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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING
AND ZONING VARIANCE
S/S Greene Tree Road, 640 ft.
+/- NE from c/l Hooks Lane
1829 Reisterstown Road
3rd Election District
3rd Councilmanic District

Woodholme Fitness Center Ltd. Partnership, Petitioner \* BEFORE THE

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* Case No. 98-275-SPHA

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#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Hearing and Petition for Variance for the property located on the west side of Reisterstown Road, approximately 640 ft. north of Hooks Lane in the Woodholme community of Baltimore County. The property is more particularly known as the site of the Sinai WellBridge Fitness Center, located not far from the interchange of the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) and Reisterstown Road (Md. Route 140). Special hearing relief is requested to approve an amendment to the previously approved site plan in case No. 94-440-SPHXA. Variance relief is requested to permit 91 parking spaces in lieu of the required minimum of 529 spaces for the structure known as Building A, Phase II. The subject property and the relief requested are more particularly shown on the site plan, received into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 2.

Appearing at the public hearing held for this case were Stewart Greenbaum and Mark A. Bennett, on behalf of Woodholme Fitness Center Limited Partnership, property owner. Also present on behalf of the Petition was David S. Thaler and Philip Carroll on behalf of D.S. Thaler Associates, Inc., the consultants who prepared the site plan. Also appearing in support of the Petition was Bernard E. Mills. The Petitioner was represented by Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire. Appearing as interested persons were Howard Cassin, Esquire, on behalf of the Greentree Community

Association, Bruce Ronis on behalf of the Courtyards of Greentree Condominium Association, and Joan Magill on behalf of the Greene Tree Homeowners Association.

Testimony and evidence presented was that the subject property is known as lot No. 4 of the development known as The Festival of Woodholme, Phase II. The overall property of which this parcel is a portion is approximately 15 acres in area, zoned OR-2. Lot No. 4 is 3.85 acres in net area.

As more particularly shown on the site plan, the entire property has been developed and the overall tract is now occupied by a number of structures which feature a mix of office and retail use. The specific parcel under consideration, lot No. 4, is improved with a two story building which is used for the business operated by the Woodholme Fitness Center Limited Partnership and the Woodholme Fitness, Inc., General Partner. This business trades under the name of Sinai WellBridge and is a large health club/fitness center. Presently, the facility offers aerobic exercise services, free weight and machine facilities and similar amenities. As more particularly shown on the plans for the facility's expansion (Petitioner's Exhibit No. 2), the owners of the facility propose an addition to the existing building. The addition will be two story and will occupy approximately 5.082 sq. ft. The expansion will provide a new multi-purpose arena for basketball and volleyball.

Zoning relief was previously granted for this site and use in case No. 94-440-SPHXA. In that case, Deputy Commissioner Timothy Kotroco granted a variance to permit 91 parking spaces in lieu of the required 434 spaces for the subject facility. At the hearing before me, counsel for the developer indicated that the addition, as well as a recalculation of the current parking requirements, has necessitated the relief

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requested in the instant Petition for Variance. As noted above, although 91 spaces will continue to be provided, 529 spaces are now required, based upon the parking regulations and the square footage of the existing and proposed building.

The evidence and testimony presented in this matter was sufficient to support a finding that the special hearing/variance relief should be granted. Specifically, I am persuaded that the Petitioner has satisfied the requirements for relief to be granted as set out in Sections 307 and 502.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR).

As noted above, there were representatives of neighboring community associations present. They do not oppose the Petition, per se, but requested that several restrictions be added to the grant of any relief to safeguard the surrounding community. The Petitioner advised that it had no objection to the imposition to these restrictions.

First, the community members present requested that "No parking" signs be located on Hooks Lane in an effort to reduce parking and traffic congestion in the immediate vicinity. As indicated at the hearing, this Zoning Commissioner is hesitant to impose such a condition, absent the recommendation of the Bureau of Traffic Engineering. However, such a condition appears appropriate and the parties indicated that they would approach Baltimore County's Bureau of Traffic Engineering to determine if a "No-Parking" area could be implemented. Although I support their efforts in this regard, I will not impose such a restriction as part of this Order. Such a restriction should more properly come from the Bureau of Traffic Engineering.

Second, the community members present requested a guarantee that 91 parking spaces would continue to be provided. In this regard, it is to be noted that no parking would be lost on account of the proposed expansion.

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Thus, the spaces presently available will remain so. The site must be developed in accordance with the site plan and no fewer than 91 spaces shall be provided.

Third, the community members wanted assurance that the variance relief granted would not extend to other uses in the event that the fitness center ceased operations at the site. For example, the community members want an assurance that in the event the subject building was converted to office space, the issue of the variance relief would be revisited. I agree that this is an appropriate condition.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance to permit 91 parking spaces in lieu of the required minimum of 529 spaces for Building A, Phase II, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions:

- 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. The Petitioner shall provide no fewer than 91 parking spaces on the site, as more particularly shown on the site plan.
- 3. The relief granted herein shall be null and void in the event of a change of character of the use of the subject property. In the event of such a change, the Petitioner

shall be required to amend the site plan through a Petition for Special Hearing.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for

Baltimore County

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

March 18, 1998

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

> RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance Property: S/S Greene Tree Road, 640 ft. NE from c/l Hooks Lane Woodholme Fitness Center Ltd. Partnership Case No. 98-275-SPHA

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance have 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.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

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att.

c: D.S. Thaler and Associates, Inc. 7115 Ambassador Road Baltimore, Maryland 21244

c: Messrs. Mark A. Bennett and Stewart Greenbaum 1829 Reisterstown Road, Suite 410 Baltimore, Maryland 21208

c: Howard Cassin, Esquire Greentree Community Assn. 705 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

c: Mr. Bruce Ronis
 Courtyards of GreenTree Condo Assoc.
20 Woodchester Court
 Pikesville, Md. 21208

c: Ms. Joan Magill
 Greene Tree Homeowners
72 River Oaks Circle
Baltimore, Maryland 21208





# Petition for Special Hearing

AND VARIANCE

#### to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

West side of Hooks Lane 640 North of Hooks Lane

which is presently zoned

OR2

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

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

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

an amendment to the site plan approved in Case No.: 94-440 SPHXA and a variance to provide \_91 parking spaces in lieu of the required minimum of 529 spaces for Building A, Phase II.

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. Whe do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that tiwe are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Logal Owner(s): Contract Purchaser/Lessea Woodholme Fitness Center Limited Partnership (Type or Print Name) (Type or Print Name) Woodholme Fitness, Inc., Gen. Ptnr Signatura Stewart J. Greenebaum, President (Type or Print Name) Zipcode Signature State 1829 Reisterstown Road (410)484-8<u>40</u>0 Attorney for Petitioner: Benjamin Bronstein George & Bronstein, LLP Baltimore, Maryland Name, Address and phone number of representative to be contacted. Stacey McArthur, P.E. D.S. Thaler & Associates, Inc. Signature ₹115 Ambassador Road, Balto, MD 21144 SusqueMánna Ave., Suite 205 (410)296-0200 Baltimore. Maryland 21204 Zipcode ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING

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#### FESTIVAL AT WOODHOLME, PHASE II LOT NO. 4 (DESCRIPTION FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY)

Beginning for the same at a point on the west side of Greene Tree Road, a 60 foot right-of-way, approximately 640 feet northeast of its intersection with Hooks Lane, a 60 foot right-of-way; thence running

- 1. North 81°03'01" West 150.68 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- Southwesterly 221.68 feet by a curve to the left, having a radius of 400.00 feet and a chord bearing South 83°04'24" West 218.85 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 3. Northwesterly 180.01 feet by a curve to the left, having a radius of 465.00 feet and a chord bearing North 31°36'01" West 178.88 feet to a point; thence,
- 4. North 42°41'25" West 36.09 feet to a point; thence,
- 5. Northwesterly 102.62 feet by a curve to the left, having a radius of 145.00 feet and a chord bearing North 62°57′57" West 100.49 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 6. North 06°45'31" East, 20.00 feet, more or less. to a point; thence.
- 7. Northwesterly 96.02 feet by a curve to the left, having a radius of 165.00 feet and a chord bearing South 80°05'13" West 94.67 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 8. North 26°35'05" West, 15.00 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,

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- 9. Southwesterly 62.83 feet by a curve to the left, having a radius of 180.00 feet by a curve to the left and a chord bearing South 53°24'52" West 62.52 feet, more or less, to a point: thence.
- 10. South 43°24'48" West 97.72 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 11. Southwesterly 91.08 feet by a curve to the left, having a radius of 1592.33 feet and a chord bearing South 41°46'29" West 91.07 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 12. South 40°08'09" West 19.99 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 13. Southwesterly 52.71 feet by a curve to the left, having a radius of 630.00 feet and having a chord bearing of South 42°31'59" West 52.70 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 14. North 42°44'06" West 47.81 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 15. North 47°15'54" East 466.00 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 16. South 57°48'55" East 31.53 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 17. North 70°35'12" East 67.07 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 18. South 42°44'06" East 26.00 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 19. South 81°54'31" East 34.83 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 20. South 42°44'06" East 18.00 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 21. North 47°15'54" East 129.79 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 22. South 42°44'06" East 237.35 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,

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FESTIVAL AT WOODHOLME, PHASE II, LOT NO. 4
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- 23. South 40°24'51" East 25.63 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 24. South 71°16'06" East 21.16 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 25. North 18°43'40" East 87.11 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 26. South 79°54'06" East 15.79 feet, more or less, to a point; thence,
- 27. Southwesterly 150.31 feet by a curve to the right, having a radius of 640.00 feet and having a chord bearing of South 15°43'04" West 149.96 feet to a point: thence,
- 28. Southeasterly 120.92 feet by a curve to the left, having a radius of 700.00 feet and having a chord of South 17°29'51" West 120.77 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 3.85 acres of land, more or less. Known as #1836 Greene Tree Road. Also known as Lot 4 as shown on a subdivision plat entitled "Resubdivision of Lot No. 4, and Lot No. 5 Festival at Woodholme." Recorded in Plat Book SM No. 67 Folio 76.

SAM/gfl/D#7-97/98/GreeneTree/1/9/98

# NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of the Zoning Commissioner of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will have a public hearing in Toxicon, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

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Petitioner/Developer:
(Woodholme Fitness)
Date of Hearing/Classing:
(Mar. 5, 1998)

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Attention: Ms. Gwendolyn Stephens

Ladies and Gentleman:

This letter is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by					
law were posted conspicuously on the property located at					
Greene Tree Road Baltimore, Maryland 21208					
The sign(s) were posted onFeb. 17, 1998	-				

Sincerely,

(Signature of Sign Poster & Date)

Thomas P. Ogie, Sr.

325 Nicholson Road

Baltimore, Maryland 21221

(410) 687-8405

(Telephone Number)

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Request for Zoning: Variance, Special Exception, or Special Hearing
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ITEM 275

# ZONING NOTICE

Case No.: 98 - 275 SPHA

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

PLACE:
DATE AND TIME:
REQUEST: SPECIAL HEARING TO AMEND THE SITE PLAN APPROVED
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CASE NUMBER: 98-275-SPHA

S/S Greene Tree Road, 640' +/- NE from centerline Hooks Lane

3rd Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District

Legal Owner: Woodholme Fitness Center Limited Partnership/Woodholme Fitness, Inc.,

General Partner

<u>Special Hearing</u> to approve an amendment to the site plan approved in case no. 94-440-SPHXA. <u>Variance</u> to provide 91 parking spaces in lieu of the required minimum of 529 spaces for Building A, Phase II.

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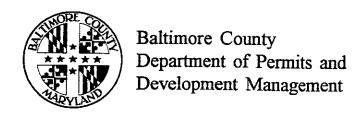
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Lawrence E. Schmidt

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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

January 29, 1998

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Arnold Jablon Director

c: Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire

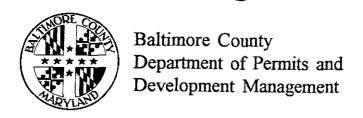
Woodholme Fitness Center Ltd. Partner.

D.S. Thaler & Associates, Inc.

NOTES: (1) YOU MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED ON THE PROPERTY BY **FEBRUARY 18, 1998.** 

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

February 18, 1998

Benjamin Bronstein, Esquire George & Bronstein, LLP 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 205 Baltimore, MD 21204

RE: Item No.: 275

Case No.: 98-275-SPHA

Petitioner: Woodholme Fitness Ctr.

Dear Mr. Bronstein:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on January 23, 1998.

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,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

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Attachment(s)

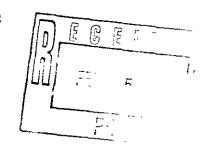




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February 4. 1998

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 February 2. 1998

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Sentlemen:

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

- <u>.</u> The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Grevention Code prior to occupancy or becimping 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.

PEVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office. FHONE 887-4881, M5-1102F

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#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

and Development Management

Date: February 9, 1998

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

Office of Planning

SUBJECT: Woodholme Fitness Center - Hooks Lane

**INFORMATION** 

Item Number:

275

Petitioner:

Woodholme Fitness Center Limited Partnership/Woodholme

Fitness, Inc., General Partner

Zoning:

OR<sub>2</sub>

Requested Action:

Special Hearing and Variance

Summary of Recommendations:

Based upon the information provided and analysis conducted, staff believes that the parking variance, which is needed to provide for the 5082 square foot basketball court addition, will not adversely impact current parking conditions at the existing fitness center.

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Prepared by:

Division Chief:

AFK/JL

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: February 10, 1998

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Robert W. Bowling, Chief

Bureau of Developer's Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for February 9, 1998

Item No. 275

The Bureau of Developer's Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning item. This office strongly recommends against the granting of requested parking variance.

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# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

POM

FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley . R. NS/07 Permits and Development/Review

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SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting Date:

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

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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, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimore County 1/30/98 Item No. 275 RT

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 Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

for

Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits Division

LG

# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND



#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: February 9, 1998

and Development Management

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

Office of Planning

SUBJECT: Woodholme Fitness Center - Hooks Lane

**INFORMATION** 

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING \* BEFORE THE

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640' ± NE from c/l Hooks Ln

3rd Election District, 3rd Councilmanic \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Legal Owner(s): Woodholme Fitness Ctr. L.P.

Woodholme Fitness Inc, G.P. \* CASE NO. 98-275-SPHA

Petitioners

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 1998, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Benjamin Bronstein, Esq., George & Bronstein, 29 W. Susquehanna Avenue, Suite 205, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioners.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

# LAW OFFICES GEORGE AND BRONSTEIN, LLP

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HARRIS JAMES GEORGE BENJAMIN BRONSTEIN CONSTANCE K. PUTZEL OF COUNSEL

January 22, 1998

Arnold Jablon, Director
Department of Permits
and Development Management
County Office Building
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: <u>Festival at Woodholme</u> Phase II

Dear Mr. Jablon:

In reference to the above entitled subdivision, I am enclosing the following:

- three (3) copies of Petition for Special Hearing and Variance;
- 2. twelve (12) copies of the Plat to Accompany Zoning Petition;
  - three (3) copies of the Description under seal;
  - 4. copy of the 200' Scale Zoning Map; and
  - my check to cover the cost of filing.

Please enter my appearance on behalf of the Petitioner and advise me of the hearing date.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE AND BRONSTEIN, LLP

Benjamin Bronstein

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#### RESIDENTIAL REALTY GROUP, INC.

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Lawrence Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: Case #98-275-SPHA

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Dear Commissioner Schmidt:

This letter is written on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Greene Tree Homeowners' Association regarding case number 98-275-SPHA, the special hearing to approve an amendment to the site plan approved in case number 94-440-SPHXA requesting a variance to provide 91 parking spaces in lieu of the required minimum of 529 spaces for Building A, Phase II.

The Board of Directors is against any change to reduce the amount of parking spaces required. Presently, there is not sufficient parking now to handle the amount of cars that utilize the shopping center, fitness club and office buildings. Most of the time the over spill of cars are parked along both sides of Greene Tree Road.

These parked cars are creating several hazards for the Greene Tree Community and the Festival at Woodholm Shopping Center, namely: 1.) visibility problems for drivers entering and exiting the community from Greene Tree Road, 2.) visibility problems for drivers exiting the shopping center onto Greene Tree Road, 3.) near accidents with parked cars when cars are turning into the shopping center from Greene Tree Road (there are no turn lanes), and 4.) dangerous situations for cars waiting to enter the community because they end up waiting in the traffic lane. Many residents have registered complaints with the Board including the Courtyard Residents.

Any increased usage of the center and/or decreased parking areas would continue to create additional hazards for our community.

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We request this variance be denied.

Thank you for your consideration.

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cc: The Courtyards Stuart Sagal, Esq. RESIDENTIAL REALTY GROUP > 4126538720



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Lawrence Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: Case#98-275-SPHA

Dear Commissioner Schmidt:

This letter is written on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Courtyards at Greentree Condominium regarding case # 98-275-SPHA. As previously stated in a letter to you by The Homeowner' Association, we agree with their concerns.

Any increased usage of the center and/or decreased parking would cause havor to our homeowners.

I am faxing this letter to your attention.

If I can be of any further assistance, please call me at (410) 653-8833.

muh Sincerely

President, Courtyards at Greentree Condominium

Attached is the letter you previously received. Hund

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