IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
SWC Rolling and Johnnycake Roads

1<sup>st</sup> Election District

1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District (7001 Johnnycake Road)

Whalen Properties Petitioners

- \* BEFORE THE
- DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER
- \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- \* CASE NO. 00-067-A

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance filed for property located at 7001 Johnnycake Road. The Petitioner, Whalen Properties, by and through Stephen W. Whalen, Jr., is requesting a variance from Section 206.3A.3b(1)(c) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a bank access travel lane to be located 155 ft. from a residence in lieu of the required 200 ft. 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 No. 1.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the variance request were Stephen W. Whalen, Jr., on behalf of the property owner and Bill Monk, zoning and planning consultant. There were no protestants in attendance.

Testimony and evidence indicated that the property, which is the subject of this variance request, consists of 2.11 acres, more or less, zoned OR-2. The subject property is proposed to be developed with commercial office buildings as shown on the site plan, as submitted at the hearing. The Petitioner also submitted elevation drawings of the office buildings which are to be constructed on the property. Those elevation drawings have been reviewed and approved by the Office of Planning. The Petitioner proposed to relocate one of its current tenants from a nearby site onto this

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property once the property is developed. The tenant in question is Crestar Bank, which is desirous of having a drive-thru facility at its new location. The Zoning Regulations require that the travel lane for a drive-thru bank be located at least 200 ft. from the nearest residential dwelling. Due to the configuration of the property itself, as well as the fact that Rolling Road is a restricted access road, the developer was unable to locate the bank drive-thru lane at a distance in excess of 200 ft. from adjacent residential dwellings. However, as a result of discussions with the residents of those nearby dwellings, the Petitioner was able to gain the support of those individuals that will be affected by this development. Furthermore, the drive-thru lane of the bank will be shielded from those residences by virtue of the south wing of Building No. 1, which will protect those residences from any affects of that drive-thru facility.

After considering the testimony and evidence offered at the hearing, I find that the Petitioner's Request for Variance should be granted.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and their property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

- 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome:
- 2) whether a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

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

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established

that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the property which is the subject of this request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the relief requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare, and meets the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

In addition to proving the need for variance in this case, the developer also, pursuant to Section 26-282A.2 of the Baltimore County Code had to prove that the proposed development of the property met the compatibility requirements as contained within the Code. The developer submitted a compatibility report dated August 23, 1999 to the Office of Planning for their review. Included within that compatibility study were building elevations and a schematic landscape plan showing the overall compatibility of this project with the surrounding community. The Planning Office reviewed the applicant's compatibility package and has recommended to this Deputy Zoning Commissioner/Hearing Officer that the development meets the compatibility objectives contained within the Baltimore County Code. Therefore, I shall find that the applicant has in fact met his burden to prove that this project is compatible with the surrounding community.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered by the Petitioner, I find that the Petitioner's variance request should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this day of September, 1999, by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that the Petitioner's request for variance from Section 206.3A.3b(1)(c) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a bank access travel lane to be located 185 ft. from a residence in lieu of the required 200 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

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- The Petitioner may apply for his building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at his time is at his 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.
- The developer shall be required to submit a lighting plan to Mr. Avery Harden for his review and approval. Said lighting plan shall conform to the *Illumination Engineering Society* (IES) standards as applicable to the site to be developed. In addition, the developer shall submit to Mr. Harden a Final Landscape Plan for his review and approval.
- 3) The developer shall be required to construct buildings on the property in accordance with the elevation drawings submitted into evidence as Exhibits 3A-3D.
- When applying for a building permit, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

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**DEPUTY 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

September 29, 1999

Mr. Stephen W. Whalen, Jr. Whalen Properties 405 Frederick Road, Suite 163 Catonsville, Maryland 21228

> Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 00-067-A

Property: 7001 Johnnycake Road

Dear Mr. Whalen:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the enclosed 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 from 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 410-887-3391.

Very truly yours,

Timothy M. Kotroco

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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c: Mr. Bill Monk William Monk, Inc. 222 Bosley Avenue, Suite B-6 Towson, Maryland 21204



# Petition for Variance

## to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at	7001	Johnnycake	Road	
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This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and 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) 206.3A.3b(1)(c) to permit a bank access travel lane to be located 155' from a residence in lieu of the required 200' minimum.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) The access lane and teller stations will be shielded from the residence by landscaping and a proposed 2-story office building which meets all setback and applicable bulk regulations.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

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City	State	Zip Code
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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):

REV 9115198

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BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at a point on the west side of Rolling Road (80 feet wide) at its intersection with the south side of Johnnycake Road (90 feet wide) and running thence the following courses and distances; (1) South 29 degrees 32 minutes 27 seconds East, 58.77 feet, thence along the west side of Rolling Road (2) South 20 degrees 57 minutes 55 seconds west, 186.09 feet, thence leaving said right-of-way and running (3) South 89 degrees 13 minutes 38 seconds West, 163.83 feet, thence (4) South 89 degrees 51 minutes 19 seconds West, 90.01 feet, thence (5) North 00 degrees 48 minutes 47 seconds West, 274.16 feet to the South side of the aforementioned Johnnycake Road (90 feet wide) and running thence (6) South 84 degrees 35 minutes 22 seconds East, 183.50 feet, thence (7) South 75 degrees 06 minutes 35 seconds East, 116.56 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 1.72 acres of land, more or less.



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#### CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

RE: CASE #00-067-A
PETITIONER/DEVELOPER:
(Whalen Properties)
DATE OF Hearing
(Sept. 24, 1999)

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

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 7001 Johnnycake Road Baltimore, Maryland 21228

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(Month, Day, Year)
Sincerely,
Olan Dolfatala
(Signature of Sign Poster & Date)
Thomas P. Ogle, Sr
325 Nicholson Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21221
(410)-687-8405 (Telephone Number)

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Legal Owner: Whalen Properties Petitioner(s)

- BEFORE THE
- \* ZONING COMMISSIONER
- \* FOR
- \* BALTIMORE COUNTY
- \* Case No. 00-67-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 Mary Timmernan PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel

Old Courthouse, Room 47

400 Washington Avenue

Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this Agreement day of August, 1999 a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to William Monk, 222 Bosley Avenue, Suite B-6, Towson, MD 21204, representative for Petitioners.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

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

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(2) For Information concerning the File and/or Hearing Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410):887-3381.

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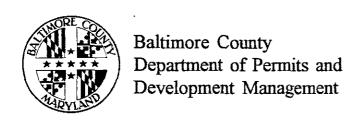
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September 1, 1999

## 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:

CASE NUMBER: 00-067-A
7001 Johnnycake road
SWC Rolling and Johnnycake Roads
1st Election District – 1st Councilmanic District
Legal Owner: Whalen Properties

<u>Variance</u> to permit a bank access travel lane to be located 155 feet from a residence in lieu of the required 200-foot minimum.

HEARING: Friday, September 24, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office

Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Arnold Jablon

Director

c: Whalen Properties, 405 Frederick Road, Suite 163, Catonsville 21228 William Monk, Inc., 222 Bosley Avenue, Suite B-6, Towson 21204

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY SEPTEMBER 9, 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:

Stephen W. Whalen, Jr.

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Whalen Properties 405 Frederick Road

Suite 163

Catonsville, MD 21228

## **NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING**

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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Date: 9.9.99

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

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 067

WCR

Dear. Ms Stephens:

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.us).

Very truly yours,

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/ Kenneth A. McDonald Jr.

Acting Chief

Engineering Access Permits Division

#### COUNTY, MARYLAND BALTIMORE

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon; Director

Date: September 2, 1999

Department of Permits & Development

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for August 30, 1999

Item Nos. 049, 051, 052, 053, 054, 055, 056, 058, 059, 061, 062, 063,

064, 065, 067, 068

and

Case Number 99-297-SPH

18414 Vernon Road)

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

August 30, 1999

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

RE: Property Owner:

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CHARLES H. MAGSAMEN, JR. & WILLIAM D. MAGSAMEN - 062 THE TRUSTEES OF ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF KGSV. - 066

WHALEN PROPERTIES - 067

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF August 23, 1999

Item No.: 046, 055, 062, 066, &

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.

- 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.
- 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", 1994 edition prior to occupancy.

REVIEWER: Lieutenant Herb Taylor, Fire Marshal's Office

PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

"cc: File

DATE: September 7, 1999

## 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: 7011 Johnnycake Road

**INFORMATION:** 

**Item Number:** 

067

**Petitioner: Property Size:** 

Whalen Properties 2.11 gross acres

Zoning:

OR 2

**Requested Action:** 

**Hearing Date:** 

September 24, 1999

The proposed development of 19,450 square feet office building, medical office and bank is located at the southwest corner of Rolling Road and Johnnycake Road in an OR 2, Office Building – Residential zone. The variance requested is from Section 206.3A.3b(1)(c) to permit a bank access travel lane to be located 155 feet from a residence in lieu of the required 200 feet. It should be noted that a landscaped area and Building 1 creates a buffer between the adjacent residences and the access lane.

#### **COMPATIBILITY**

Section 26-282 (a)(2) of The Baltimore County Development Regulations requires the Director Of Planning to make compatibility recommendations to the Hearing Officer for development in the OR 2 zone. The applicant has provided a compatibility report dated August 23, 1999 (see attached) which demonstrates how this project is designed to achieve the compatibility objectives of the CMDP. This included elevations and a schematic landscape plan which demonstrate that the project design is compatible with the community. The building's architectural design emulates that of the Rolling Crossroads Professional Office Park located to the west of the site. The Office of Planning has reviewed these submissions and recommends to the Hearing Officer that this Development meets the Compatibility Objectives of the CMDP and Baltimore County Development Regulations.

### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Office of Planning recommends approval of the variance subject to the following: Architecture should be in accordance with the elevation drawings submitted to the Office of Planning; and

A plan showing the locations and details of the proposed lighting and a computerized lighting design with point-by-point calculations that conforms with the *Illumination Engineering Society* (IES) standards should be submitted for review and approval by Avery Harden in conjunction with the Final Landscape Plan.

Section Chief:

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## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Inter-Office Memorandum

DATE: August 23, 1999

TO: Hearing Officer

FROM: John L. Lewis

Planner II

Zoning Review, PDM

SUBJECT: Case Number 00-067-A

7001 Johnnycake Road 1st Election District

There is a question as to if a variance for the rear setback for building 2 is sufficient. A 24-foot high building should require a 24-foot setback to property line; however, due to the residential zone line proximity, the applicant believed that the residential line setback superceded the property line setback and filed accordingly. This can be read either way under Section 206.4.C.1. I still think the property line issue has effect here.

JLL:scj

## **MEMO**

TO:

Mr. Tim Kotroko, Deputy Zoning Commissioner

FROM:

John Lewis, Planner II, Zoning Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Case #00-067-A

This memo continues our conversation of Friday the 17th of March, 2000, concerning the application of setbacks under Section 206.4.C.1 Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) as they apply on this site. Due to the wording of this section it appears that more than one interpretation of the setback to the residential/RO zone line versus the setback to property line can be made. Staff originally believed that the residential/RO setback superceded the property line setback due to the "except that", condition and the petitioner proceeded under that supposition. A further review of the section after the fact indicates that this determination may have been incorrect and therefore was not directly resolved through the hearing process.

Please consider this request to amend your order to allow the 12 feet property line setback for building #2 as shown on the plan.

JL:kw

## WHALEN PROPERTIES

Commercial Real Estate Development, Brokernge and Management

Stephen W. Whalen, Jr.

William P. Jones

Pauline M. Clark

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2 East Rolling Crossroads

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TO: CARL RICHARDS, BALTO COUNTY ZONING

From: STEVE WARREN

Re: Zoning Setback Issue Casi #00-067-A Crossrands West, 1st Ekolum Protocol
Attached Letter from Joe Merrey Rotal Mai 7, 2000

Cari, pls advise what gives with the attacked "interpretation"?
You and I met in your office and specifically reviewed the Tite plan and the Section 206.4.C. I language, and agreed that the overribing Setback was I × billy height from the Zoncline, not the property line. You so instructed John Lewis, thereviewer on this case initially. But Monk + I then met with John Lewis and I know Did Hook and I had the definitive understanding that this interpretation was agreeable.

I've got a signal base with Crestar Bank that regains me to start construction very shortly. I don't feel it's either equitable or in line with our specific conversation and understanding to change the interpretation at the 11th hour.

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Cc: Free Thompson 410-532-0104 Bill Hank 494-9903 Stockledu

## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### Inter-Office Memorandum

TO:

John Lewis

DATE: March 23, 2000

FROM:

Timothy M. Kotroco

Department of Permits & **Development Management** 

**Deputy Zoning Commissioner** 

SUBJECT:

Crossroads West Office Complex

Whalen Properties

7001 Johnnycake Road @ Rolling Road

Case No. 00-067-A

I have had an opportunity to review my file and notes regarding Case No. 00-067-A. Based on your office's interpretation of the aforementioned section, you initially advised the petitioner that it was not necessary to request a variance given the ambiguous language of this section itself. Relying on the position of your office, the petitioner proceeded with their case and did not request a variance following your direction. Within a day or so of the hearing, the petitioner was informed by your office that your interpretation had changed, and that a variance was needed. However, it was too late, at that time, to re-post and re-advertise the property.

This matter was brought to my attention at the public hearing by Mr. Monk. I decided at that time that the petitioner did not have to request that particular variance, given the lateness of your request and my own interpretation of that section itself. Therefore, given these circumstances, it is not necessary at this time for the petitioner to request this variance, nor is it necessary for me to modify my previous decision.

Given the lack of opposition at the hearing, had this variance been requested, it would have been granted by me, along with the other requested relief. Therefore, I believe it is appropriate to issue the building permit for this project and to consider this matter closed.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to give me a call.

Timothy M. Kotroco

**Deputy Zoning Commissioner** 

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222 Bosley Avenue, Suite B-6 Towson, MD 21204 (410) 494-8931; (410) 494-9903 (Fax) e-mail address: w.monk@mindspring.com

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# Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management

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

August 26, 1999 Revised: 9/2/99

Mr. William Monk William Monk, Inc. 222 Bosley Avenue, Suite B-6 Towson, MD 21204

Dear Mr. Monk:

RE: Drop-Off Petition Review, Whalen Properties, Case Number: 00-67-A

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 A subsequent review by the staff has revealed addressed. would unaddressed zoning issues and/or incomplete information. The are advisory and do not necessarily identify all details and inherent technical zoning requirements necessary for a complete application. petitions/plans filed in this office, it is the final all 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.

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If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-887-3391.

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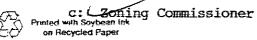
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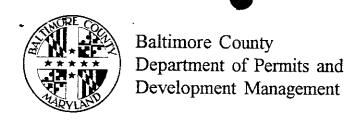
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Development Processing Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

August 26, 1999

Mr. William Monk William Monk, Inc. 222 Bosley Avenue, Suite B-6 Towson, MD 21204

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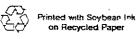
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Enclosure (receipt)

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March 7, 2000

Mr. Frederick Thompson Gower Thompson, Inc 429 East Lake Avenue Baltimore, Maryland, 21212

Dear Mr. Thompson

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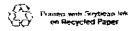


For You, For Baltimore County



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SUBJECT:

LIMITED EXEMPTION PLAN COMMENTS

FROM:

PDM - ZONING REVIEW

DATE: 1/24/00

PROJECT NAME:

**Crossroads West Office Complex** 

PLAN DATE: 12/14/99

PROJECT NUMBER:

00-003-Z

PDM NUMBER: I-478

LOCATION:

7001 Johnnycake Road & Rolling Road

DISTRICT: 1c1

PROPOSAL:

2 Office Buildings with 19,450 square feet

**ZONING: OR-2** 

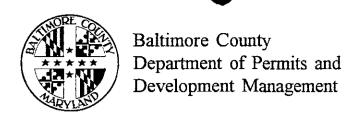
- 1. The rear setback for building #2 will require a variance as per Section 206.4.C.1.
- 2. Show location of MTA bus stop and indicate distance to pedestrian entrance of the building as per Section 409.6.B.1.

**BRUNO RUDAITIS** 

Planner II

**Zoning Review** 

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February 29, 2000

Mr. Arnold Jablon
Baltimore County Department of
Permits and Development Management
111 W. Chesapeake Ave.
Room 123
Towson MD 21204

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Re: Sprit and Intent Case No. 00-067-A Crossroads West

Dear Mr. Jabion,

The subject Case approved a variance to permit bank access travel lane to be located 155 feet from a residence in lieu of the required 200 feet. We recently submitted the Development plan for review and received a comment (copy attached) from Bruno Rudaitis that the rear yard setback for Building 2 requires a rear yard variance. The Development Plan is the same as the approved Zoning Plan of the subject Case except that the rear yard setback of Building 2 is incorrectly shown as 8 feet rather than 12 feet as shown on the Zoning Plan.

Although we were not involved in the zoning case, we understand from the Owner and William Monk that the plan was reviewed by John Lewis, who examined the rear yard of Building 2 and determined that it was not an issue; otherwise a rear yard variance would have been included in the zoning request.

The purpose of this letter is to request your concurrence that the Development Plan is in accordance with the Spirit and Intent of Case No. 00-067-A regarding the rear yard issue. We respectfully request, as part of this review, that the 12-foot setback be permitted to be 10 feet; if this is a problem we will proceed with the 12-foot setback.

Enclosed, for your reference, is a copy of the Development Plan showing these items. A \$40 review fee is also enclosed. Please call if there are any questions or if additional material is needed. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to a favorable response in the near future.

Sincerely,

Gower Thompson Inc.

Frederick J. Thompson P.E.

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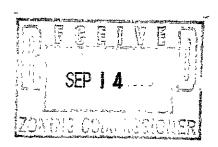
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## A. RYDEN 1536 King William Drive Catonsville, MD 21228-1001

September 13, 1999

**CERTIFIED MAIL: Z 541 526 031** 

County of Baltimore
Timothy Kotroco
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
Room 405
401 Bosley Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204



SUBJECT:

Zoning Notice:

Case 00-067-A (Deed 6966/54, Reference Map 94, Grid 12, Parcel 134)

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

Subject notice has been posted at the southwest corner of Rolling and Johnny Cake Roads and reads in pertinent part:

"Variance to permit a bank access travel lane to be located 155 feet from a residence in lieu of the required 200 feet."

It is our considered judgement that the development and the requested variance will have a significant negative financial and life-style impact on our family. It is, therefor, with the greatest respect, that we request time to speak against the proposed variance at the scheduled 10:00 am hearing on September 24, 1999 in room 106 County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland.

For the record, we believe the developer has a legal right to develop his property in accordance with the applicable codes, regulations and laws. In the instant case, however, we would find it unconscionable if our family were required to subsidize this extra-ordinary variance to those codes, regulations and laws with our family's quality of life and diminished home value.

Also, for the record, we know the developer personally. He is a responsible businessman and we are confident that he would build a quality project. I have no reason to question his integrity and support his right to prosper through the efficacious development of commercial property—just not with extra-ordinary variances to the rules that would be at our family's expense.

An outline of the argument we will present at the September 24, 1999 hearing is attached.

Our number during the day is 410/965-8005.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: as stated

Copy: Whalen Properties ATTN: Steve Whalen Suite 1 2 West Rolling Crossroads Baltimore, MD 21228 Attachment to September 13, 1999 letter to the County of Baltimore:

## STATEMENT TO BE MADE AT THE SEPTEMBER 24, 1999 ZONING HEARING CASE 00-067-A

#### **BACKGROUND**

Our family owns and occupies the single family home at 1536 King William Drive, Catonsville, Maryland. We purchased our home on June 26, 1978.

Our home joins and is immediately south of the petitioned property that fronts on Johnny Cake Road.

King William Drive is the northernmost road in the Woodbridge Valley residential development.

At the time we purchased our home, the petitioned property, approximately 1.7 acres, was part of Woodbridge Valley and, like the remainder of Woodbridge Valley, was zoned Residential 3.5.

Whalen Properties purchased the 1.7 acres on August 2, 1985 [presumably] with the intent to have the property rezoned and developed as commercial property, not unlike other properties they have developed in the area.

Over the years, the residents and community associations in the area have both objected to and been resigned to the commercial development of the 1.7 acres.

Whalen Properties unsuccessfully petitioned to have the property rezoned on September 15, 1988.

At an unknown date after September 15, 1988, the property was administratively rezoned to commercial ORZ without the customary "posting", notices or hearings. (We are not familiar with the administrative proceeding that made this rezoning possible and defer to the record and those more learned in these matters to provide the details.)

The petitioned property is now, we believe, zoned ORZ.

### **OBJECTION**

The proposed development consists of two commercial buildings, each approximately 168 feet long arrayed in a "V" shape with parking, sidewalks and the questioned bank drive-though separating the buildings.

The apex of the "V" points south, directly toward and approximately 46 feet from our back yard and approximately 100 feet from our bedroom windows.

The surface area between the proposed buildings would be about 95% pavement and asphalt. The proposed building facades would be brick.

Interstate 70 is perpendicular to and approximately 270 feet north of the "V".

Traffic noise on Interstate 70 is an existing environmental annoyance already affecting the pleasurable use of our home.

The granting of the requested variance and the construction of these two commercial buildings will form a 168 foot long "V" shaped asphalt, cement and brick funnel amplifying the existing interstate noise and focusing that noise directly into our living area. (Originally, Whalen Properties had proposed commercial buildings that would have been parallel to the interstate and parallel to our common property line – a proposal we could have found more palatable.)

There is only one entrance to the bank drive-trough, the common parking areas and all other parts of the proposed development. All automobiles entering any part of the development during the hours of darkness will have their headlights aimed directly at our windows, creating an intense light pollution problem.

Of particular concern is the unknown future uses of the proposed bank and bank drive-through if the variance is granted. The bank is on a heavily traveled corner and has the same basic configuration as that of a fast food restaurant/fast food drive-through. The possibility that the bank could at some future date become economically unviable and subsequently converted to some type of drive-through fast food facility would significantly exasperate an already difficult situation to the residential neighbors.

Of course, we also share all the other expected concerns that any home owner would have with a commercial property adjacent to their home – general light pollution, noise, rodents, esthetics, storm water drainage, traffic, extended business hours, fencing, property values and especially the inevitable subsequent petitions for additional building and usage variances that the developer or tenants will no doubt seek as the property becomes occupied.

Finally, we do not speak for our neighbors or other Woodbridge Valley residents. We would however, be negligent if we did not memorialize the fact that the proposed variance would allow the first ever commercial development west of Rolling Road in an area that is otherwise populated with approximately 900 single family homes.

We pray for the Commissioner's thoughtful rejection of the proposed variance.

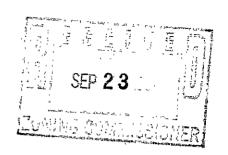
## A. RYDEN

## 1536 King William Drive Catonsville, MD 21228-1001

September 21, 1999

**FACSIMILE 410/887-3468** 

(Original sent by surface mail) County of Baltimore Timothy Kotroco Deputy Zoning Commissioner Room 405 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204



SUBJECT:

Zoning Notice:

Case 00-067-A (Deed 6966/54, Reference Map 94, Grid 12, Parcel 134)

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

Please refer to our September 13, 1999 letter – subject as above.

Since releasing our original letter to you, we have met with the developers of this property. The developers have now memorialized their commitment to minimize the negative impact on our life style and property value with a comprehensive restrictive covenant agreement.

We are now satisfied with the proposed development and have every reason to believe the developers will honor both the letter and the spirit of the covenant.

Therefor, we most respectfully withdraw our previous opposition to this development.

We can be reached during the day on 410/965-8005.

Sincerely,

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Whalen Properties

ATTN: Steve Whaten

Suite 1

2 West Rolling Crossroads

Baltimore, MD 21228

## WILLIAM MONK, INC.

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July 26, 1999

PDM 1<sup>st</sup> Floor 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Subject:

Zoning application drop-off

7001 Johnnycake Road @ Rolling Road

WMI Project No.: 99-022

#### Gentlemen:

Attached please find the application forms, plats and exhibits to accompany our drop-off. There are no outstanding zoning violations for this property. John Lewis has reviewed this plan.

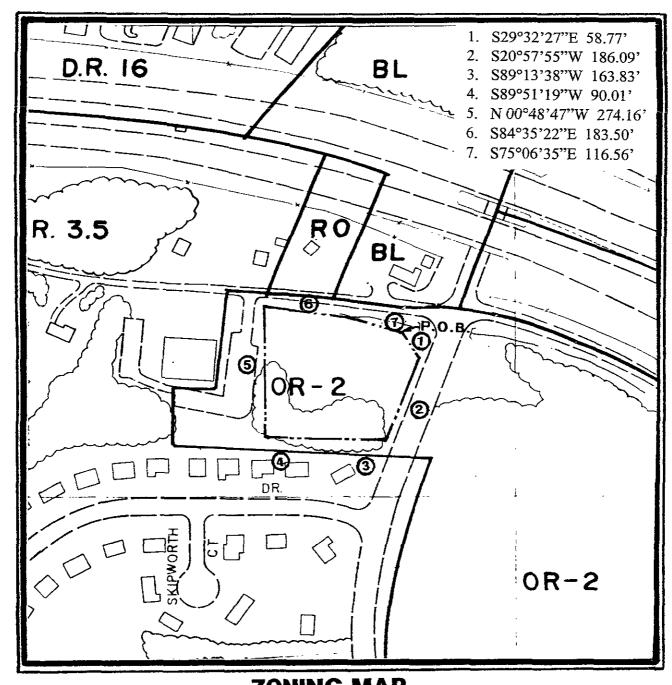
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### PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

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STEVE WHALEH, JR ]	405 FREDERICK RD, # 163
WHALEN PROPERTIES 5	CATONSVILLE, Mb 21228



## **ZONING MAP**

#### WILLIAM MONK, INC.

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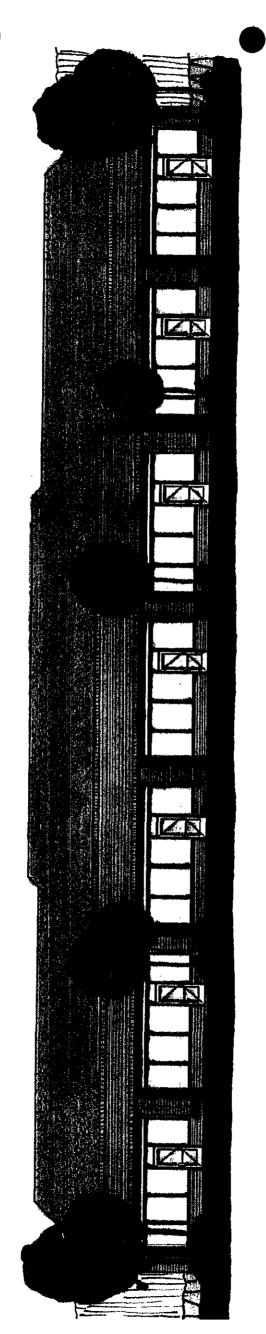
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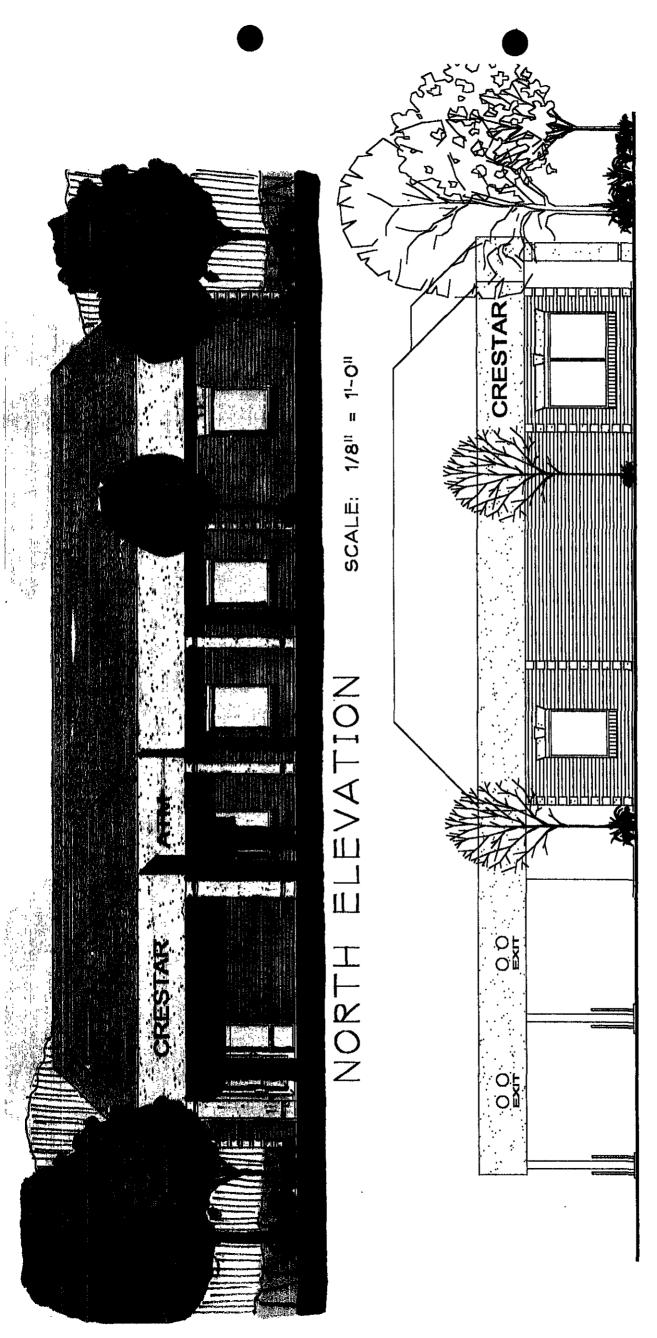
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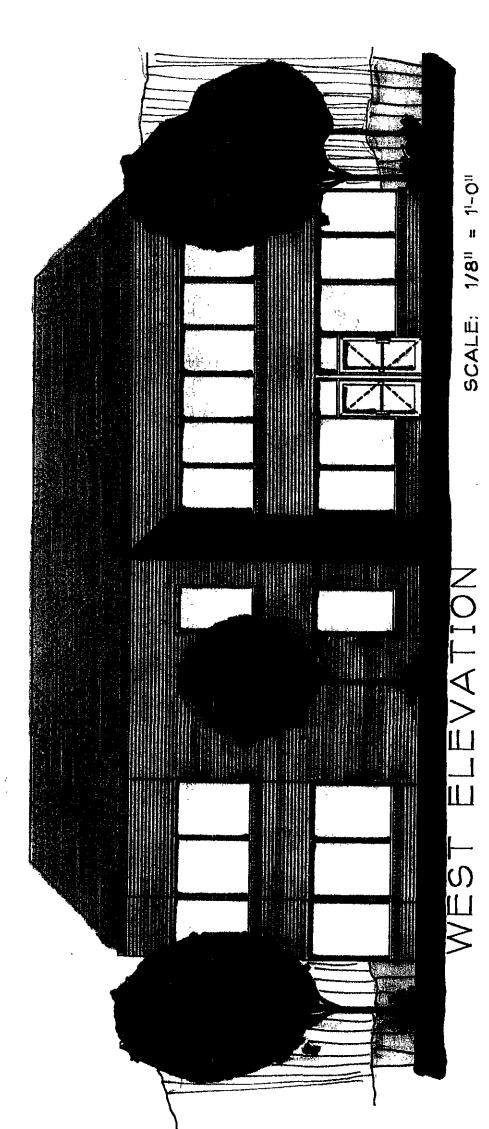
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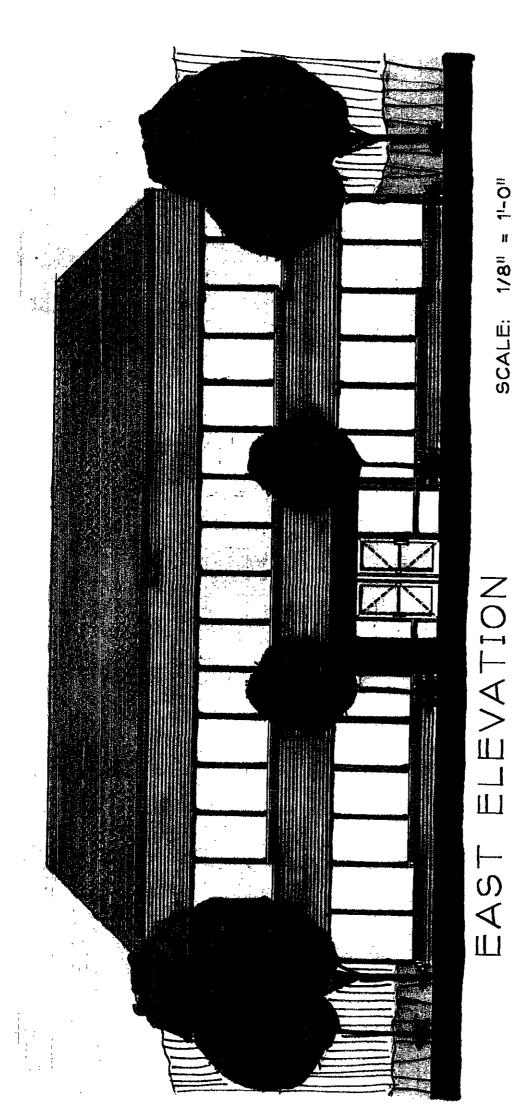
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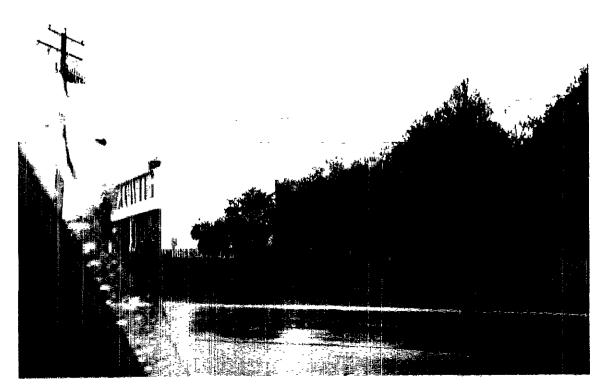
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