IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE *

SW/S York Road, 225 ft. SW

of Fairmount Avenue * ZONING COMMISSIONER

BEFORE THE

934 York Road

9th Election District * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

4th Councilmanic District

McDonald's Corporation * Case No. 98-72-A

Petitioner

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance for the property located at 934 York Road in Towson. The Petition was filed by McDonald's Corporation, property owner. Variance relief is requested from Section 409.6 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to permit 50 parking spaces in lieu of the required 69 parking spaces. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly shown on Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petition for Variance.

Appearing at the public hearing held for this case was Bharat Parikh, on behalf of McDonald's Corporation. Also present was David L. Martin, from G.W. Stephens, Inc. Mr. Martin is the landscape architect who prepared the site plan. The Petitioner was represented by Stanley S. Fine, Esquire. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

The Zoning Commissioner is familiar with the subject property, by view of its location and close proximity to the County seat of government. The subject property is roughly rectangular in shape, approximately .711 acres in area, zoned B.R. The property has frontage on York Road, and is located south of the Baltimore Beltway and near the intersection of Fairmount Avenue and York Road.

The property is owned by the McDonald's Corporation and is the site of a fast food McDonald's restaurant. The restaurant has been at this

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location since 1978. The existing restaurant features an eat-in area with tables and chairs, as well as carry-out facilities, including a drive-thru lane.

Mr. Fine proffered testimony that McDonald's wishes to upgrade the building and modernize same. He indicated that a large volume of the restaurant's business was carry-out. He also indicated that in order to accommodate this carry-out business, the drive-thru lane needed to be improved. This is particularly appropriate in view of the fact that the site fronts York Road, a heavily traveled arterial road. As this Zoning Commissioner stated at the hearing, appropriate steps should be taken to prevent the backing of traffic from the restaurant onto York Road.

In any event, several improvements are proposed for the restaurant. These include the addition of another drive-in lane, a modernization of the kitchen facilities, a proposed new area for a freezer/cooler and additional improvements to the appearance to the restaurant building and to increase its utility. All of these improvements are more particularly shown on the site plan.

In that the Petitioner will require appropriate permits to improve the building, the parking variance is requested. In this regard, it is to be noted that no parking spaces will be lost, in fact, seven new spaces will be gained. Although no new parking area is proposed, the gain in spaces will be realized as a result of the re-striping and better use of the existing parking lot. Mr. Fine also noted that the number of seats in the restaurant will be reduced, from the current 116 to 94. He also observed that under the current zoning regulations, a smaller variance would be needed, however, a variance of 19 spaces is required under the regulations which were in effect at the time the original development was approved.

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Based upon the testimony and evidence offered, all of which was uncontradicted, I am persuaded to grant the Petition for Variance. The uniqueness of the property is found in its unusual size, configuration and historic use. Moreover, I am persuaded that the Petitioner would suffer a practical difficulty if variance relief were denied. Also, I believe that relief can be granted without any detrimental impact to the surrounding properties. Thus, the requested variance should and will be granted.

Notwithstanding the grant of the relief, consideration need be given as to whether the variance should be conditioned, specifically, by adopting the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee comment offered by the Office of Planning. That department requested that the grant be conditioned by requiring the Petitioner to plant three deciduous trees along the York Road frontage of the property. To a certain extent, I am in agreement with this recommendation from the Office of Planning. York Road is, indeed, experiencing revitalization efforts and improved landscaping by the businesses which own the properties adjacent to York Road. My only reservation relates to the number and location of the proposed major deciduous trees.

I am familiar with this site by virtue of its location. It is of note that the restaurant building is set back farther from the street than the adjacent businesses (i.e., Towson Ford and Carpet Land). This setback decreases the visibility of the building, which would be further diminished by the planting of large deciduous trees. Based upon these considerations, I will, therefore, require that the Petitioner plant only two major deciduous trees on the site. These trees should be planted near the side property lines, thereby prohibiting any interference with sight distance. In the center portion of the site, the property should be landscaped, but with a mixture of plants and shrubs which do not decrease

visibility. In fact, the Landscape Manual equates major deciduous trees with a specific number of smaller shrubs or bushes. A suitable substitute in accordance therewith should be considered. Therefore, I will order that the Petitioner plant two major deciduous trees on the site and also install landscaping consistent with the comments herein.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of October 1997, that a variance from Section 409.6 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) to permit 50 parking spaces in lieu of the required 69 parking spaces, be and is hereby GRANT-ED, subject, however, to the following restriction:

- 1. The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.
- 2. As a condition precedent to the grant of the variance relief, the Petitioner shall landscape the property in accordance with the above comments.

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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Suite 405, County Courts Bldg. 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-4386

October 1, 1997

Stanley S. Fine, Esquire 20 S. Charles Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201

> RE: Petition for Variance Case No. 98-72-A Property Location: 934 York Road, Towson McDonald's Corporation, Petitioner

Dear Mr. Fine:

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

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

Lawrence E. Schmidt

Zoning Commissioner

LES:mmn encl.

c: Mr. Bharat Parikh
McDonald's Corporation
250 W. Pratt Street, Suite 1700
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

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Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

934 York Road

which is presently zoned BR

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) 409.6 — to permit 50 parking spaces in lieu of the required 69 parking spaces.

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

Additions to existing building will increase efficiency of restaurant operations but require additional parking even though no new seating is being added to existing restaurant.

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 Baitimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baitimore County.

	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.
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:	Legal Owner(s):
N/A (Type or Print Name)	McDonald's Corporation (Type or Pript Name)
Signature	Signature Charles Juill
Address	(Type or Print Name) Real Estate Rep
City State Zipcode	Signature
Attorney, for Petitioner:	
Stanley S. Fine	250 West Pratt Street (410) 234-2772
(Type or Print Name)	Address Phone No.
Stanley & Fine	Baltimore MD 21201
Signature	City State Zipcode Name, Address and phone number of representative-to be contacted.
20 S. Charles Street (410) 539-6967	Bharat Parikh
Baltimore MD 21201	250 West Pratt St. 21201 (410) 234-2772
City State Zipcode	Address Phone No.
	OFFICE USE ONLY
	ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING Unevailable for Hearing
	the following dates Next Two Months







658 KENILWORTH DRIVE, SUITE 100, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

Description to accompany Zoning Petition "McDonald's" - 934 York Road

August 14., 1997

Beginning for the same at a point on the southwestern side of York Road - Maryland Route No. 45, 66 foot wide, said point of beginning being southeast 225 feet more or less from the intersection formed by the extension of the centerline of Fairmount Avenue with said southwestern side of York Road, running thence leaving said point of beginning binding on part of said southwestern side of York Road,

- 1) South 31 degrees 38 minutes 19 seconds East 155.00 feet, running thence leaving said southwestern side of York Road, binding on the Zoning Petition lines now being described, the three following courses;
 - 2) South 56 degrees 51 minutes 41 seconds West 211.20 feet,
 - 3) North 23 degrees 22 minutes 36 seconds West 157.22 feet and
- 4) North 56 degrees 51 minutes 41 seconds East 188.60 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 30971 Sq. Ft. or 0.711 Acres of land more or less.

(NOTE: The above description is for zoning purposes only and is not to be used for conveyances or agreements).

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

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 in <u>Towson, Maryland</u> on the property identified herein as follows:

Case: #98-72-A 934 York Road SW/S York Road, 225' SW of Farmount Avenue 9th Election District 4th Councilmanic Legal Owner(s) McDonald's Corporation

Variance: to permit 50 parking spaces in lieu of the required 69 parking spaces. Hearing: Thursday, September 25, 1997 at 9:00 a.m., Room 407 Courts Bldg., 401 Bosley Avenue,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

NOTES. (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible, for special accommodations Please Call (410) 887-3353. (2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Please Call (410) 887-3391.

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	% STANLEY S. FINE, ATTY.
	Date of Hearing/Closing: 9/25/97
Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204	9/15/97
Attention: Ms. Gwendolyn Stephens	
Ladies and Gentlemen:	* ,
This letter is to certify under the penalties of were posted conspicuously on the property l	perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law ocated at 934 YORK ROAD
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ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

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

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

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

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

ARNOLD JAB	LON, DIRECTOR
For newspaper advertising:	
Item No.: 72	
Petitioner: McDonald's Corporation	
Location: 934 York ROAD	
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:	
NAME: STANLEY S. FINE	
ADDRESS: 10+h Floor - 20 S. CHARLES S	7.
BALTEMORE, MD 21201	
PHONE NUMBER: 410-539-6967	
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Request for Zoning: Vacce, Special Exception, or Special Hearin	Ì
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ZONING NOTICE

Case No.: 98-72- A

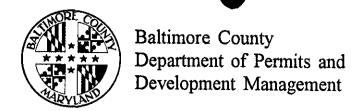
A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE ZONING COMMISSIONER IN TOWSON, MD

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DO NOT REMOVE THIS SIGN AND POST UNTIL DAY OF HEARING UNDER PENALTY OF LAW

TO CONFIRM HEARING CALL 887-3391.

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

August 29, 1997

NOTICE OF HEARING

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934 York Road
SW/S York Road, 225' SW of Fairmount Avenue
9th Election District - 4th Councilmanic
Legal Owner(s): McDonald's Corporation

Variance to permit 50 parking spaces in lieu of the required 69 parking spaces.

HEARING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1997 at 9:00 a.m., Room 407 Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue.

Arnold Jablon Director

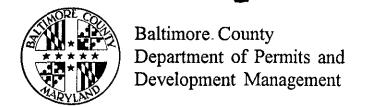
cc: McDonald's Corporation Bharat Parikh

Stanley S. Fine, Esq.

NOTES: (1) YOU MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED ON THE PROPERTY BY SEPTEMBER 8, 1997

(2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

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



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

September 22, 1997

Stanley S. Fine, Esquire 20 S. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21201

RE: Item No.: 72

Case No.: 98-72-A

Petitioner: McDonald's Corporation

Dear Mr. Fine:

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 August 21, 1997.

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.

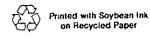
If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Roslyn Eubanks in the zoning office (410-887-3391).

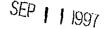
Sincerely,

Cont Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

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Attachment(s)





Date: September 9, 1997



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

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

Office of Planning

SUBJECT: 934 York Road

INFORMATION

Item Number:

72

Petitioner:

McDonald's Corporation

Zoning:

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The Office of Planning would like to see three major deciduous trees planted in the existing planting islands located along the York Road frontage of this property. One tree to be planted in the island on the north end of the property and one tree in each of the existing flower beds located in the center landscape island.

York Road is experiencing revitalization efforts, and it is particularly important to make use of opportunities for improving its appearance in conjunction with conferring advantages through special implementation of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

Prepared by:

Division Chief:

AFK/JL

BA TIMORE COUNTY, MATYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

POM

DATE:

FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley . R N/60 Permits and Development Review

DEPRM

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting Date: 500 2

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

Item #'s: 66

RBS:sp

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: Sept. 8, 1997

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Sureau of Developer's Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for September 8, 1997

Item Nos. 066, 068, 070, 071,

074, 075, 076, and 077

The Bureau of Developer's Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning item, and we have no comments.

RWB:HJO:jrb

cc: File



David L. Winstead Secretary

Parker F. Williams Administrator

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

RE:

Baltimore County Item No. 872 (TLC)

Dear Ms. Eubanks:

We have reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval. as a field inspection reveals the existing entrance(s) onto MD/45 #45 are acceptable to the State Highway Administration (SHA) and this development is not affected by any SHA projects.

Please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Burns, Chief

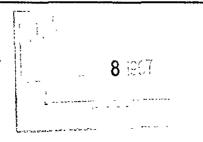
Engineering Access Permits

Bob Small

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Baltimore County Fire Department



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

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

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1907

Item No.:

Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

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

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:

066, 070, 071, 072) 074

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

cc: File

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McDonald's Corporation Petitioner					*		CASE NO.	98-7	2-A				
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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

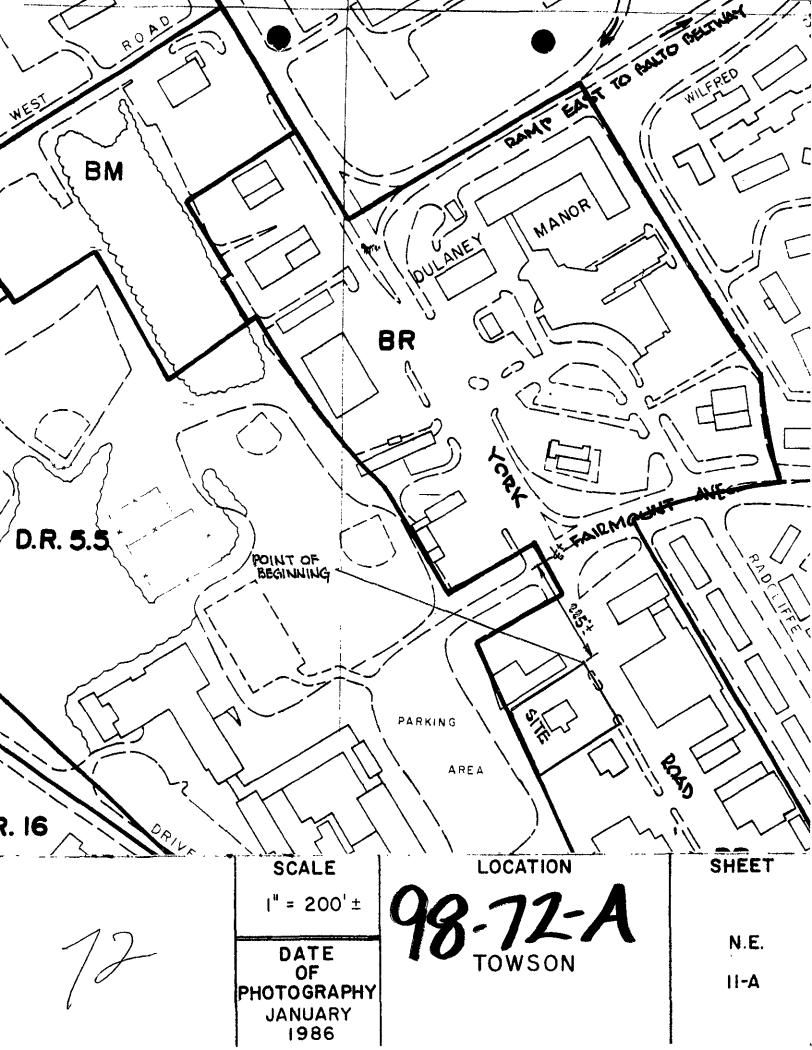
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CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel
Room 47, Courthouse
400 Washington Avenue
Towson, MD 21204
(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _____ day of September, 1997, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Stanley S. Fine, Esq., 20 S. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, attorney for Petitioner.

Peter May Zimmeran



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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PROTECTANT(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS
Bharat K. Pazikh	250 W. Pratt St., Suite 1700,
	Baltimore, MD, 21201
DAVID L. MAPTIN	6.W. SEPHENS, 658 FENILWOPTH DP.
STANLEY S. FINE	20 5. CHAS ST
	BALTO, MD 21201

