IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
W/S Reisterstown Road, 330' NW of
the c/l Montrose Avenue
(9700 Reisterstown Road)
3rd Election District
3rd Councilmanic District

J & D Realty L.P., Owners; Driftwood, Inc., t/a Northwest Honda, Contract Lessee

- BEFORE THE
- * ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 00-009-A

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, J & D Realty Limited Partnership, and the Contract Lessee, Driftwood, Inc., t/a Northwest Honda, by Edward K. Dreiband, General Partner, through their attorney, Anthony J. DiPaula, Esquire. The Petitioners seek relief from Section 409.8.A.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit surface parking spaces to be located 4 feet from the Maryland State Highway Administration right-of-way line in lieu of the required setback of 10 feet. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing held in this case were Edward K. Dreiband, General Partner for Driftwood, Inc., co-Petitioner, Thomas J. Hoff, the Landscape Architect who prepared the site plan for this property, and Anthony J. DiPaula, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioners. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

An examination of the site plan discloses that the subject property consists of a gross area of 2.86 acres, more or less, zoned B.M. and is the site of the respective Northwest Honda/Northwest BMW automobile dealerships. The property is improved with two large buildings used showrooms/sales offices in conjunction with the operation of the two dealerships. The balance of the site contains a large, macadam-paved parking that provides for a display area

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for automobiles as well as parking for customers and employees. The property is an irregularly shaped parcel, with frontage on Reisterstown Road (Maryland Route 140), just north of Greenspring Valley Road in Owings Mills.

Testimony offered indicated that variance relief is being requested for an area of the site that is located immediately adjacent to the State right-of-way for Reisterstown Road. As shown on the site plan, that area contains 15 parking spaces which are used to display automobiles being offered for sale. This area also immediately abuts a strip of land which was recently landscaped, in compliance with the landscape plan approved by Avery Harden on November 16, 1998. Photographs were submitted of the site which show the landscape area and that the property is maintained in an attractive manner.

On behalf of the Lessee, Mr. DiPaula testified that the Northwest Honda/BMW dealerships have been at the subject location for some time. He noted that due to the irregular shape of the subject property, the 15 parking spaces in question have always been used as a display area, due to their location immediately adjacent to Reisterstown Road. Mr. DiPaula also advised that the 15 spaces were situated as close as possible to the right-of-way to allow a large drive aisle in the interior of the lot for traffic circulation. Specifically, he stated that, unlike many dealerships, vehicles are unloaded from a car carrier directly on the site, not from the adjacent public road. Thus, a large internal drive aisle is necessary to accommodate this unloading and the tractor trailer trucks which make those deliveries.

Based upon the testimony and evidence offered, I am persuaded to grant the Petition for Variance. I am convinced that the Petitioners have satisfied the requirements of Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R., as construed by the case law, and that the Petitioner has justified the variance relief by proffering evidence that the site is unique, that a practical difficulty would result if relief were denied, and that there would be no detrimental impact upon surrounding properties. It is also to be noted that a favorable comment was received from the State Highway Administration regarding the landscaping strip within their right-of-way. Moreover, the Petitioner has an approved landscape plan which has, in fact, been installed. Additionally, there were no adverse Zoning

Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments from any Baltimore County reviewing agency.

Thus, it is clear that the relief requested should be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth herein, the Petition for Variance shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 27 day of August, 1999 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 409.8.A.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit surface parking spaces to be located 4 feet from the Maryland State Highway Administration right-of-way line in lieu of the required distance of 10 feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

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 Fax: 410-887-3468

August 27, 1999

Anthony J. DiPaula, Esquire Covahey & Boozer, P.A. 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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Dear Mr. DiPaula:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: Mr. Edward K. Dreiband

Northwest Honda, 9700 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills, Md. 21117

Mr. Thomas J. Hoff

406 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204

People's Counsel; Case File



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

Petition for Variance

which is presently zoned

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 9700 REISTERSTOWN ROAD

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July 6, 1999

Description of Northwest Honda/BMW, 9700 Reisterstown Road, to Accompany Petition for Variance.

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at a point on the west side of Reisterstown Road (State Route 140, 66' R/W) 330 feet more or less northwest of the centerline of Montrose Avenue.

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- (2) South 74 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds West 51.05 feet,
- (3) North 48 degrees 55 minutes 42 seconds West 524.00 feet.
- (4) South 78 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds East 101.00;
- (5) South 84 degrees 25 minutes 42 seconds East 185.00 feet,
- (6) North 41 degrees 16 minutes 19 seconds East 152.00 feet, to the west side of Reisterstown Road,

thence binding on the west side of Reisterstown Road,

(7) South 49 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds East 311.39 feet, to the point of beginning containing 2.63 acres of land more or less.

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This Description has been prepared for zoning purposes only.





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RE Case No 00-009-A

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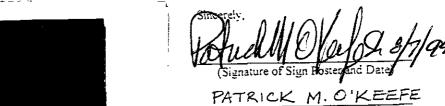
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Attention Ms. Gwendolyn Stephens

Ladies and Gentlemen

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 4 9700 REISTERSTRUM

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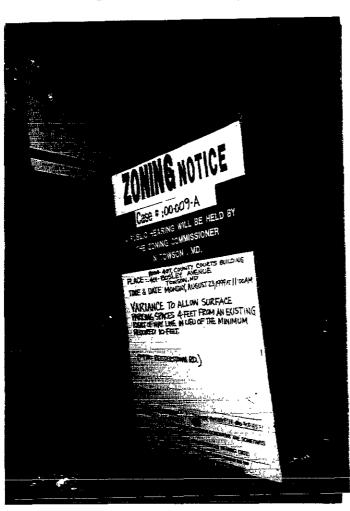
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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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
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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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400 Washington Avenue

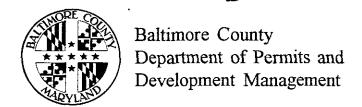
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this Z day of August, 1999 a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Anthony J. DiPaula, Esq., Covahey & Boozer, P.A., 614 Bosley Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioners.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

July 27, 1999

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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

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<u>Variance</u> to allow surface parking spaces 4 feet from an existing right-of-way line in lieu of the minimum required 10 feet.

HEARING: Monday, August 23, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts

Building, 401 Bosley Avenue

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Director

c: Anthony J. DiPaula, Esquire, Covahey & Boozer, 614 Bosley Avenue, Towson 21204 J&D Realty Limited Partnership, 9700 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills 21117 Driftwood, Inc., T/A Northwest Honda, 9700 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills 21117 Thomas J. Hoff, 406 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson 21204

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY AUGUST 8, 1999.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.

TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

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Please forward billing to:

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) 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 the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

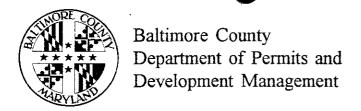
Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Item Number or Case Number:
Petitioner: DRIFT WOOD
Address or Location: 9700 REISTERSTOWN RD.
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: THOMAS J. HOFF
Address: 406 W. PENNSYLVANIA AVE.
TOWSON, MD. 21204
Telephone Number:410 - 294 - 3669

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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

August 20, 1999

Anthony J. DiPaula, Esq. Covahey & Boozer, P.A. 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Dear Mr. DiPaula:

RE: Case No.: 00-9-A

Petitioner: J&D Realty/Driftwood, Inc., t/a Northwest Honda

Location: 9700 Reisterstown Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM), on July 8, 1999.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure 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. All comments 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.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

Zoning Review

WCR:ggs

Enclosures

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: August 4, 1999

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

RWB/DMK Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for July 26, 1999

Item Nos. 525, 526, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013,

and 014

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

RWB:HJO:jrb

cc: File



700 East Joppa Road
Towson, Maryland 21286-5500
410-887-4500

July 21, 1999

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 JULY 19, 1999

Item No.: See Below Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

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

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

525, 526, 528, 529, 531, 532, 002, 003, 004, 007, 008,

009, 010, 011, 012, AND 013.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

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

cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: July 20, 1999

TO: Larry E. Schmidt

Zoning Commissioner

FROM: James H. Thompson - JP

Code Enforcement Supervisor

SUBJECT: ITEM NO.: 009

PETITIONER: J & D Realty Limited Partnership

VIOLATION CASE NO.: 98-4748

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: W/S Reisterstown Road, 330' +/- NW of centerline

Montrose Avenue (9700 Reisterstown Road)

DEFENDANT(S): J & D Realty Limited Partnership

Please be advised that the aforementioned petition is the subject of an active violation case. When the petition is scheduled for a public hearing, please notify the following person(s):

NAME ADDRESS

After the public hearing is held, please send a copy of the Zoning Commissioner's Order to the Code Enforcement Supervisor, so that the appropriate action may be taken relative to the violation case.

JHT/jp/lmh

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Date: July 26, 1999

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Department of Permits

and Development Management

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

Office of Planning

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Petitions

The Office of Planning has no comment on the following petition(s):

Item No(s): 527, 529, 530, 002, 009, and 013

If there should be any questions or this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 410-887-3480.

Section Chief:

AFK/JL



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

Date:

7.21.99

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

RE:

Baltimore County

Item No. 009

Dear Ms. Stephens:

We have reviewed the referenced item and have no objection to approval, as a field inspection reveals that the existing entrance(s) on to MD/ \mathbb{W} 140 are acceptable to the State Highway Administration (SHA) and this development is not affected by any SHA projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 or by E-mail at (lgredlein@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

/ Michael M. Lenhart, Chief

f. J. Soulle

Engineering Access Permits Division



Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Parris N. Glendening Governor

David L. Winstead Secretary

Parker F. Williams Administrator

PLEASE REPLY TO OFFICE OF DISTRICT ENGINEER 2323 WEST JOPPA ROAD BROOKLAND VILLE, MARYLAND 21022 1-800-962-3077

October 19, 1998

Mr. Thomas J. Hoff Thomas J. Hoff, Inc. 406 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson MD 21204

ATTN Ms. Safieh Laaly

Dear Ms. Laaly:

Thank you for your recent request asking for approval to install Landscape Plantings within the State Highway Right-of-Way in the 9700 block of Reisterstown Road (MD Route 140).

Your request is approved. In order for you to accomplish this work, we are asking you to submit two (2) copies of detailed plans showing the size and types of plantings, to the District Engineer, Mr. David J. Malkowski, 2323 West Joppa Road, Brooklandville, Maryland, 21022.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please give me a call at 410-321-2841.

Sincerely,

Joseph D. McMahon

District 4 Utility/Access Engineer

JDM:mlm

cc: Mr. Terry Fairbairn

140 File

My telephone number is ______



Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

Date: 7.24.00

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

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 009 LTM

Dear. Ms. Jackson:

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.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 or by E-mail at (lgredlein@sha.state.md.vs).

Very truly yours,

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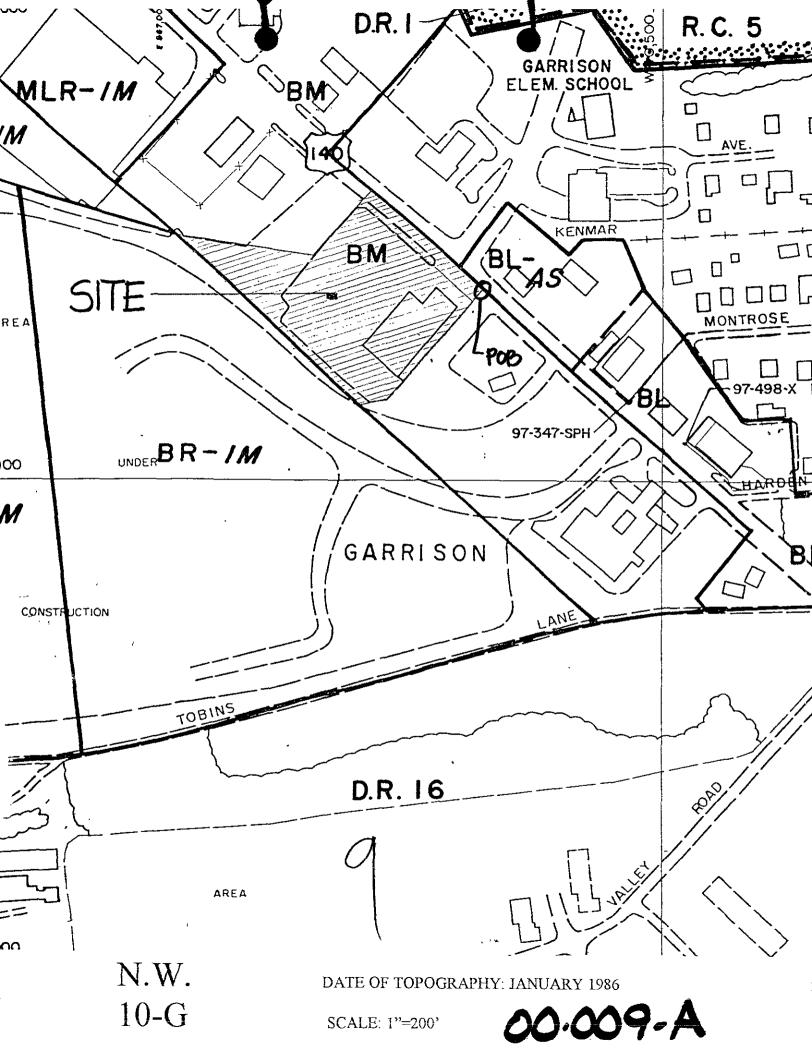
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Kenneth A. McDonald Jr., Chief Engineering Access Permits Division

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS
Anthony J. DiPAULA Esa.	614 BOSLEY AVE - 21204
THOMAS J. HOFF	406 W. POWSYLVANIA AVE
Ed Dreiband	9700/9702 BeisTerJONN Rd.
	

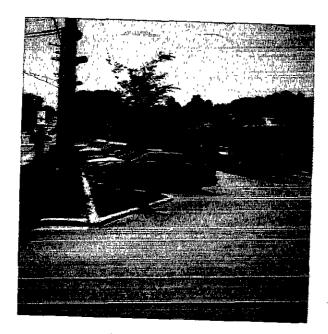




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