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TN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING

AND VARIANCE - N/S Joppa Road,

1500'W of c/l of Belair Road (4142 E. Joppa Road)

(4142 E. Joppa Road) 11th Election District 5th Councilmanic District

Peggy Marmaras Petitioner * BEFORE THE

* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 97-193-SPHA

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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 4142 E. Joppa Road, located in the vicinity of Belair Road and Brookfield Road in The Petition was filed by the owner of the property, Peggy Perry Hall. Marmaras, Joint Tenancy Owner, through her attorney, Julie D. Wright, Es-The Petitioner seeks approval of parking for a proposed restaurant quire. in a D.R. 5.5 zone, pursuant to Section 409.8.B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), and variance relief from the B.C.Z.R. as follows: From Section 409.6.A.2 to permit 77 parking spaces in lieu of the required 88 spaces; from Section 1801.1 to permit an RTA buffer and setback of 9.5 feet each in lieu of the required 50 feet and 75 feet, respectively; from Section 9.C.2.b.1 of the Landscaping Policy Manual to permit a 0 foot setback in lieu of the minimum required 10 feet; and, from Section 9.C.2.b.3 of the Landscaping Policy Manual to permit 2.7% interior landscaping in lieu of the required 7%. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petitions were George and Peggy Marmaras, co-owners of the property, Robert B. Tipton, Arthur E. Leonard, Professional Engineer with K.L.S. Consultants, Inc., and G. Scott

Barhight and Julie D. Wright, Attorneys at Law who represented the Petitioner. Numerous individuals appeared in opposition to the Petitioner's request all of whom signed the Protestants Sign-In Sheet.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property consists of 1.02 acres, more or less, split zoned B.L. and D.R. 5.5. majority of the property is unimproved but for a vacant 1 and 1/2 story building and accessory garage in the far western corner of the site. property is located on the north side of Joppa Road at its intersection with Belair Road, and abuts the south side of Brookfield Road, a small residential street just north of the intersection of Joppa and Belair Roads. The Petitioner proposes to develop the property with a 5,500 sq.ft. restaurant in accordance with the site plan submitted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1. Testimony offered by Mr. Marmaras revealed that he has been in the restaurant business for the past 40 years and has operated a diner on Pulaski Highway for the past 13 years. The Petitioners wish to develop the subject property with a diner similar in character and design as that depicted in an elevation drawing of the proposed building which was submitted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2. Marmaras testified that he would be personally responsible for the Mr. operation of the restaurant at this location. Further testimony revealed that Mr. Marmaras originally intended to operate the restaurant 7 days a week, 24-hours a day; however, subsequent to the hearing held in this matter, the Petitioners through their attorneys, submitted a letter indicating a new schedule for the hours of operation. According to that letter, Mr. Marmaras would like to operate the restaurant from 5:00 AM to Midnight, Monday through Thursday, and 24-hours on weekends, with those hours of operation terminating at Midnight on Sunday evenings.

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As stated previously, the subject property is split zoned B.L. with a small sliver of D.R. 5.5 zoned land consisting of 0.15 acres, in the northwest corner of the site. As shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 1, the Petitioner proposes to locate parking spaces and travelways within that 5.5 zoned portion of the site. Thus, the requested special hearing relief is necessary to use the residentially zoned portion of the property In addition, a number of variances are sought from Residenfor parking. tial Transition Area (RTA) requirements, by virtue of the existence of that D.R. 5.5 zoned portion of land on the subject property. Furthermore, the variance relief sought involves most of the remaining parking spaces to be provided for this site. The engineer who testified on behalf of the Petitioner was not clear in his testimony as to the manner in which the RTA setbacks and buffers are measured on a particular property. Suffice it to say, however, the Petitioner does not meet RTA setback and buffer requirements, and thus, the requested variances are necessary.

As noted above, many residents from the surrounding community appeared and testified in opposition to the Petitioners' request. Bertha Ginn, Bill Paulshak, Clinton Marshall, Dorothy McMann, who is President of the Perry Hall Improvement Association, David Marks, and Janet Almony, all testified in opposition to the Petitioner's plans. Several of these individuals have been long-time residents of the surrounding community, some of whom have lived in their houses for over 40 years. Brookfield Road, as noted above, is a small, residential street which serves approximately 7 residential properties. These properties, which continue to be utilized as single family residences, are located immediately adjacent to the proposed use. Most specifically affected are the residential homes of Mr. & Mrs. Schafer, as well as Ms. Ginn, Helen Dunty, and Edward Baker. These resi-

dents believe that a restaurant of the magnitude proposed is not appropriate for this property, given its close proximity to this residential community. They testified that it is their belief the restaurant use would interfere with the quiet enjoyment of their homes, would be noisy, cause trash to accumulate on their property, and bring members of the general public into their neighborhoods at all hours of the night. This is particularly true, given the intention of the owner to operate a 24-hour restaurant, at least on weekends. The owner originally intended to operate the restaurant 24-hours a day, 7 days a week; however, the Petitioners have modified that position and now wish to operate on a 24-hour basis on weekends, only. Many residents oppose this 24-hour operation, or late night operation, in that many of those individuals who patronize bars and night-clubs in the late hours of the evening might go out afterwards and become unruly or cause a ruckus when entering or exiting the subject restaurant. Therefore, the residents are particularly opposed to a 24-hour operation.

After considering all of the testimony and evidence offered by both the Petitioners and the Protestants, I find that the special hearing request to allow parking in the D.R. 5.5 zoned portion of the site should be denied. The testimony and evidence was clear that to allow parking and travelways to exist in the D.R. 5.5 zoned portion of the site would adversely affect the surrounding residents, many of whom have lived in their homes for over 40 years. This is particularly true, given the nature of the proposed business, which is proposed to operate 24-hours a day on weekends, and until midnight during the week. The detrimental effect of this restaurant operation at this location would be above and beyond that normally associated with other similarly zoned properties.



Along those same lines, the variances sought from RTA buffer and setback requirements shall also be denied. These RTA areas have been established to provide appropriate distances between uses such as that which is proposed for this site and surrounding residential properties. The purpose of these buffers is to mitigate the effects of a commercial operation on neighboring residential properties. In this case, the Petitioners are unable to meet any of the required setbacks for the subject site. For the same reasons that the special hearing was denied, so to must the variance relief be denied. The operation of a restaurant at the subject location in close proximity to the residents, particularly Mr. & Mrs. Schafer and Ms. Ginn, as well as Ms. Dunty and Mr. Baker, are too great to allow the granting of the requested variances. This site is simply not an appropriate candidate for such a large scale restaurant use, with exaggerated hours of operation as proposed. Therefore, the special hearing and variance relief shall be denied.

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 denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from the B.C.Z.R. as follows: From Section 409.6.A.2 to permit 77 parking spaces in lieu of the required 88 spaces; from Section 1801.1 to

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permit an RTA buffer and setback of 9.5 feet each in lieu of the required 50 feet and 75 feet, respectively; from Section 9.C.2.b.1 of the Landscaping Policy Manual to permit a 0 foot setback in lieu of the minimum required 10 feet; and, from Section 9.C.2.b.3 of the Landscaping Policy Manual to permit 2.7% interior landscaping in lieu of the required 7%, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby DENIED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioners shall have thirty (30) days from the date of this Order to file an appeal of this decision.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING

AND VARIANCE - N/S Joppa Road,

1500'W of c/l of Belair Road

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Peggy Marmaras Petitioner * BEFORE THE

* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 97-193-SPHA

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ORDER ON MOTION FOR MODIFICATION

This matter came before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance for the subject property, known as 4142 E. Joppa Road, located in the vicinity of Belair Road and Brookfield Road in Perry Hall. The Petitions were filed by the owner of the property, Peggy Marmaras, through her attorney, Julie D. Wright, Esquire, and sought special hearing and variance relief for a proposed restaurant and related improvements on the subject property. A hearing on the matter took place on November 25, 1996 after which an Order was issued on December 17, 1996 denying the relief requested.

By letter dated January 17, 1997, this Office received a written request for modification and an amended site plan from Counsel for the Petitioners. In consideration of the Petitioner's request, I required a public hearing be held so that all interested parties to this case would have an opportunity to review the revised plan and voice any concerns they might have with the proposed modifications. A hearing on the Motion for Modification was then scheduled for February 25, 1997.

By letter dated February 21, 1997, Counsel for the Petitioners advised this Deputy Zoning Commissioner that the Petitioners now wish to withdraw their request for modification. Apparently, new issues have come

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to light and the Petitioners are unable to proceed with the hearing on their request for reconsideration of a modified plan.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 24th day of February, 1997 that the hearing on the Motion for Modification be and the same is hereby DISMISSED.

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Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: Julie D. Wright, Esquire, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204

Mr. & Mrs. George Marmaras 9127 Cornflower Road, Baltimore, Md. 21237

Ms. Dorothy S. McMann, President, Perry Hall Improvement Assoc. P.O. Box 63, Perry Hall, Md. 21128

Mr. Clinton Marshall, 4135 Brookfield Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21236

Mr. & Mrs. George Wilson, 4517 Forge Road, Perry Hall, Md. 21128 Ms. Bertha H. Ginn, 4137 Brookfield Road, Baltimore, Md. 21236

Ms. Janet R. Almony, 4133 Brookfield Road, Baltimore, Md. 21236

Mr. David Marks, 4627 E. Joppa Road, Perry Hall, Md. 21128

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Schafer, 4144 E. Joppa Road, Baltimore, Md. 21236

Mr. Bill Paulshak, 9016 Belair Road, Baltimore, Md. 21236

People's Counsel; Case File





Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-4386

Julie D. Wright, Esquire and G. Scott Barhight, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING and VARIANCE
N/S Joppa Road, 1500'W of c/l of Belair Road
(4142 E. Joppa Road)
11th Election District ~ 5th Councilmanic District
Peggy Marmaras ~ Petitioner

Dear Ms. Wright & Mr. Barhight:

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

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Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

4142 East Joppa Road

which is presently zoned BL-AS & DR 5,5

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This Petition shall be tiled 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 Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

pursuant to BCZR Section 409.8.B, Parking for a Proposed Restaurant Development in a DR 5.5 Zone.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing 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.

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Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

4142 E. Joppa Road

which is presently zoned

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

(See Attached)

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

To be presented at 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.

Contract Purchaser/Lessee:	I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Legal Owner(s):				
(Type or Print Name) . Signature	Peggy Marmaras (Joint Tenancy Owner) (Type or Print Name)				
Address	(Type or Print Name)				
City State Zipcode	Signature				
Attorney for Petitioner:	<i>;</i>				
Julie D. Wright and Whiteford,	9127 Cornflower Road 256-4755				
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- (2) Section 1B01.1 of the BCZR -- The RTA setback and buffer requirements.
- (3) Section 9.C.2.b.1 of the Landscaping Policy Manual to permit a 0' setback in lieu of the required 10' setback.
- (4) Section 9.C.2.b.3 of the Landscaping Policy Manual which requires 7% interior landscaping.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 4142 EAST JOPPA ROAD

Beginning at a point on the South side of Brookfield Road which is 50 feet wide at the distance of 318 feet West of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Bel Air Road which is 80 feet wide, as recorded in Deed Liber 8980 Folio 151 and Deed Liber 10109 Folio 712 and described as follows:

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	Date of Hearing/Closing: Nov-25
Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204	11:00 AM
Attention: Ms. Gwendolyn Stephens	
Ladies and Gentlemen:	
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TO: PUTUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY
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Julie D. Wright, Esq.
Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP
210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue
Towson, MD 21204
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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:

CASE NUMBER: 97-193-SPHA (Item 193)

4142 E. Joppa Road

N/S Joppa Road, 1500' W of c/l Belair Road; also S/S Brookfield Road

11th Election District - 5th Councilmanic

Legal Owner(s): Peggy Marmaras

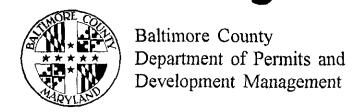
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HEARING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

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.



October 31, 1996

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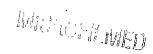
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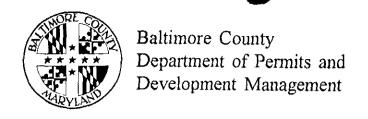
NOTES: (1) YOU MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED ON THE PROPERTY BY NOVEMBER 10, 1996.

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January 28, 1997

NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

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 118, Baltimore County Courthouse, Office located at 400 Washinggon Avenue, Towson, Maryland, as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 97-193-A (Item 193)

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HEARING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1997 at 9:00 a.m.

ZONING COMMISSIONER

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

cc: Julie D. Wright, Esq.

Mr. & Mrs. George Marmaras

Ms. Dorothy S. McMann

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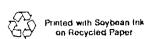
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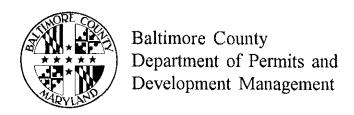
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HEARING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1997 at 2100 a.m.

ZONING COMMISSIONER

Lawrence E. Schmidt

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

* PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIME OF THIS HEARING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 3:30 P.M.

cc: Julie D. Wright, Esq.

Mr. & Mrs. George Marmaras

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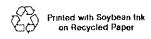
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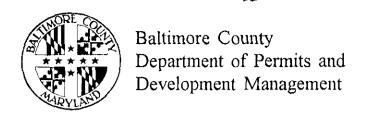
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November 19, 1996

Julie D. Wright, Esquire
Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, L.L.P.
210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

RE: Item No.: 193

Case No.: 97-193-SPHA
Petitioner: Peggy Marmaras

Dear Ms. Wright:

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 October 23, 1996.

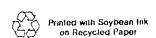
Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are 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 Roslyn Eubanks in the zoning office (887-3391).

Sincerely,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor

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Attachment(s)



INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

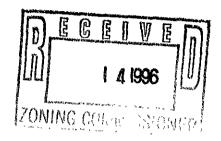
Permits and Development Management

DATE: November 13, 1996

FROM: Arnold F. "Pat" Keller, III, Director

Office of Planning

SUBJECT: 4142 E. Joppa Road



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Item Number:

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Petitioner:

Peggy Marmaras (Joint Tenancy Owner)

Property Size:

Zoning:

BL AS and DR 5.5

Requested Action:

Hearing Date:

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recently reviewed petitions for Variance and Special Hearing regarding a proposed retail/office development of the subject site (see attached comment dated 7/25/96).

The current Petitions for Variance and Special Hearing were field in order to develop the site with a 5,500 square restaurant.

Our staff report of July 25, 1996 pointed out that the proposed retail/office development would result in increased commercial traffic on Brookfield Road, resulting in an adverse impact on the residents whose homes front along Brookfield Road.

The need for a parking variance indicates that the subject proposal would be even more impactive than the first development proposal. In addition, the current Petition for Variance includes requested relief from the Landscape Policy Manual to permit a 0' setback in lieu of the required 10' setback and a reduction of the 7% interior landscaping requirement. Relief from these Landscape Policy Manual requirements would encourage poor site design and exacerbate development impacts to the residents on Brookfield Road.

TO: Arnold Jablon, Dirgor, PDM FROM: Arnold F. "Pat" Keller, III, Director, OP

SUBJECT: 4142 E. Joppa Road

ITEM NUMBER: 193

While this office acknowledges the site's irregular shape presents obvious design challenges, we feel that a reasonable use of this property is possible without the need for variances, and that development impact on Brookfield Road could be mitigated, if not eliminated altogether.

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon,	Director, PDM	DATE:	July	25,	1996
FROM: Arnold F. "Pa	at" Keller, III, Director, OP				,
SUBJECT: 4142 E. Jo	pppa Road				
INFORMATION:					
Item Number:	8				
Petitioner:	Peggy Marmaras				
Property Size:				- 	
Zoning:	B.LA.S. and D.R. 5.5		····		
Requested Action:			 , .	, -	
Hearing Date:					
SUMMARY OF RECOMMEND	DATIONS:				
Based upon a review	of the information provided, staff	recomme	ends t	he f	following:
RTA should be of proximity to the Road, a resider RTA for parking	variance of the required 50' and 75' lenied. The RTA abuts a residential the dwelling on that lot. Also, the utial street, opposite another residual translation will cause increased commercial translating homes on	. lot an RTA fro lential caffic o	d is nts c lot. n Bro	in c on Br Use	close cookfield of the
rear yard setba	variance for a 2' rear yard setback ck of 20' should be denied. The ab of a single family dwelling.				
Prepared by: Division Chief:	effry W. Long Dary C. Kerns				
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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: February 10, 1997

Permits and Development Management

FROM: Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III, Director

Office of Planning

SUBJECT: 4142 E. Joppa Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number: 193

Petitioner: Marmaras Property

Property Size:

Zoning: BL AS and DR 5.5

Requested Action: Motion for Reconsideration

Hearing Date: //

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is our understanding that a Motion for Reconsideration has been filed in the subject matter. Please be advised that the position of this office, as outlined in our comments of November 13, 1996, remains unchanged.

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Division Chief:

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: February 19, 1997

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM: Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III, Director

Office of Planning

SUBJECT: 4142 E. Joppa Road

Case No. 97-193 SPH

Please be advised that the plat accompanying the applicant's request in the subject matter is in error regarding the zoning of an adjacent parcel (Edward G Schafer 1769/239) located next to the area of the proposed restaurant. The zoning of the Schafer parcel was changed from BL-AS to ROA as a result of Issue No. 5-034 in the 1996 Comprehensive Zoning Map Process. This error is significant in that it changes the proposed building's setback requirement (see Section 232.2b o- 232.3b of the BCZR).

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Prepared by:

Division Chief:

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INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: November 14, 1996

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Robert W. Bowling, Chief

Development Plans Review Division

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

November 12, 1996

Item No. 193

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item. The proposed access off Joppa Road must be right-in, right-out only.

This office does not support the variance request for a 0' setback against residential use in lieu of the required 10 foot, nor the variance request for the required 7% interior landscaping in the parking lot. Also, all 7% interior landscape areas must not be located on top of the underground storm water management facility.

RWB:HJO:jrb

cc: File



Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

David L. Winstéad Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

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

RE: Baltimore County // 6 . 9 (
Item No. 193 (WCR)

Dear Ms. Eubanks:

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 410-545-5581 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

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P. J. Sulla Ronald Burns, Chief

Engineering Access Permits

Division

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

PDM

DATE: 100 1 96

FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley

Permits and Development Review

DEPRM

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting Date: 1996

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

Item #'s:

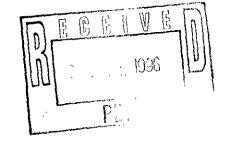
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Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500



Office of the Fire Marshal (410) 887-4880

DATE: 11/14/96

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

RE: Property Owner: PEGGY MARMARAS

Location: N/S JDPPA RD. 1500' W OF CENTERLINE BELAIR RD.; ALSO S/S BROOKFIELD RD. (4142 E. JDPPA RD.)

Item No.: 193 Zoning Agenda: VARIANCE

Gentlemen:

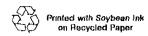
Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

- 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

cc: File







Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-4386

January 24, 1997

Julie D. Wright, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING and VARIANCE
N/S Joppa Road, 1500'W of c/l of Belair Road
(4142 E. Joppa Road)
11th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District
Peggy Marmaras - Petitioner
Case No. 97-193-SPHA

Dear Ms. Wright:

This office is in receipt of your letter dated January 17, 1997 concerning the above-captioned matter and your request for consideration of a Motion for Modification of my Order dated December 17, 1996. Included with your letter was a revised site plan for the subject property which demonstrates that there have been substantial changes to the plan from that originally proposed.

Inasmuch as there were several Protestants who appeared at the original hearing and voiced several concerns over the proposed development, I believe a public hearing should be held so that all parties who have an interest in this case have an opportunity to review the revised plan and voice any concerns they may have with the proposed modifications.

Therefore, by copy of this letter to Ms. Gwendolyn Stephens in the Department of Permits and Development Management, it is being requested that your Motion for Modification be scheduled to be heard by me on my next available hearing date that is mutually convenient for you, your clients, and the Protestants. At such time as Ms. Stephens has been able to ascertain what morning or afternoon I will have available over the next several weeks, you and the Protestants will be notified. Furthermore, inasmuch as I am willing to entertain your Motion for Modification, the appeals period for challenging my original Order in this case, dated December 17, 1996, is stayed.

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Julie D. Wright, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston January 24, 1997 Page 2

In the meantime, should you have any questions concerning the scheduling of this matter, please feel free to contact Ms. Stephens at 887-3391.

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TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

TMK:bjs

cc: Mr. & Mrs. George Marmaras 9127 Cornflower Road, Baltimore, Md. 21237

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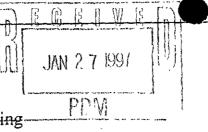
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Mr. Bill Paulshak, 9016 Belair Road, Baltimore, Md. 21236

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Julie D. Wright, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston January 24, 1997 Page 2

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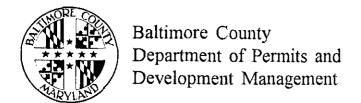
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> RE: Drop-Off Petition Review (Item #193) Legal Owner: Peggy Marmaras 4142 East Joppa Road 11th Election District

Dear Ms. Wright:

At the request of the attorney/petitioner, the above referenced petition was accepted for filing without a final filing review by the staff. The plan was accepted with the understanding that all zoning issues/filing requirements would be addressed. A subsequent review by the staff has revealed unaddressed zoning issues and/or incomplete information. The following comments are <u>advisory</u> and do not necessarily identify all details and inherent technical zoning requirements necessary for a complete application. As with all petitions/plans filed in this office, it is the final responsibility of the petitioner to make a proper application, address any zoning conflicts and, if necessary, to file revised petition materials. All revisions (including those required by the hearing officer) must be accompanied by a check made out to Baltimore County, Maryland for the \$100.00 revision fee.

On The Petition Form:

The reference to the RTA setback and buffer variances should specifically detail what relief is being requested; i.e., to permit a RTA buffer and setback of _____ feet in lieu of the required 50 feet and 75 feet respectively. All variances should be keyed to their location on the plan.



Julie D. Wright, Esquire November 6, 1996 Page 2

On The Plan:

The reference to the parking compliance requirements listed from Section 409.8.B.2 (on the plan) need to be addressed on the plan; e.g., in D. the lighting direction, hours of illumination, etc. need to be stated along with the other listed requirements.

The zoning description for the special hearing area (.15 acre) must be provided for inclusion in the file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 887-3391.

Very-truly yours,

John L. Lewis Planner II

Zoning Review

JLL:scj

Enclosure (receipt)

c: Zoning Commissioner

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned 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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CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel
Room 47, Courthouse
400 Washington Avenue

Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 20 day of November, 1996, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Julie D. Wright, Esq., Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioner.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN







OFFICE OF PEOPLE'S COUNSEL

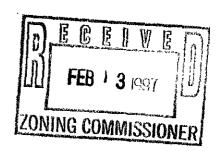
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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel

February 12, 1997

Timothy M. Kotroco, Esquire Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County Old Courthouse, Room 118 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204



Hand-delivered

Re: Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance
4142 E. Joppa Road, N/S Joppa Rd,
1500' W of c/l Belair Road; also
S/S Brookfield Road; 11th Election Dist., 5th Councilmanic
PETITIONER: PEGGY MARMARAS
Case No. 97-193-SPHA

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

Our office has reviewed your January 24, 1997 letter to Ms. Wright. This case presents several important procedural issues:

- 1) The Petitioners failed to appeal the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's December 17, 1996 Order within the 30-day period. The Deputy Zoning Commissioner's Order is final. See Nutter v. Baltimore, 230 Md. 6 (1962) and Skipjack Cove Marina v. County Comm'rs for Cecil Co., 252 Md. 440 (1969).
- 2) There is no statutory authority for a "Motion for Modification" or "Motion for Reconsideration" at the Zoning Commissioner level; the appeal period can not be stayed upon filing a Motion.

At the Circuit Court level, the Maryland Rules of Procedure permit revisory power over judgments within 30 days. A Motion filed within 10 days of judgment will stay the appeal period. A Motion filed over 30 days must be based on fraud, mistake, or irregularity (see attached). The County Board of Appeals has revisory power within 30 days in the event of fraud, mistake, or

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irregularity (Rule 10). But there is no equivalent authority at the Zoning Commissioner level.

- 3) At common law, in the absence of statutory authority, an administrative decision may be modified only for "fraud, mistake or irregularity." These are not alleged to have occurred here.

 Redding v. Board of County Comm'rs, 263 Md. 94, 111-112 (1971)

 (attached).
- 4) Accordingly, a Motion for Modification for "substantial changes" to a site plan is improper. A property owner, dissatisfied with the Commissioner's Order, cannot revise the plan, hoping for a more favorable decision. A new Petition, properly advertised, might be filed in the event of material changes. Baltimore County Code §26-127(a) requires review by the Planning Office and County agencies (OPZ has looked unfavorably on 2 prior proposals by the Petitioner for this site). Otherwise, there would be no finality to proceedings at the Commissioner's level, and the citizens would not have proper notice of a new and different plan.

In conclusion, there is no basis to grant a Motion for Reconsideration of the December 17, 1996 Order. It is final. It should not be revisited, and cannot now be appealed to the County Board of Appeals.

Very truly yours,

Peter Max Zimmerman

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Carole S. Demilio
Deputy People's Counsel

CSD/caf Attachments

cc: Julie D. Wright, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner

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A2d 384 (1994).

Filing appeal during pendency of motion.—A notice of appeal filed prior to the withdrawal or disposition of a timely filed motion under this Rule, Rule 2-532 or Rule 2-534, is effective; processing of that appeal is delayed until the withdrawal or disposition of the motion, and the trial court retains jurisdiction to decide the motion notwithstanding the filing of the notice of appeal. Edsall v. Anne Arundel Ceunty, 332 Md. 502, 632 A.2d 763 (1993).

Applied in Battista v. Savings Bank, 67 Md. App. 257, 507 A.2d 203 (1986); Franklin v. Gupta, 81 Md. App. 345, 567 A.2d 524 (1990);

Standiford v. Standiford, 89 Md. App. 326, 598 A.2d 495 (1991), cert. denied, 325 Md. 526, 601 A.2d 1101 (1992).

Quoted in Smith v. Pearre, 96 Md. App. 376,

625 A.2d 349 (1993). Cited in Arundel Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n v. Lawrence, 65 Md. App. 158, 499 A.2d 1298 (1985); Miller Bldg. Supply, Inc. v. Rosen, 305 Md. 341, 503 A.2d 1344 (1986); Sieck v. Sieck, 66 Md. App. 37, 502 A.2d 528 (1986); Exxon Corp. v. Schoene, 67 Md. App. 412, 508 A.2d 142 (1986); Smith v. Miller, 71 Md. App. 273, 525 A.2d 245 (1987); Alitalia Linee Aeree Italiane v. Tornillo, 320 Md. 192, 577 A.2d 34 (1990); Dabrowski v. Dondalski, 320 Md. 392, 578 A.2d 211 (1990); Edmonds v. Murphy, 83 Md. App. 133, 573 A.2d 853 (1990); Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co. v. Continental Cas. Co., 87 Md. App. 261, 589 A.2d 556, cert. denied, 324 Md. 122, 596 A.2d 628 (1991); Curry v. Hillcrest Clinic, Inc., 99 Md. App. 477, 638 A.2d 115 (1994), affd, 337 Md. 412, 653 A.2d 934 (1995).

Rule 2-534. MOTION TO ALTER OR AMEND A JUDGMENT — COURT DECISION

In an action decided by the court, on motion of any party filed within ten days after entry of judgment, the court may open the judgment to receive additional evidence, may amend its findings or its statement of reasons for the decision, may set forth additional findings or reasons, may enter new findings or new reasons, may amend the judgment, or may enter a new judgment. A motion to alter or amend a judgment may be joined with a motion for new triel

(Amended Apr. 7, 1986, effective July 1, 1986.)

Source: This Rule is derived from FRCP 52 (b) and 59 (a).

Maryland Law Review. — For survey, "Developments in Maryland Law, 1989-90," see 50 Md. L. Rev. 1027 (1991).

Effect of amendment. — The 1986 amendment substituted "court decision" for "court trial" in the rule heading, and substituted "decided" for "tried" near the beginning of the

first sentence.

Jurisdiction. — If a post trial motion, however titled, is filed within 10 days of judgment, the trial court retains jurisdiction to dispose of it, notwithstanding that an appeal may have been noted. Marousek v. Sapra, 87 Md. App. 205, 589 A.2d 529, cert. denied, 324 Md. 325, 597 A.2d 421 (1991).

Applicability to criminal appellate. — A criminal appellant may utilize the procedure reflected in Rules 2-534 and 2-535 as easily as could a civil appellant. Pollard v. State, 339 Md. 233, 661 A.2d 734 (1995).

Rules 2-534 and 2-535 are trial rules, applicable in cases instituted in the circuit court; the mere reference to those rules in another rule which addresses, without limitation as to kind, appeals from a lower court and which applies when the circuit court is acting as an appellate court, does not thereby necessarily characterize, or define, the appeals to which the appellate rule relates. Pollard v. State, 339 Md. 233, 661 A.2d 734 (1995).

Motion causes judgment to lose finality for appeal purposes. — When a motion to alter or amend an otherwise final judgment is filed within ten days after the judgment's entry, the judgment loses its finality for purposes of appeal. Unnamed Att'y v. Attorney Grievance Comm'n, 303 Md. 473, 494 A.2d 940 (1985).

When a motion to alter or amend an otherwise final judgment is filed, and while it is pending an appeal is filed, appellate jurisdiction attaches and the circuit court cannot de-

cide the motion. But where a motion is filed within ten days, an appeal will not ordinarily lie until the trial judge rules on the motion. Unnamed Att'y v. Attorney Grievance Comm'n, 303 Md. 473, 494 A.2d 940 (1985).

A motion to revise the judgment filed within ten days after the entry of judgment will stay the time for filing an appeal until the court rules on the motion, and will render nugatory any order for appeal filed before that ruling, while a motion to revise filed beyond ten days after judgment does not affect the time for noting an appeal or the validity of a timely appeal noted while the motion is pending. Sieck v. Sieck, 66 Md. App. 37, 502 A.2d 528

(1986).

"Action decided by the court." - A judgment notwithstanding the verdict was an "action decided by the court," and the motion for reconsideration was filed within 10 days after entry of that judgment; therefore, both the motion for reconsideration and the alternative motion for new trial were properly before the trial court. B & K Rentals & Sales Co. v. Universal Leaf Tobacco Co., 73 Md. App. 530, 535 A.2d 492 (1988), rev'd on other grounds, 319 Md. 127, 571 A.2d 1213, aff'd, 84 Md. App. 103, 578 A.2d 274 (1990), rev'd on other grounds, 324 Md. 147, 596 A.2d 640 (1991).

"Tried by the court" includes disposition of case by summary judgment. Sieck v. Sieck, 66 Md. App. 37, 502 A.2d 528 (1985).

Timeliness of motion. — To file a motion within ten days of judgment logically implies that the party files the motion within a discrete ten-day period beginning with the entry of final judgment. Consequently, a court may not entertain motions prior to that judgment. In contrast, to file a motion no later than ten days from entry of judgment logically implies that the party need only to file his motion before the expiration of the ten-day period. Under this frame, a court may entertain a motion, including one filed before entry of judgment, so long as the ten-day period has lapsed. Atlantic Food & Beverage Sys. v. City of Annapolis, 70 Md. App. 721, 523 A.2d 648, cert. denied, 310 Md. 274, 528 A.2d 1286 (1987).

A motion for reconsideration and for a stay of judgment, filed more than ten days after the filing of the order that appellant wanted reconsidered, did not stay the running of appeal period. Stephenson v. Goins, 99 Md. App. 220, 636 A.2d 481, cert. denied, 835 Md. 229, 643

A.2d 384 (1994).

Motions under Rule 2-535. -- A Rule 2-535 motion, if filed within 10 days of the entry of judgment by the court, will be treated as a motion under this Rule and have the same effect on appeal time. Alitalia Linee Aeree Italiane v. Tornillo, 320 Md. 192, 577 A.2d 34 (1990).

All revisory motions filed in an orphans

court are to be treated in the same manner as motions made in a circuit court under Rule 2-535, which have no effect upon the running of the thirty-day appeal period; this is true regardless of whether the revisory motion is filed within ten days of the original judgment or order. Grimberg v. Marth, 338 Md. 546, 659 A.2d 1287 (1995).

Entry of revised judgment and timeliness of appeals. - As long as a motion to revise a judgment is filed within 30 days, the revised judgment need not be entered within 30 days of the original judgment, and notice of appeal, filed within 30 days of the revised judgment, is timely. Gluckstern v. Sutton, 319 Md. 634, 574 A.2d 898, cert. denied, 498 U.S. 950, 111 S. Ct. 369, 112 L. Ed. 2d 331 (1990).

Oral statements by judge. - An oral statement by a trial judge, not reflected in any written order or docket entry, does not constitute a motion under this Rule and thus does not deprive a judgment of its finality. Gluckstern v. Sutton, 319 Md. 634, 574 A.2d 898, cert. denied, 498 U.S. 950, 111 S. Ct. 369, 112 L. Ed.

2d 331 (1990).

Finality of judgment. - Where trial court granted a judgment notwithstanding the verdict to defendant, and plaintiff filed motions for reconsideration of judgment notwithstanding the verdict and for a new trial pursuant to Rule 2-533, within 10 days of entry of judgment by the trial court; then the original judgment notwithstanding the verdict lost its finality for purposes of appeal and, pursuant to Rule 8-202. (c) trial court's subsequent order denying plaintiff's motions became the final order from which the time of appeal ran, and was the only final appealable judgment in the case. B & K Rentals & Sales Co. v. Universal Leaf Tobacco Co., 319 Md. 127, 571 A.2d 1213, affd, 84 Md. App. 103, 578 A.2d 274 (1990), rev'd on other grounds, 324 Md. 147, 596 A.2d 640 (1991).

Where there is a conflict of interest concerning coverage the insurer should, following the jury's verdict or court's decision in the tort case, and no later than 10 days after the entry of judgment in the tort suit, file a motion w intervene, a motion under this Rule and Rule 2-532 or 2-533, whichever is appropriate, and a complaint for declaratory relief regarding ita; duty to pay the damages assessed against its insured. The motion under this Rule or Rule 2-532 or 2-533 will render the tort judgment nonfinal. Allstate Ins. Co. v. Atwood, 319 Md. 247, 572 A.2d 154 (1990).

While the finality of a judgment is lost when a party files a motion pursuant to this Rule, Rule 2-533 or Rule 2-535 within ten days of its entry, no such effect occurs when a motion to reconsider is filed in connection with an opinion or non-final order of the trial court, Foham v. State Farm Mut. Ins. Co., 333 Md. 156, 634 A.2d 28 (1994).

If a motion to alter or amend a judgment is ade within ten days of the entry of judgment the judgment loses its finality for appeal purposes, Stephenson v. Goins, 99 Md. App. 220, 636 A.2d 481, cert. denied, 335 Md. 229, 643 A.2d 384 (1994).

Failure to make motion to alter or smend. — Error was waived where neither party raised the issue of stale evidence or brought it to the attention of the court, where neither party requested that additional evidence be taken, and where neither party moved to vacate, alter, or amend the judgment pursuant to this Rule. Noffsinger v. Noffsinger, 95 Md. App. 265, 620 A.2d 415, cert. denied, 331 Md. 197, 627 A.2d 539 (1993).

Filing appeal during pendency of motion.— A notice of appeal filed prior to the withdrawal or disposition of a timely filed motion under this Rule, Rule 2-532 or Rule 2-533, is effective; processing of that appeal is delayed until the withdrawal or disposition of the motion, and the trial court retains jurisdiction to decide the motion notwithstanding the filing of the notice of appeal. Edeall v. Anne Arundel County, 332 Md. 502, 632 A.2d 763 (1993).

Health claims arbitration. — Until the arbitration panel has issued a final award, there is nothing for the circuit court to review. The effect of CJ § 3-2A-06 (a), considered in conjunction with CJ § 3-2A-05 (h) and CJ § 3-222 (a), like this Rule and Rule 2-535, is to retain jurisdiction in the Health Claims Arbitration Office during the pendency of a timely filed motion for reconsideration; because judicial review occurs only after that office has decided such motion and passed a final award, until that occurs, neither a circuit court, nor any other tribunal, has jurisdiction over the matter. Marousek v. Sapra, 87 Md. App. 205, 589 A.2d 529, cert. denied, 324 Md. 325, 597 A.2d 421 (1991).

Applied in McClayton v. McClayton, 68 Md. App. 615, 515 A.2d 231 (1986); Bricker v. Bricker, 78 Md. App. 570, 554 A.2d 444 (1989); Southern Four, Inc. v. Parker, 81 Md. App. 85, 566 A.2d 808 (1989); Singletary v. Maryland State Dep't of Pub. Safety, 67 Md. App. 405, 589 A.2d 1311 (1991); Triplin v. Jackson, 326 Md. 462, 605 A.2d 618 (1992).

Quoted in Porter Hayden Co. v. Commercial Union Ins. Co., 339 Md. 150, 661 A.2d 691

Stated in Ski Roundtop, Inc. v. Wagerman, 79 Md. App. 357, 556 A.2d 1144 (1989).

Cited in Young v. Young, 61 Md. App. 103, 484 A.2d 1054 (1984); Arundel Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n v. Lawrence, 65 Md. App. 158, 499 A.2d 1298 (1985); Brady v. Ralph Parsons Co., 308 Md. 486, 520 A.2d 717 (1987); Younker v. Schmid Prods. Co., 310 Md. 493, 530 A.2d 274 (1987); Swanson v. Wilde, 74 Md. App. 57, 536 A.2d 694, aff'd, 314 Md. 80, 548 A.2d 837 (1988); Board of Trustees v. RTKL Assocs., 80 Md. App. 45, 559 A.2d 805 (1989); Carroll County Dep't of Social Servs. v. Edelmann, 320 Md. 150, 577 A.2d 14 (1990); Dabrowski v. Dondalski, 320 Md. 392, 578 A.2d 211 (1990); Board of License Comm'rs v. Haberlin, 320 Md. 399, 578 A.2d 215 (1990); Lieberman v. Lieberman, 81 Md. App. 575, 568 A.2d 1157 (1990); Fields v. Mersack, 83 Md. App. 649, 577 A.2d 376 (1990); Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co. v. Continental Cas. Co., 87 Md. App. 261, 589 A.2d 556, cert. denied, 324 Md. 122, 596 A.2d 628 (1991); Ungar v. Handelsman, 325 Md. 135, 599 A.2d 1159 (1992); Hrehorovich v. Harbor Hosp. Ctr., 93 Md. App. 772, 614 A.2d 1021 (1992), cert. denied, 330 Md. 319, 624 A.2d 490 (1993); Home Indem. Co. v. Killian, 94 Md. App. 205, 616 A.2d 906 (1992); Montgomery Village Assocs. v. Mark, 95 Md. App. 337, 620 A.2d 975, cert. denied, 330 Md. 680, 625 A.2d 982 (1993); Curry v. Hillcrest Clinic, Inc., 99 Md. App. 477, 638 A.2d 115 (1994), aff'd, 337 Md. 412, 653 A.2d 934 (1995).

Rule 2-535. REVISORY POWER

(a) Generally. — On motion of any party filed within 30 days after entry of judgment, the court may exercise revisory power and control over the judgment and, if the action was tried before the court, may take any action that it could have taken under Rule 2-534.

(b) Fraud, Mistake, Irregularity. — On motion of any party filed at any time, the court may exercise revisory power and control over the judgment in case of fraud, mistake, or irregularity.

Committee note: This section is intended to be as comprehensive as Code, Courts Article § 6-408.

(c) Newly-Discovered Evidence. — On motion of any party filed within 30 days after entry of judgment, the court may grant a new trial on the ground of newly-discovered evidence that could not have been discovered by due diligence in time to move for a new trial pursuant to Rule 2-533.

(d) Clerical Mistakes. — Clerical mistakes in judgments, orders, or other parts of the record may be corrected by the court at any time on its own initiative, or on motion of any party after such notice, if any, as the court orders. During the pendency of an appeal, such mistakes may be so corrected before the appeal is docketed by the appellate court, and thereafter with leave of the appellate court.

Source: This Rule is derived as follows: Section (a) is derived from former Rule 625

Section (b) is derived from former Rule 625

Section (c) is derived from former Rule 625 b. Section (d) is derived from FRCP 60 (a) and former Rule 681.

Maryland Law Review. — For article, "The Revisory Power of Courts Over Judgments by Default in Third Party Practice," see 11 Md. L. Rev. 135 (1950).

For note, "Unambiguous personal injury release bars suit for subsequently discovered injuries," see 41 Md. L. Rev. 478 (1982).

For article, "Survey of Developments in Maryland Law, 1984-85," see 45 Md. L. Rev. 501 (1986).

For article, "Survey of Developments in Maryland Law, 1987-88," see 48 Md. L. Rev. 551 (1989).

University of Baltimore Law Review. — For comment, see "Regulatory Options for Surrogate Arrangements in Maryland," 18 U. Balt. L. Rev. 110 (1989).

Applicability of Rule. — There is nothing in this Rule that limits the procedure established by this Rule to a judgment preceded by an oral, adversarial hearing. Alitalia Linee Aeree Italiane v. Tornillo, 320 Md. 192, 577 A.2d 34 (1990), aff'd, 329 Md. 40, 617 A.2d 572 (1993).

Rule held inapplicable where movant was not party to action. — This Rule prescribes the time constraints imposed on a movant seeking a revision of a judgment in a proceeding in which the movant was a party, and where appellants were not parties to the foreclosure action that they were seeking to have vacated, this Rule was deemed inapplicable. Bennett Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. v. NationsBank of Md., 103 Md. App. 749, 654 A.2d 949 (1995).

It is most desirable that there should be end to litigation, and a judgment is presumed to be a settlement of all matters in dispute in that particular case; and once entered, parties are no longer under the necessity of preserving the evidences upon which their claims rested. Penn Cent. Co. v. Buffalo Spring & Equip. Co., 260 Md. 576, 273 A.2d 97 (1971).

Underlying the long settled rule disfavoring vacation of an enrolled decree is the principle that, once parties have had the opportunity to present before a court a matter for investigation and determination, and once the decision has been rendered and the litigants, if they so choose, have exhausted every means of reviewing it, the public policy of this State demands that there be an end to that litigation. Schwartz v. Merchants Mtg. Co., 272 Md. 305, 322 A.2d 544 (1974).

The purpose of limiting a trial court's discretion to revise an enrolled judgment is to promote finality of judgment and thus to insure that litigation comes to an end. Haskell v. Carey, 294 Md. 550, 451 A.2d 658 (1982).

Time to set aside judgment provided.— The Rules establish a period of time within which a reasonably diligent person can act for the purpose of causing a judgment to be set aside. Suburban Properties Mgt., Inc. v. Johnson, 236 Md. 455, 204 A.2d 326 (1964).

Jurisdiction.— If a post trial motion, however titled, is filed within 10 days of judgment, the trial court retains jurisdiction to dispose of it, notwithstanding that an appeal may have been noted. Marousek v. Sapra, 87 Md. App. 205, 589 A.2d 529, cert. denied, 324 Md. 325, 597 A.2d 421 (1991).

Filing motion within 10 days. — A motion under this Rule, if filed within 10 days of the entry of judgment by the court, will be treated as a Rule 2-534 motion and will have the same effect on appeal time. Alitalia Lines Acres

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Costs to be paid by appellants. Order modified and as modified affirmed.

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lished Are Subsequently Introduced Without Objection In A Hearnary Board Hearing In Which A Prima Facie Case Was Estab ing Before A Board Of Appeals, The Board May Find This Evi Case Before It. dence To Be Probative And Sufficient To Establish A Prima Facie ADMINISTRATIVE LAW-Where Tape Recordings Of A Discipli-

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nance Has Expressly Given A Board Of Appeals The Power Of Error In The Initial Decision Was Caused By Fraud, Surprise, Mistake Or Inadvertence. Reconsideration Or Rehearing It Has Such A Right Solely If An ADMINISTRATIVE LAW-Rehearing-Where No Statute Or Ordi-

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November 17, 1971. Motion for rehearing filed November 11, 1971; denied

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void, Redding appeals. der declaring the order of reinstatement to be null and order issued after rehearing by the Board of Appeals for ding as a member of the county police force. From an or-Prince George's County which reinstated Michael D. Red-Prince George's County, Maryland, from a substituted Appeal by the Board of County Commissioners for

pay the costs. Order of January 4, 1971, affirmed, the appellant to

BARNES, MCWILLIAMS, SINGLEY and SMITH, JJ The cause was argued before HAMMOND, C. J., and

William L. Kaplan, Thomas P. Smith, Andrew E. Greenwald, Walter E. Laake and Feissner, Kaplan & Smith on the brief, for appellant.

Glenn T. Harrell, Jr., and John R. Barr, Associate County Attorneys, with whom was Walter H. Maloney, Jr., County Attorney, on the brief, for appellee.

BARNES, J., delivered the opinion of the Court. Fred R. Joseph, with whom were Karl G. Feissner,

BARNES, J., delivered the opinion of the Court

the Circuit Court for Prince George's County (McCul-The question presented to us in this appeal is whether

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lough, J.) erred in passing an order on January 4, 1971, declaring an order of the Board of Administrative Appeals for Prince George's County (Board of Appeals), dated June 22, 1970, null and void. The Board of Appeals had, on March 13, 1970, by a vote of two to one, sustained the findings of the Chief of Police dismissing the appellant, Michael D. Redding, from the police force of the county. Later, on the motion of Redding, the Board of Appeals granted a rehearing which was held on May 18, 1970, and thereafter reinstated Redding as a county police officer upon the payment of a \$200 fine with suspension for three months from the time of his original dismissal by the Chief of Police.

Vincent S. Free, Chief of Police of the Police Force of Prince George's County (Chief Free), notified Redding on December 30, 1969, to appear before the Police Trial Board on January 6, 1970, to answer two charges against Redding, as follows:

"(1) Section 15-14-C-12 Conduct unbecoming an officer on December 20, 1969; wherein you [did] fail to conduct yourself in such a manner as would redound to the credit of the Department.

"(2) Section 15-14-C-20 You did intentionally violate a law of the State of Maryland, in that you did take, steal, and carry away and convert to your own use one (1) racing type jacket, valued at \$8.97, the property of Zayre Corporation."

After a hearing the Trial Board found Redding not guilty of charge (2) but guilty of charge (1). It recommended to Chief Free that Redding be dismissed from the force. On January 12, 1970, Chief Free notified Redding of the action of the Trial Board and that he concurred in its recommendation that Redding be dismissed from the force. Chief Free also notified Redding that he had five days within which to appeal to the Board of Appeals. Redding took an appeal through counsel and a

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hearing before the Board of Appeals was held on March 2, 1970. At this hearing all three members of the Board of Appeals were present, *i.e.*, William G. Fawsett, Chairman; Simon M. Pristoop, Vice Chairman and Robert S. Miller, Member. Also present were the following counsel:

Martin A. Hertz, Assistant County Attorney, Counsel for the Police Department, Robert J. Flynn, Counsel for the Board of Ap-

peals, Fred R. Joseph, Counsel for Redding.

Mr. Flynn stated on behalf of the Board of Appeals that the procedure to be followed was that counsel for the Police Department would introduce into evidence a tape recording of the proceedings before the Trial Board, the findings of fact by the Trial Board and a summary of evidence—that is, all of the testimony before the Trial Board. He further stated that if counsel for the Police Department wished to put on additional evidence, he could do this; and counsel for Redding could put on whatever defense he might have.

Then the following appears in the record:

"MR. JOSEPH: Mr. Chairman, in regard to the question of stipulations, may I state at the outset that Officer Redding wants to facilitate matters here as much as possible; get them over with. We have no intention whatsoever of complicating the proceedings. However, it is our feeling that the burden is still upon the County, upon the police, in this case, and that with that burden goes the necessity that they prove their case.

"Now, there were certain witnesses brought before the Trial Board, Police Board. It is my opinion that a reading of what the police or the County Attorney recalls their statement to be does not present the evidence in the light of that hearing. I think in judging the weight of cer-

accusing representative of the Zayre's Store, in regard, most specifically, to the, so to speak, uals and hear from them in person. I state this tain testimony it is necessary to see the individnearly as bad from the reading of the Findings Mr. Friedhoff, who I think does not come out

of Fact as he did at the Trial Board. every single thing in that Finding of Fact as certain stipulations. I do not, however, stipulate spectfully state our feeling that the burden is still upon the County, and they must prove the we are willing to go forward." case. We feel we have brought our witnesses and being entirely accurate in the report. May I re-"So I would state I would be willing to make

you don't object to the Board giving whatever jecting to this being admitted in evidence and consideration or weight that we believe that it deserves "CHAIRMAN FAWSETT: You are not ob-

"MR. JOSEPH: Right.

that you see fit to call and which you have here tional evidence that we have will be witnesses "CHAIRMAN FAWSETT: The only addi-

"MR. JOSEPH: Correct."

also should be made clear that Officer Redding and that it must do so with evidence. I think it the burden is upon the County to prove its case, "And I want to make clear that we still feel that Mr. Joseph then stated: and his attorney had nothing to do with the preparation of these Findings of Fact nor were we consulted in regard to said preparation."

before the Trial Board at its hearing on January 6, 1970, Appeals, Mr. Hertz offered the tapes of the proceedings After making an opening statement to the Board of

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a Customer's Receipt for \$24.95 from Zayre, which was out objection, the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Trial Board, including a Report of Sergeant Edward J. Armstrong, as "County's Exhibit No. 2," and "County's Exhibit No. 1." Mr. Hertz then offered, withwhich were received into evidence, without objection, as part of the record before the Trial Board, marked "County's Exhibit No. 3."

mony in his defense. any witnesses offered by Redding. He was excused and case and that he was waiving his right to cross-examine County Police Department had established a prima facie thereafter Redding introduced his own and other testihearing, indicating that he believed the Prince George's Thereafter, Mr. Hertz asked to be excused from the

ent. The testimony of seven witnesses was thereafter ment and Redding, respectively. Redding was also presrepresenting the Prince George's County Police Departrecited that Mr. Hertz and Mr. Joseph were present, tain, a Lieutenant, a Sergeant and a Private. It was also ment who comprised the Trial Board-a Major, a Capsummarized. members of the Prince George's County Police Departcharges against Redding are recited with a list of those In the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the

that he knew nothing about the socks, as to whether derneath his counter in the Suitomat Department and where Redding was changing his socks. Friedhoff stated that store for approximately one month. His initial conthat Redding would pick it up later. Friedhoff stated that asked Friedhoff if he would put the jacket in a bag and who asked him about the jacket that had been placed unas he was leaving the store, was confronted by Redding they had been paid for. On December 20, 1969, Friedhoff, tact with Redding was in the Men's Room of the store Capital Heights, testified that he had been employed at leased department at Zayre's Department Store at Charles R. Friedhoff, Assistant Manager for Suitomat,

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put the jacket in a bag for Officer Redding. Dyer replied he then went back to the Suitomat Department and told that he was not supposed to do this, it being against com-Danny Dyer (James Daniel Dyer, the next witness) to pany regulations and that he could not do it. Friedhoff the officer knew what he was doing. Thereafter, Friedhoff told Dyer that it was all right, not to "sweat" it, that

on the shelf in the Automotive Department as it had been counter, placed a jacket that was under his counter back he reported for work and, after straightening up his to give anyone any kind of gift. On December 20, 1969, salesman, stated that it was against company regulations Suitomat Department for approximately six weeks as a lying under his counter for a week. Later, he was approached by Friedhoff, who inquired where the coat was curity tape on it and to keep his mouth shut. Dyer stated the Automotive Department, got the jacket and placed it he had placed back on the shelf. Friedhoff then went to Dyer did not know that he was referring to the jacket was indicated that the package was paid for. Dyer then that by placing the red security tape on the package, it bag when the officer came back for it and to put the sehe called Dyer aside and told him to put the jacket in a back under the counter. Before Friedhoff left the store, told Friedhoff that he should not do this and was told mat Department, Mr. Elman, and related to him what about what to do, Dyer called the Manager of the Suito-After thinking about the matter and being uncertain with Friedhoff's orders because he knew it was wrong by Friedhoff to keep his mouth shut. Dyer did not comply not know of any action taken by Schmidt at that time taken care of. Dyer understood that Elman had called had happened. Mr. Elman said the situation would be ing on customers, Redding walked back to the Suitomat Approximately ten minutes later, while Dyer was wait Mr. Schmidt, Manager of the Zayre Corporation, but did James Daniel Dyer, who had been employed by the

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talked to Redding at which time Redding stated that he out of the Suitomat Department. On December 31, Dyer take the jacket. Redding replied, "When do you want me to get it?" and Dyer replied, "as soon as possible." was a gift to him. Dyer knew nothing about the socks. was in trouble and that the jacket, as well as the socks, to the Suitomat Department, took the jacket and walked take about what he had seen. Later, Redding came back checked the bag to make sure that he had made no miswho was a short distance away. Dyer went over and ter, walked past Dyer and a security guard, Mr. Mason, rity tape. He then placed the bag underneath the councurity tape on the bag and wrote his name on the secu-Department and Dyer asked him when he was going to Redding then took a bag, placed the jacket in it, put se-

sisting of ten single spaced, letter size pages. From this automobile and return without the package. Thomas then and later called him to tell him that Monihan had obplaced the package under the counter of the Suitomat tive Department, placed a red security tape on it and Redding had placed a jacket in a bag from the Automo-Suitomat Department, had telephoned Mr. Monihan, tape on it, but no receipt. The coat of a Prince George's and saw on the front seat a Zayre bag with a red security ing lot, looked into the white car (an Austin American) package in a white car. Thomas then went to the parkrow of automobiles, stating that Redding had placed the went to the store, spoke to Monihan who pointed out a served Redding leave the store with a package, go to an the Washington District, and gave him this information, was in charge of Security for the Zayre Corporation in Department. Monihan then called James Thomas, who General Manager of the Zayre Store, who told him that Report, it appears that William Elman, Manager of the the Redding matter. His full Report was attached, con-Department, testified in accordance with his Report on Services Division of the Prince George's County Police Sergeant Edward J. Armstrong, of the Inspectional

employee pays for the item purchased and the item is detail were considered employees.) All such purchases ees to make purchases. (Police officers assigned to this by Redding. Thomas outlined the procedure for employcar. By inquiry, the white car was identified as owned County Policeman was hanging in the back of the white must be taken through cash register No. 12 where the enabled to check employee purchases. Cash register No. employee's name is written. Security personnel are thus proximately one inch wide (a security tape) on which the then placed in a regular bag, secured by a red tape ap-53, the Automotive Department, for \$8.97, the price of after interviewed Friedhoff and Dyer. Their statements checked, with the same result. Sergeant Armstrong therethe jacket appeared. Then, all cash registers were 12 was then checked and no item from Department No. to him were substantially the same as already set forth had the security tape on it. He notified Thomas that he but had no reason to be suspicious about it because it Mason, the security officer, observed Redding take the bag Monihan confirmed the statement made by Thomas. Mr. had observed Redding take the bag out.

that Redding first related that he placed one bag conus." Redding then stated, "Okay, I can't lie too good, I'll fully investigated and for Redding "to be honest with geant Armstrong then stated that the matter had been mat Department about 9:00 p.m. on December 20. Sertaining several other bags under the counter of the Suitocounter, placed it in a Zayre bag, put on the security to what he did. He placed the jacket under the Suitomat to Lieutenant Turner and Sergeant Armstrong in regard be honest with you." He then made a complete admission a gift. He was asked, "Did anyone say to you that the jacket from the premises; he did not pay for it nor did tape, signed his name on the security tape and took the he thought that Friedhoff was giving him the jacket as he have permission to take the jacket. He stated that In regard to Redding's statement, the Report stated

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coat was a gift and that you didn't have to pay for it?" to which he replied, "No, I just had the feeling it was a gift." He was asked further, if he thought it was a gift, why did he go to the trouble of putting the jacket in a Zayre bag and placing the security tape on it, to which Redding replied, "I did it right out in the open." Redding stated to Armstrong that upon learning of the investigation on December 22, he hid the jacket but would not state where it was, saying that he would either produce the jacket or make restitution in the amount of the value of the jacket. He volunteered that Friedhoff knew he was going to take the jacket and not pay for it. After the was suspended for conduct unbecoming to a police officer. A formal notice of suspension was thereafter issued.

that he would take care of them. Friedhoff where he could pay for them, Friedhoff stated not wish to stand in line to buy things. When he asked He took the socks because he was in a hurry and did met Friedhoff when changing socks in the Men's Room that it was no use to lie. Redding also stated that he first given by Sergeant Armstrong was in substance confirmed Friedhoff and other matters were given but the account gift of the jacket in question. The details in regard to into evidence. He testified that Friedhoff had made him a dated "12/12" and signed by Friedhoff was introduced customer's sales slip, No. 27802 in the amount of \$24.95, chased a coat from the Suitomat Department and that including his original statements and his later statement placing the jacket under the counter, statements by Friedhoff had given him a 20% discount on the coat. A Redding then testified. He stated that he had pur-

George Bernard Norris, a private in the Prince George's County Police Department, testified that he had heard Friedhoff state to Redding on December 20 that "your jacket is ready." Later, Redding gave the jacket to Norris to return to the store after Redding had been suspended. Norris stated that Redding "is a good police of-

an asset to the force. also testified that Redding was a good police officer and County Police Department, Officers Mumaw and Savoy, Department." Two other privates in the Prince George's ficer and an asset to the Prince George's County Police

as Police Department Exhibit No. 1. It was noted that the jacket was admitted in evidence

tion 15-14, C-12 of conduct unbecoming an officer, "* * * dise which was the property of Zayre's Corporation tentionally stealing the jacket but was guilty under Sec-Redding was not guilty under Section 15-14, C-20 of inby unauthorized conversion to your own use of merchan-The conclusion reached by the Trial Board was that

the Police Department. It was recommended that Redding be dismissed from

represent a fair summary of the testimony. Findings of Fact are supported by the testimony and fair summary of that testimony. In our opinion, the were supported by the evidence taken and presented a been played to ascertain whether the Findings of Fact The two tapes-running for some eight hours-have

mulative. In regard to the jacket, Redding stated that testified on his own behalf. His testimony is largely cuhe had no notice that the Suitomat Department and the Zayre Corporation were not the same. He saw the jacket, a week or ten days before the 20th before I purchased it you go pick it up." When asked, "when did you first see Friedhoff stated, "O.K. I will go get it ready for you and do you want the jacket?" After Redding answered, "Yes," let anyone else buy it. Later, Friedhoff was asked if the that he wanted the coat, to watch it for him and not to liked it and put it under the counter. He told Friedhoff the jacket," Redding replied, "I first saw the jacket about jacket was still back there. Friedhoff stated, "Poncho, At the hearing before the Board of Appeals, Redding

After he learned that an investigation in regard to the

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he had no intention of stealing anything. hid it in a trash can but later got it back. He testified that house and hid it "because I didn't know what to do." He jacket had begun, Redding took it over to his father's

ees. He stated, "If you really want to get into brass technicalities, no police officer is supposed to accept any "The dirty look I gave him would have maybe told him." asked him: "Did you feel at the time that Officer Redding licemen the same discount as that given other employgloves from Zayre and that it was usual to give the po-Officer Norris testified that he had received a gift of was stealing this jacket * * *" to which Dyer answered, concession. One of the members of the Board of Appeals the impression that he owned or was manager of the references to Friedhoff as "a very nasty person" with the reputation of "a very good liar," especially in giving Appeals. His testimony was largely a repetition of his testimony before the Trial Board with some additional Dyer also testified at the hearing before the Board of

Redding's punishment was too harsh. from one man at Thanksgiving time. He thought that bottles of liquor from different merchants and a turkey police officers and that at Christmas time he had accepted Officer Mumaw testified that stores offer discounts to

of the Chief of Police dismissing Redding. counsel for Redding on March 23, to sustain the findings vote, by a decision dated March 13, 1970, and received by case. The Board of Appeals declined to so rule and, after ure of the Police Department to make out a prima facie charges against Redding should be dismissed for the failend of the Police Department's case that the Police De-Redding had put on his evidence, decided by a two to one partment carried the burden of proof and moved that the Counsel for Redding had noted his contention at the

on counsel for the Police Department. In the Points and hearing before the Board of Appeals and served a copy On March 30, 1970, Redding filed a Request for a Re-

automobile by a police officer as set forth in Sergeant Department in regard to the identification of Redding's of James Nelson of the Prince George's County Police he had new evidence to present, i.e., (1) the testimony Authorities Supporting this Request, Redding stated that man in regard to Friedhoff; and (3) the testimony of Armstrong's Report; (2) the testimony of William Elstated that counsel for Redding wished to emphasize that question after taking it from the Zayre store. It was also Redding, himself, relating to the use of the jacket in the issues were to be decided on the basis of the evidence the hearing before the Board of Appeals is de novo and presented and not on the basis of whether the Trial right, which point had not been raised previously at the Board had acted within the scope of its discretionary

der would be issued upon a rehearing and reconsideration previous order and in a resolution stated that a final orhearing of the case. of the appeal. The clerk of the Board of Appeals gave noat 7:30 p.m. "for the purpose of argument on matters tice on May 8 that a hearing would be held on May 18 not previously heard before the Board which you [Mr. Joseph, Counsel for Redding] stated were material and On April 13, 1970, the Board of Appeals vacated its

relevant to this case." the Police Department objected to proceeding with the rehearing because (1) there being no statutory authoriapplying for the rehearing that there was fraud, surbe had upon an allegation and a showing by the person zation for a rehearing, the proposed rehearing could only prise, mistake or inadvertence, none of which was alleged or shown and (2) the Board of Appeals decided to grant the rehearing without hearing from the Police Departconsisting of Vice Chairman Pristoop and Member Milment by counsel for the parties, the Board of Appealsment thereby denying it due process of law. After arguler (Chairman Fawsett having died prior to May 18)-On the evening of the hearing on May 18, counsel for

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mony at the end of Redding's case. ment but would treat it as a motion to strike the testitence and would deny the motion of the Police Departtion as one to take additional testimony due to inadverthrough Mr. Flynn that it would consider Redding's mosel, Mr. Flynn, and thereafter returned announcing took the matter under advisement with the Board's coun-

gloves he had received as a gift was not relevant. could not explain why Zayre filed a complaint against testified at the last hearing and that the price of the mony of George B. Norris on the ground that he had for." The Board of Appeals declined to hear the testithing was taken from the store without * * * being paid mobile and that Redding had told him that Friedhoff had by Redding that he had been given the jacket; but he lative. He thought there had been a misunderstanding Redding, stating that all he did "was report that some given him the jacket. Elman's testimony was also cumuhe was the officer who identified Redding's white autoto that produced before the Trial Board. He stated that The testimony of Officer Nelson was merely cumulative

findings of the Trial Board. He stated: testified in regard to the reasons why he sustained the The Police Department then produced Chief Free who

he should not be a member of this department. in this instance, and for that reason I felt that esty. I felt that Private Redding was dishonest the main attribute certainly must be honesty. ably the main thing that an officer must have, of Prince George's County the finest police de-This is the one thing that he must have is honpartment that you can possibly get. I think probmy function, is to put on the road for the people "* * * I think I have to-I believe my job, or

if someone is going to give you something you when he actually took the jacket. Now, certainly clusion on that he had been dishonest? A. Well, "Q. Chief Free, what did you base your con-

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sticker on it which designates employee, sign don't have to hide it under a counter and then your name on it. This was done as a subterfuge put a certain—put it in a certain bag with a red It has to be that way.

tainly, with the investigating officers. He told proached after the complaint had been regisother bags and placed it under the counter of the the Zayre's Corporation, he was not frank, certered by Mr. Monahan, the general manager of ting it in his car. And then when he was ap-This was his first story. store. He knew nothing of the taking of a jacket Suitomat department of this Zayre department them at first that he had taken a bag containing "And then, of course, taking it out and put

sealed it with a red security tape, signed his taken the jacket. He placed it in a Zayre bag, will be honest with you.' He admitted he had without paying for the jacket. name on the security tape, and left the premises "Then he said, 'O.K., I can't lie too good. I

jacket was a gift, although no one, including Mr. Friedhoff, had ever told him it was a gift. "Now, his excuse was that he thought the

nave known about it." out the knowledge of the people that should that this was taken by Private Redding with-"So far as I am concerned, I honestly believe

there was a sufficient showing by Redding of inadvertion overruling the motion to strike and determined that after making certain findings of fact, concluded that (1) June 22, the Board of Appeals passed an order which prise, mistake or inadvertency must be shown. Also, on ing, the Police Department's contention that fraud, surtency to warrant a rehearing accepting, without admit Redding exercised indiscretion in his acceptance of the On June 22, 1970, the Board of Appeals filed a resolu-

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pension period terminated. pension commencing on the date of his dismissal by Chief lice force, subject to a \$200 fine and a three month susrecord." It ordered that Redding be reinstated on the poately severe for an officer with a previously unblemished should be affirmed and (3) dismissal was "inappropri-Redding was guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer article of clothing, (2) the finding of the Trial Board that Free and that his pay be retroactive to the date the sus

ary 4, 1971, filed an opinion indicating that the manshow cause why the order of June 22 should not be nullichange of mind without legal justification. It alleged also fraud, mistake or inadvertency shown, but rather a mere in reversing its prior decision when there was no error the Board of Appeals acted arbitrarily and capriciously Seem Proper" reciting the basic facts and alleging that Mandamus and Such Further Relief as to the Court May reverse its first order. Also on January 4, 1971, the circumstances of the case and that the Board of Appeals McCullough for disposition. Judge McCullough, on Janututed for Chief Free and the case was submitted to Judge Commissioners for Prince George's County was substified and made void. Ultimately, the Board of County Show Cause Order directing the Board of Appeals to Board of Appeals Order of June 22, 1970" and for a Writ of Mandamus and/or Injunction nullifying the he need not report for duty in view of the challenge to that Chief Free had advised Redding on June 26 that cuit court ordered that the order of the Board of Aphad no authority to grant Redding a rehearing and to damus was a proper form to seek relief under the cir-The requested relief was that the circuit court issue "a in the event the circuit court affirmed the Board's action the Board's action but that he would be paid his salary this order was timely filed by Redding. null and void." An appeal to the Court of Appeals from Redding on the Police Force be and is hereby declared peals of June 22, 1970," "which reinstated Defendant On June 26 Chief Free filed a Petition for "Injunction

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Redding raised two questions before us:

1. The appellee failed to sustain its burden of proof at the initial hearing before the Board of Appeals.

2. The lower court erred in ruling that the Order of the Board of Appeals reinstating the Appellant Redding on the Police Force was null and void. We now turn to a consideration of these questions.

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In our opinion, sufficient evidence was produced by the appellee before the Board of Appeals both to establish a prima facie case and to support the decision of the Board of Appeals of March 13, 1970, sustaining Redding's dismissal from the force.

sel for Redding to the admission of the tapes, the Findfiled by the Trial Board and in supporting evidence in dence in the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law cept all or any part of the testimony contained in the amination and freely and forcefully availed himself of counsel for Redding was afforded the right of cross-exand the County Commissioners. The tapes indicate that made out a prima facie case for the Police Department fore the Board of Appeals; and, as we have noted, they the Board of Appeals. They were, therefore, properly bethe purchase of a coat by Redding into evidence before ings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and the receipt for the Board of Appeals. There were no objections by counthe tapes to support the decision of March 13, 1970, of force, may be the sole basis for the decision of the admincases and, indeed, if credible and of sufficient probative is admissible before an administrative body in contested mitted was hearsay; but we have held that such evidence peals. Redding complains that some of the evidence adthe evidence supports the decision of the Board of Ap-It did, however, find this evidence to be probative and tapes or in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law that right. The Board of Appeals was not bound to ac-As we have already observed, there was ample evi-

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istrative body. See Tauber v. County Board of Appeals, 257 Md. 202, 213, 262 A. 2d 513, 518 (1970) and prior cases therein cited. In addition, there were no objections to the hearsay evidence taken before the trial board.

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We are also of the opinion that the lower court properly ruled that the Board of Appeals had no legal basis for reconsidering or reopening the decision of March 13, 1970, and hence the Board's decision of June 22, 1970, was null and void.

administrative body acting in a quasi-judicial capacity is of Appeals the power of reconsideration or of reheardecision if an error has been caused by fraud, surprise, the administrative body has the right to reconsider a 546-547 (1938) indicated that in that type of situation, Board v. McKinney, 174 Md. 551, 564-566, 199 A. 540, therefore applicable. Our predecessors in Zoning Appeals ing. The common law rule in regard to the power of an in Schultze v. Montgomery County Planning Board, 230 proval in Kay Construction Co. v. County Council for mistake or inadvertence. We cited McKinney with apwe pointed out that a mere change of mind, without any 93, 227 A. 2d 735 (1967). In Kay, Schultze and Gaywood, munity Ass'n v. Metropolitan Transit Authority, 246 Md. Md. 76, 185 A. 2d 502 (1962); and in Gaywood Com-Montgomery County, 227 Md. 479, 177 A. 2d 694 (1962); advertence," justifying a rehearing or reconsideration. tors, did not amount to "fraud, mistake, surprise or inintervening change in conditions or other different facdence and the evidence produced was cumulative as we have observed. Indeed, there was no allegation in the In the present case, there was no newly discovered eviof Appeals sought to indicate that the prior decision was son seeking the rehearing or reconsideration. The Board and the burden of so alleging and proving is upon the perresulted from "fraud, mistake, surprise or inadvertence" Petition for the Rehearing that the prior decision had There is no statute or ordinance which gives the Board

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erly ruled. held by the Board of Appeals as the lower court propand no reconsideration or rehearing could be lawfully not. There was simply no existing element of the rule made as a result of "inadvertency," but it clearly was

mandamus or of injunction necessity under the circumstances for issuing writs of was awarded-properly in our opinion-there being no writ of injunction did issue. Instead, declaratory relief but the fact is that neither a writ of mandamus nor a motion to strike the evidence introduced at the second might issue to compel the Board of Appeals to grant the the order of June 22, 1970, was null and void. In its opinthe writ of mandamus sought. See Rule BE 45. Indeed, prayer for relief setting forth the peremptory form of fied as required by Rule BE 40 c and (2) there is no Rules BE 40-46 in that (1) the petition was not verian action for a writ of mandamus, as such, pursuant to to Maryland Rules BF 40, 41, 42 and 43. It can hardly be way of injunction or mandamus, if required, pursuant seq.) i.e., to declare the order of June 22, 1970, of the tory Judgment Act, Code (1971), Art. 31 A, §§ 1 et declaratory relief (authorized by the Uniform Declaradown. We interpret the petition as an action at law for pleader that one shot will hit his opponent and bring him it presents a "shotgun" approach with the hope of the petition is far from a model of careful pleading. Rather, and Such Further Relief as to the Court May Seem joined from attempting to enforce its order of June 22, hearing on behalf of Redding or that the Board be enion, the lower court suggests that a writ of mandamus lief obtained from the lower court was a declaration that the prayer for relief is for declaratory relief and the re-Board of Appeals null and void with ancillary relief by Proper," Law No. 45,019 gives us some difficulty. The The form of the "Petition for Injunction, Mandamus

Order of January 4, 1971, affirmed, the appellant to pay the costs.

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[No. 4, September Term, 1971.]

Executrix of the Estate of Arthur F. Van Lill

evidence for limited purpose of illustrating testimony of witness who had knowledge, the Court held that the trial court committed Of Witness. Where trial court admitted unauthenticated plat into May Be Admitted For Limited Purpose Of Illustrating Testimony cated Plat Is Inadmissible To Prove Specific Boundaries-Plat EVIDENCE—Boundaries Of Real Property—Plats—Unauthenti Decided October 14, 1971.

cation, the Court held there was sufficient evidence to describe been on premises when boundaries were set described their loeate specific boundaries of property, but where witnesses who had tract to make a lease, written document was insufficient to delinsist Determination. Where in suit for specific performance of con-SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE—Contract To Convey Real Property—Court Must Be Able To Determine With Reasonable Certainty boundaries with reasonable certainty. What Property Is To Be Conveyed—Extrinsic Evidence May As-

(RONEY, J.). Appeal from the Circuit Court for Cecil County

cher and Josephine M. Boettcher, his wife, praying speand as Executrix of the Estate of Arthur F. Van Lill From a decree in favor of Dolores Van Lill, individually cific performance of alleged contract to make a lease. and Dolores Van Lill, his wife, against Frank F. Boett-Josephine M. Boettcher appeals. Amended bill of complaint by Arthur F. Van Lill, Sr.,

to be paid by appellant. from its provisions and as modified, affirmed with costs Decree modified to delete Dolores Van Lill individually

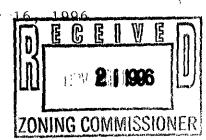
DIGGES, JJ. BARNES, MCWILLIAMS, FINAN, SINGLEY, SMITH and The cause was argued before HAMMOND, C. J., and

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November 4

Mr. Lawrence Schmidt Zoning Commissioner/Hearing Officer 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204



RE: CASE NUMBER 97-193-SPHA (Item 193)

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

The Perry Hall Improvement Association membership at their regular monthly meeting, November 14, 1996, voted to oppose the variances requested for Case Number 97-193-SPHA (Item 193).

This property located at 4142 East Joppa Road is one of three commerical enterprises developed and/or to be developed on this heavily traveled intersection of Joppa and Belair Roads. One is a snowball stand directly on the corner of Joppa and Belair Roads; the second is a building granted limited exception in 1994 for a 2,070 square foot building at 9006 Belair Road, known as the Perry Hall Music Store and now this 5,500 square foot restaurant.

Baltimore County has regulations to ensure communities transition from commerical zones to residential zones. To allow a variance in a DR 5.5 zone thus ensuring less parking spaces than required for a building this size; to grant zero foot setbacks and variances from RTA setbacks, buffers and landscaping goes against all safeguards for the residential community.

Perry Hall has had millions of dollars spent by both Baltimore County and the State of Maryland to give our residents as well as people outside the community the ability to move on the roads safely and efficiently. There will be at the very least five ingress and egress locations on this one corner. Granting these variances will greatly compromise and endanger the public.

We are not against development. We only ask the developers to live within the county codes, guidelines and regulations.

> Sincerely, Dorothy S. Incinam

Dorothy S. McMann

President

CC: Councilman Vince Gardina
Arnold "Pat" Keller, Director of Planning

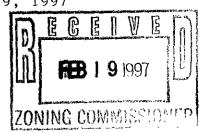
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February 19, 1997

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Hand-delivered

RE: Petition for Reconsideration and Modification of December 17, 1996 Deputy Zoning Commissioner Order in Case No. 97-193-SPHA

Dear Deputy Commissioner Kotroco:

The Perry Hall Improvement Association has concerns about procedural issues and opposes the request for Motion for Reconsideration and Modification in Case No. 97-193-SPHA.

The Motion for Reconsideration should be denied because the Petitioner failed to ask for Reconsideration and to appeal the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's December 17, 1996 Order within the required 30 day period. The Deputy Zoning Commissioner's Order is then final.

As you indicated in your letter to the Petitioner of January 24, 1997, there have been substantial changes to the plan. Therefore, the new plan should go back through the process. This plan cannot be considered for a limited exemption (refer to 26-171 (7)). Any construction involving a full acre is not minor construction, nor can a diner be considered an accessory structure.

For these reasons, the Motion for Reconsideration or Modification should not be granted.

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December 4, 1996

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Timothy Kotroco Deputy Zoning Commissioner Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Property: 4142 E. Joppa Road

Item No.: 193

Case No.: 97-193-SPHA

Petitioner: George and Peggy Marmaras

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

This letter concerns the above-referenced zoning matter in which George and Peggy Marmaras have requested approval of an RTA variance, a parking variance, and landscaping variance so that they may construct a diner on the property located at 4142 E. Joppa Avenue. At the zoning hearing on November 25, 1996, over which you presided, Ms. Dorothy McMann, president of the Perry Hall Improvement Association, indicated that the Protestants' primary concern was that the diner would be a "24-hour" operation.

After the hearing, Mr. Marmaras and I discussed the possibility of limiting the diner's hours of operation to accommodate the Protestants. Mr. Marmaras has agreed to limit the diner's hours of operation as follows:

Monday - Thursday: 5:00 a.m. to Midnight

Friday: 24 Hours beginning at 5:00 a.m.

Saturday: 24 Hours

Sunday: 24 Hours ending at Midnight

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Accordingly, the diner would be open for twenty-four hours only on the weekends beginning Friday at 5:00 a.m. and ending Sunday at midnight.

Thank you for your consideration and should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Julie D. Wright

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cc: Ms. Dorothy McMann

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January 17, 1997



Timothy M. Kotroco, Deputy Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Suite 112, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Motion for Modification of December 17, 1996 Zoning Commissioner Order in Case No. 97-193-SPHA

Dear Deputy Commissioner Kotroco:

Please accept this letter as Petitioners', George and Peggy Marmaras, Motion for Modification of your Order issued in the above-referenced case on December 17, 1996. Additionally, please find an amended development plan which addresses the concerns raised by you in your December 17, 1996 Order.

As you will recall, a zoning hearing was held on the 25th of November 1996. At that hearing, the Petitioners requested the following zoning relief:

- (1) Special Hearing to permit parking in a D.R. 5.5 zone.
- (2) Variance from § 409.6.A.2 to permit 77 parking spaces in lieu of the required 88 spaces.
- (3) Variance from § 1B01.1 to permit an RTA Buffer and setback of 9.5 feet each in lieu of the required 50 and 75 feet, respectively.
- (4) Variance from § 9.C.2.b.1 of the Landscaping Policy Manual to permit a 0 foot setback in lieu of the minimum required 10 feet.



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(5) Variance from § 9.C.2.b.3 of the Landscaping Policy Manual to permit 2.7% interior landscaping in lieu of the required 7%.

Numerous community members appeared at the hearing and testified in opposition to the proposed development of a Double 'T' Diner on the subject site. The community members expressed concern about the amount of traffic which would be generated by the proposed development, increased noise, and increased trash accumulation.

You found that the special hearing request to allow parking in the D.R. 5.5 zoned portion of the site should be denied because of the adverse effect that the proposed development would have on adjacent residences. Additionally, you found that the variances requested for the RTA buffer and setback requirements should be denied because the RTA areas are designed to mitigate effects of commercial development and the Petitioners were unable to meet any of the required setbacks for the subject property.

Based on your conclusion that the subject site is "simply not appropriate for such a large scale restaurant use, with exaggerated hours of operation as proposed," Petitioners have, amended the subject site plan. The amended site plan demonstrates that there will be no parking in the D.R. 5.5 zone, and therefore, no variances from the RTA setback and buffer requirements will be necessary. Additionally, the size of the restaurant has been reduced and the development no longer requires a variance from the parking space requirements. The development, however, will require variances from the landscaping requirements set forth in § 9.C.2.b.3 of the Landscaping Policy Manual. As of this date, the amended landscaping plan has not been finalized. The amended landscaping plan will be available on Tuesday, January 21, 1996. I will submit a copy to you at that time.

Petitioners request that you modify your order dated December 17, 1996, and approve the amended site plan. In the alternative, Petitioners request an opportunity for hearing to submit the alternative site plan, which, as stated above, addresses the problems created by the previously requested zoning relief; the development no longer requires any zoning relief. The Petitioners understand that, by filling this Motion to Modify the Zoning Commissioner's Order dated December 17, 1996, the appeals period for challenging that Order before the Board of Appeals is stayed.

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WHEREFORE, Petitioners, George and Peggy Marmaras, respectfully request an opportunity for hearing on its motion for modification of Zoning Commissioner's Order dated December 17, 1996.

Sincerely,

Julie D. Wright

JDW:jdw

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Dorothy S. McMann

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Re: Motion for Modification of December 17, 1996 Zoning Commissioner Order in Case No.: 97-193-SPHA

Dear Deputy Commissioner Kotroco:

Please accept for filing in the instant matter, a copy of the proposed landscaping plan for the proposed development on 4142 E. Joppa Road. At the time I submitted the Motion for Modification on January 17, 1997, I did not have the benefit of the completed landscaping plan. Accordingly, I was incorrect in stating that the proposed development only required a variance from § 9.C.2.b.3 of the Landscaping Policy Manual.

As the attached Landscape Plan demonstrates, the proposed development will also need a variance from § 9.C.2.b.1 of the Landscaping Policy Manual to permit a 0 foot setback in lieu of the minimum required 10 feet. As you can see from the Landscape Plan and the Modified Development Plan, the configuration of the site makes it impossible to situate the building for the diner in a manner which allows for the required 10 feet of landscaping between the site and the properties owned by Edward Schafer and Bertha Ginn. In order to compensate for the lack of landscaping in these areas, the developer proposes to construct a six-foot board-on-board fence along the property lines of the two adjacent residential properties. The fence will probably be more successful than shrubbery or trees at screening the proposed development from the two residences.



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Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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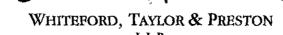
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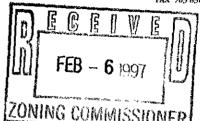
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February 3, 1997

DELIVERY BY HAND

The Honorable Timothy M. Kotroco Zoning Commissioner's Office M.S. 2112 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case No. 97-193-A - Marmaras Property

Request for Rescheduling

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

Thank you for the Notice of Hearing on the Motion for Reconsideration dated January 28, 1997 wherein a hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. Unfortunately, I must be at the Baltimore County Circuit Court for an appeal hearing that same day at 9:30 a.m. In light of this scheduling conflict, please reschedule the hearing on the Motion for Reconsideration.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

GSB:sll Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Lawrence E. Schmidt

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The Honorable Timothy M. Kotroco Zoning Commissioner's Office M.S. 2112 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Case No. 97-193-A - Marmaras Property Request for Rescheduling

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

Thank you for the Notice of Hearing on the Motion for Reconsideration dated January 28, 1997 wherein a hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. Unfortunately, I must be at the Baltimore County Circuit Court for an appeal hearing that same day at 9:30 a.m. In light of this scheduling conflict, please reschedule the hearing on the Motion for Reconsideration.

Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your kind

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attention to this matter.

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The Honorable Lawrence E. Schmidt

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February 21, 1997

Timothy M. Kotroco, Deputy Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Suite 112, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204



Re: Motion for Modification of December 17, 1996 Zoning Commissioner Order in Case No. 97-193-SPHA

Dear Deputy Commissioner Kotroco:

Please accept this letter as Petitioners', George and Peggy Marmaras, Motion to Dismiss their previously filed Motion for Modification of your Order issued in the above-referenced case on December 17, 1996. In light of this dismissal request, the hearing on this matter, currently scheduled for February 25, 1997, should also be dismissed.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter, and should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Julie D/Wright

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CC:

Ms. Dorothy S. McMann

Mr. Clinton Marshall

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Timothy M. Kotroco, Deputy Zoning Commissioner February 21, 1997 Page 2

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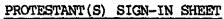
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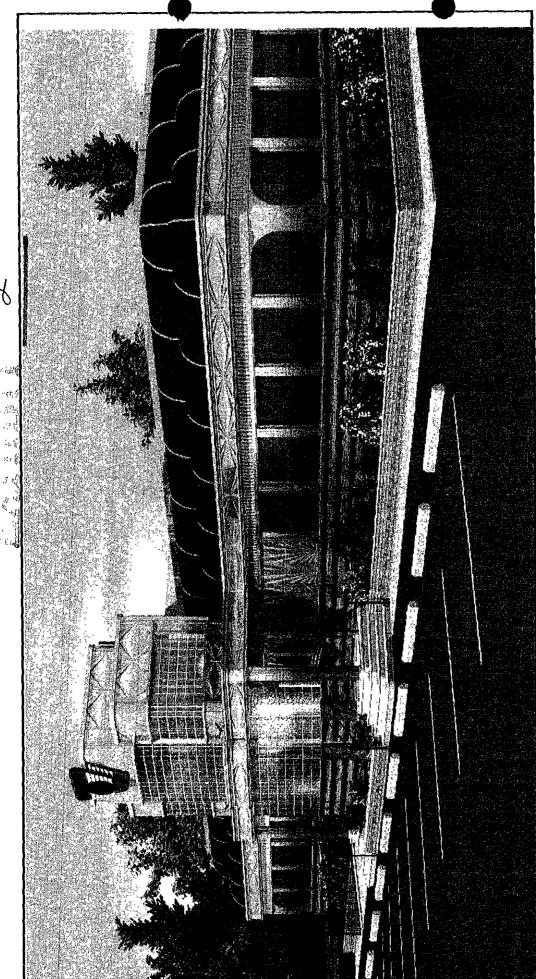




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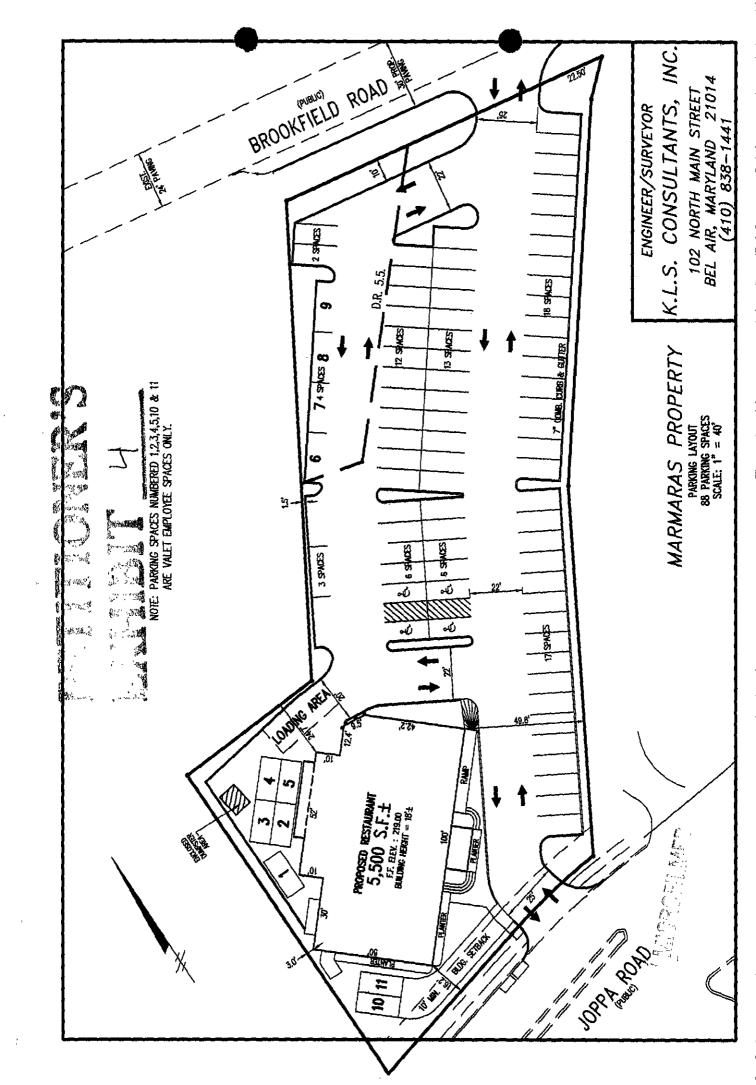
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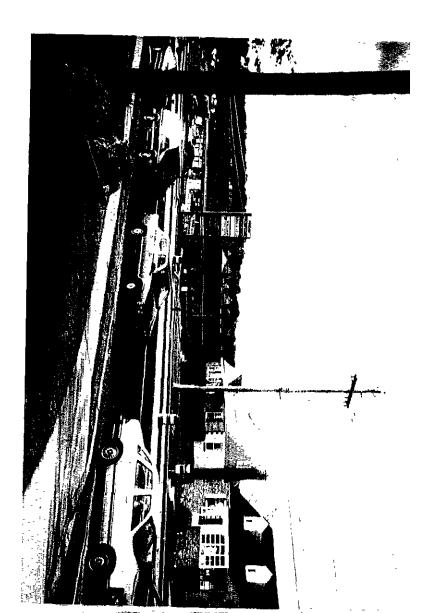


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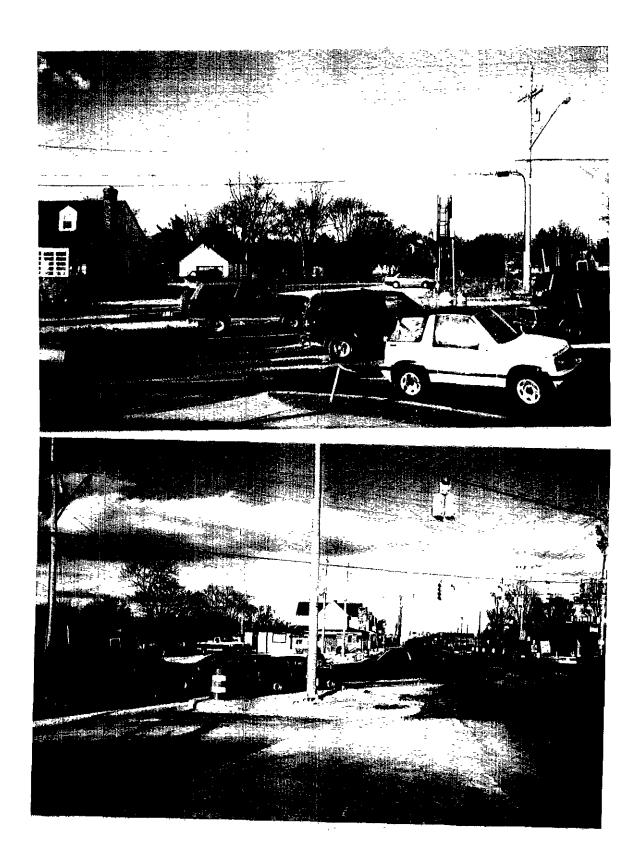
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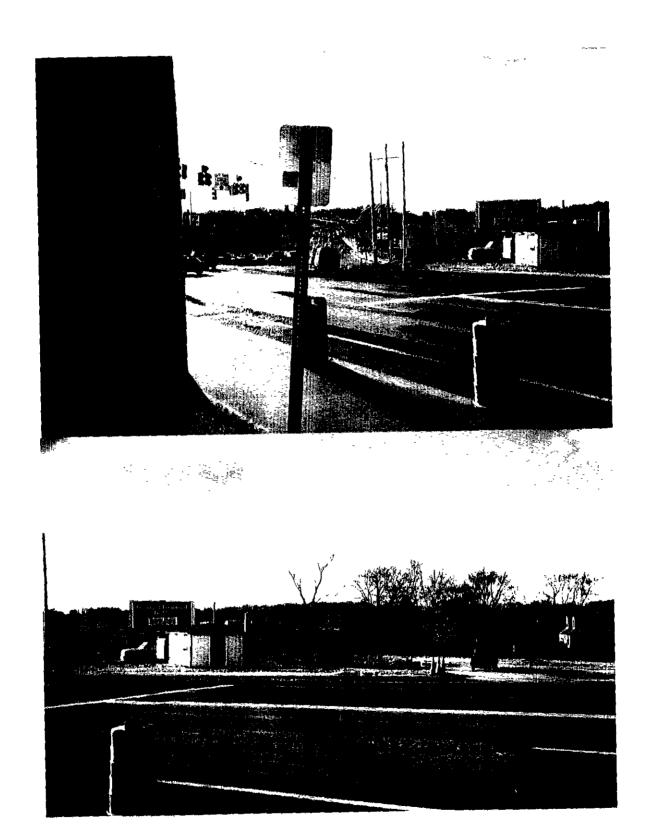


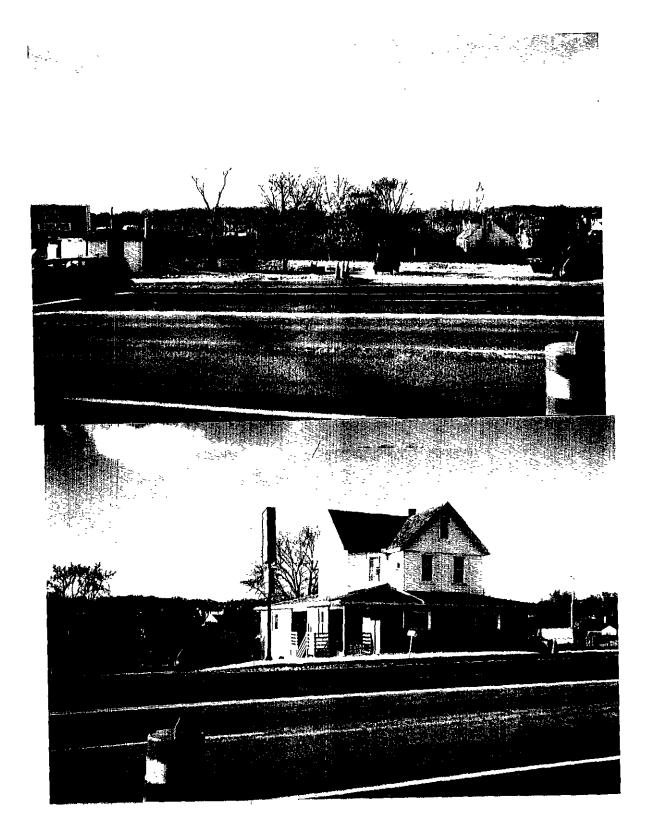
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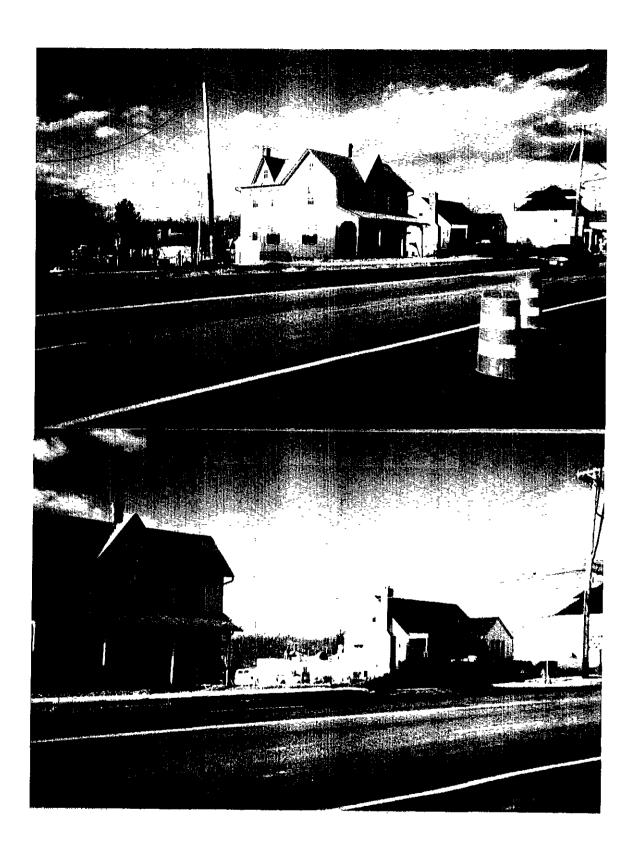
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H. Charles Kim, M.D. Diplomate of the Board of Colon & Rectal Surgery

7505 Osler Drive Towson, Maryland 21204

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February 4, 1997

Dear Mrs. Schafer:

As you know, you are scheduled to be admitted and have surgery on Friday February 21, 1997. Please report to the Ambulatory Surgery Department at St. Joseph Hospital by 7:00 A.M. on Friday morning. To get to Ambulatory Surgery, park in Main Visitor Parking Garage. Walk toward the Main Hospital Entrance. Before you reach the Main Entrance, to your right is the South Building. Please enter and follow sign to Ambulatory Surgery. Please register at the desk and have your parking ticket stamped.

Prior to surgery you have to have Pre-Surgical Testing done. I scheduled you P.A.T. at St. Joseph Hospital for Friday February 14, 1997 at 9:45. To get to P.A.T. again park in Main Visitor Parking Garage. Enter the South Building and follow sign to Pre-Admission Testing. Please register at the desk and have your parking ticket stamped. Please give person in P.A.T. top yellow sheet I have enclosed.

I am enclosing a prescription for your bowel prep Colyte that you are to use the day before surgery along with the instructions you are to follow.

Nothing to eat or drink after midnight on Thursday February 20th.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

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