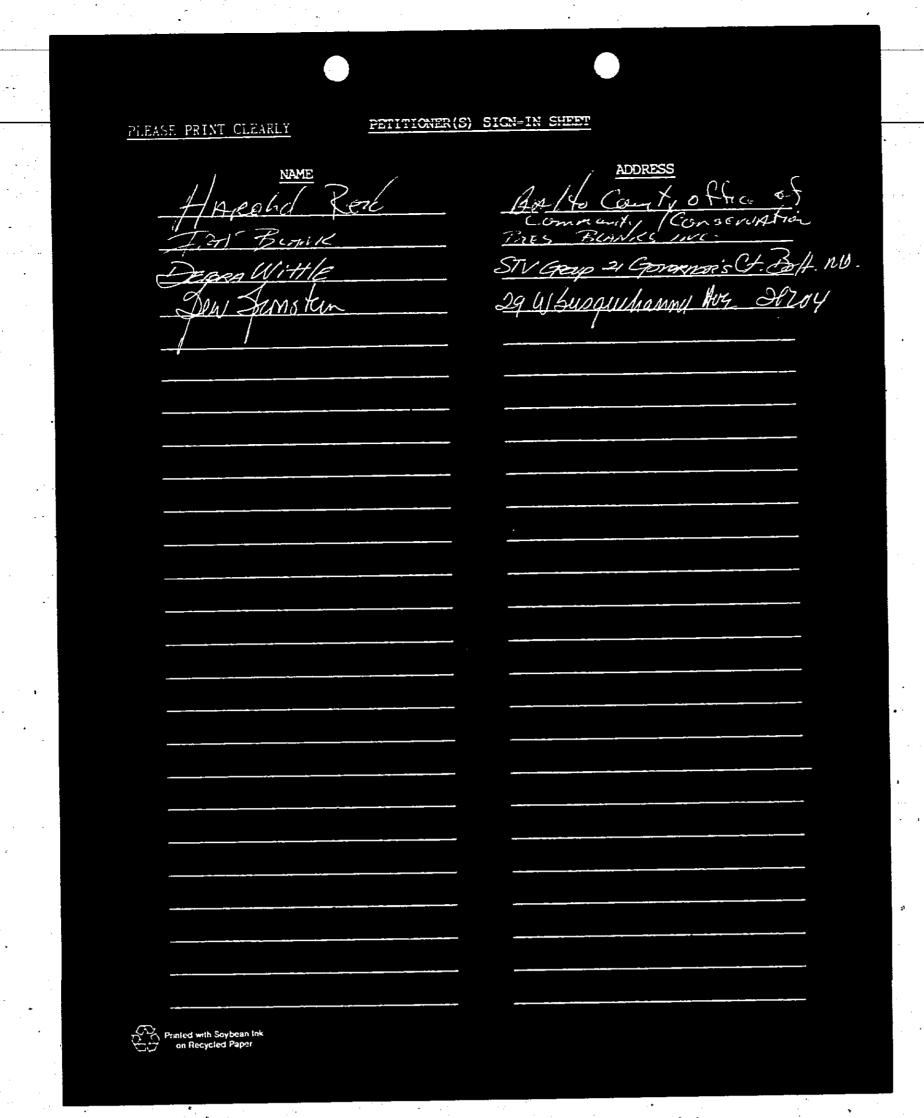
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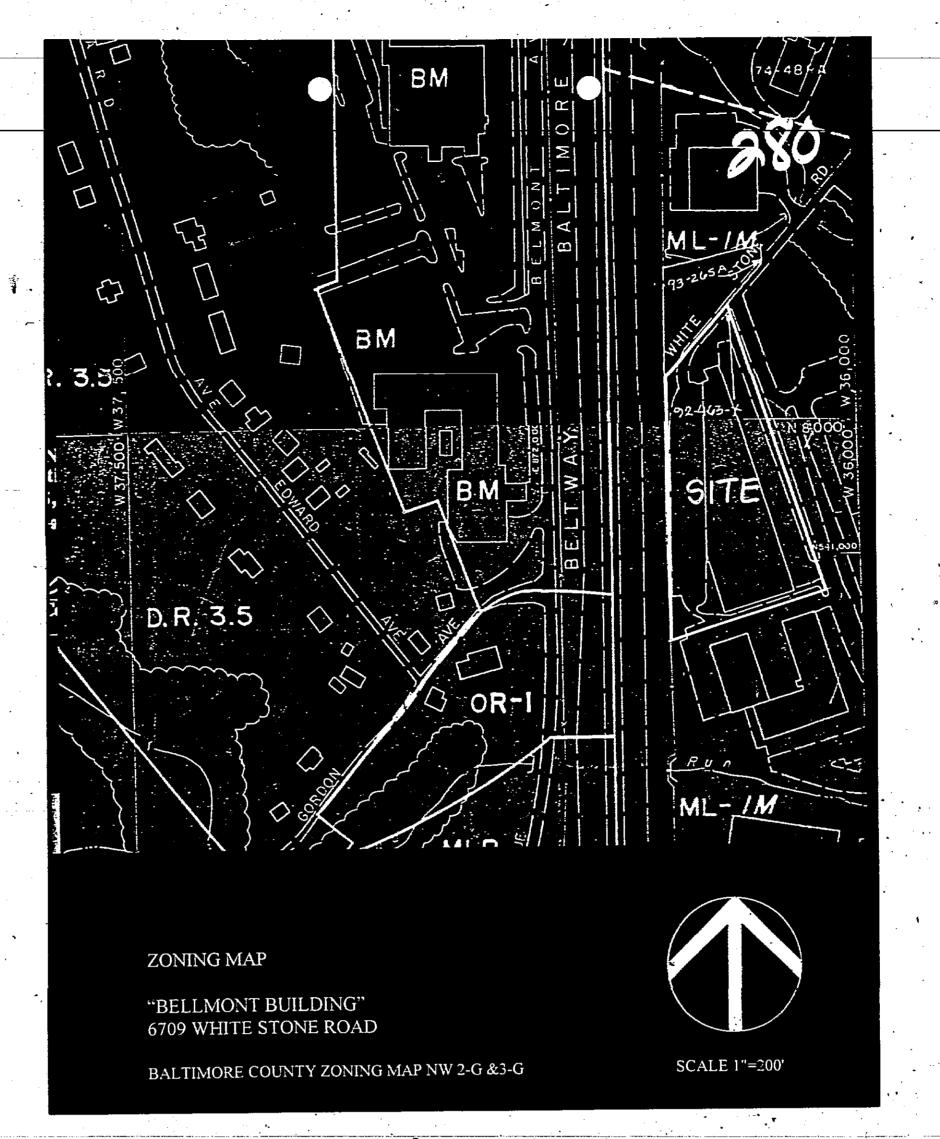
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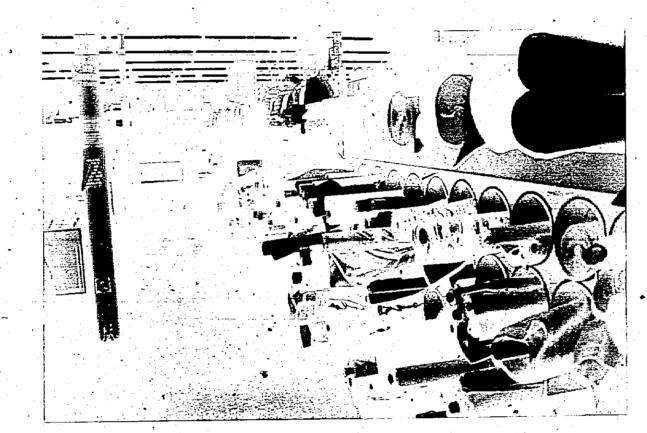
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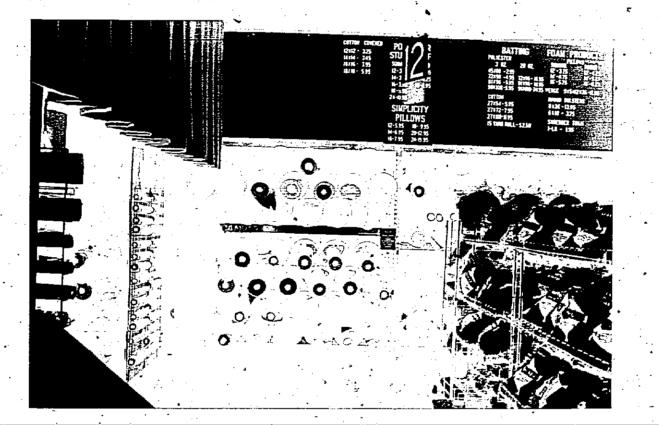
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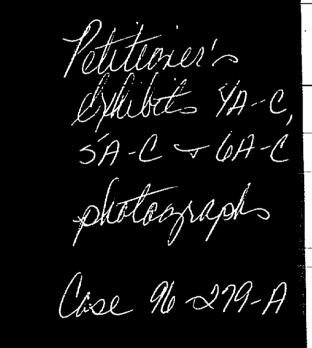




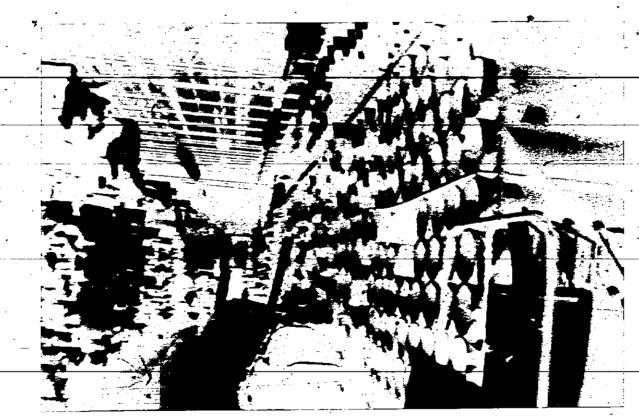


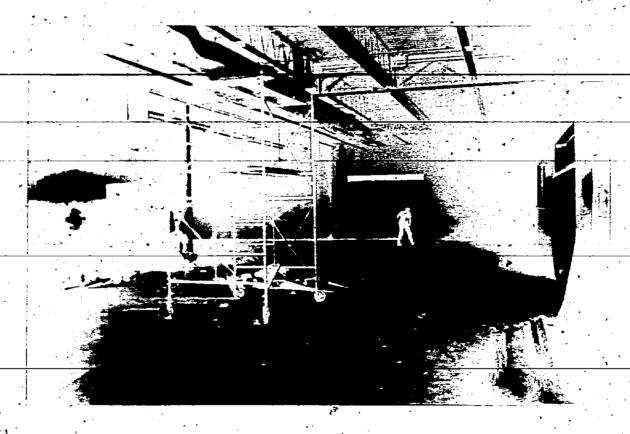


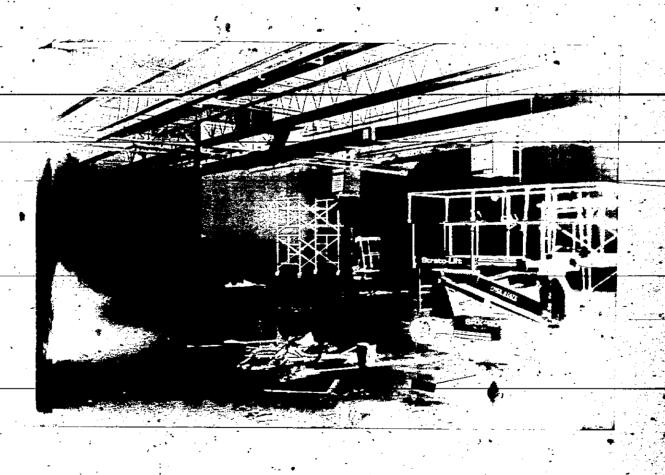


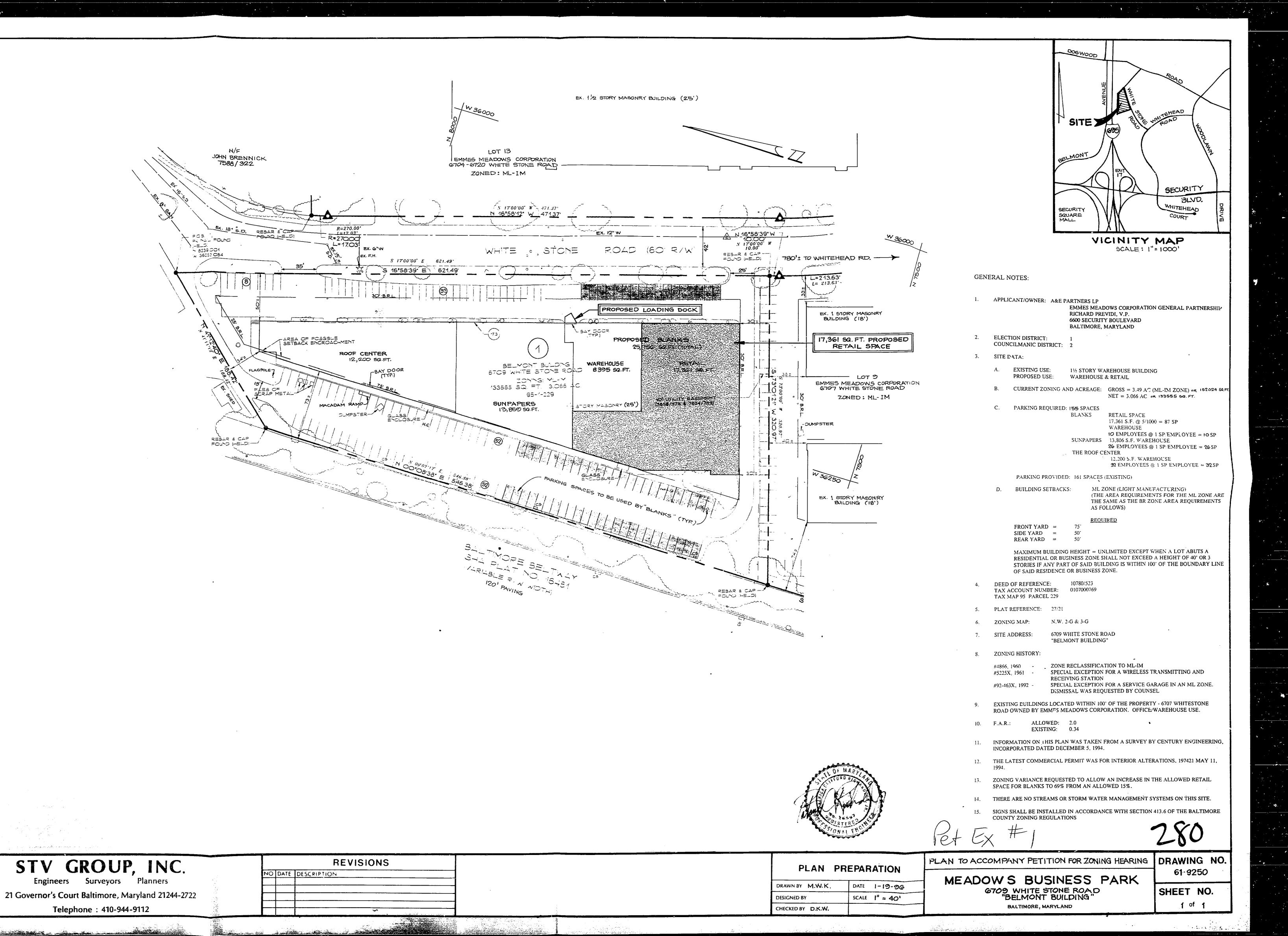












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