IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE SW corner Fitch Avenue and Fitch Lane 14th Election District 6th Councilmanic District

(SWC Fitch Ave. & Fitch Lane)

Kenneth Hurst Petitioner

- BEFORE THE
- DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER
- OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- CASE NO. 00-255-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Kenneth Hurst. The variance request is for property located at the southwest corner of Fitch Avenue and Fitch Lane in the Fullerton area of Baltimore County. The property is zoned ML-IM. The variance request is from Sections 255.1 and 238.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to allow a front yard setback of 1 ft. In lieu of the required 25 ft. for a proposed building.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the variance request was Thomas Church, professional engineer. There were no others in attendance.

Testimony and evidence indicated that the property, which is the subject of this variance request, consists of 4.926 acres, more or less, zoned ML-IM. The Petitioner, Meyer Seed International, by and through Kenneth Hurst, is requesting permission to construct a one-story warehouse building on the subject property. The subject building will also contain the offices of Meyer Seed, which has been in business in Baltimore County for many decades. Mr. Hurst is desirous of updating their facilities, and pursuant to those plans proposes to construct a 23,951 sq. ft. building on the subject property. The 1 ft. front yard setback as shown on the site plan is from a second parcel of land owned by Mr. Hurst. The building itself will be set back from Fitch

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Avenue in an appropriate fashion. The parking lot for the building is located at the corner of Fitch Lane and Fitch Avenue and the building sits back approximately 107 ft. from the centerline of Fitch Avenue. As stated previously, and is shown on the plan, the 1 ft. setback is from a lot line for property owned by the Petitioner.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his 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.

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 3/day of January, 2000, by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that the Petitioner's request for variance from Sections 255.1 and 238.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to allow a front yard setback of 1 ft. In lieu of the required 25 ft. for a proposed building, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

- 1. 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.
- 2. The Petitioner shall be required to utilize a split-face block construction on the front portion of the building to be built on the property. The Petitioner shall be required to submit elevation drawings to the Office of Planning for their review and approval prior to the issuance of building permits.
- 3. When applying for a building permit, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

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

January 31, 2000

Mr. Kenneth O. Hurst Meyer Seed International 8633 Belair Road Baltimore, Maryland 21236

> Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 00-255-A

> > Property: SWC of Fitch Avenue & Fitch Lane

Dear Mr. Hurst:

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 Department of Permits and Development Management. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our appeals clerk at 410-887-3391.

Very truly yours,

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Timothy M. Kotroco

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

TMK:raj Enclosure

Copies to:

Mr. Thomas A. Church, P.E. Development Engineering consultants, Inc. 6603 York Road Baltimore, Maryland 21212

Mr. Edwin F. Michel Mr. Carl A. Michel Mr. Fred W. Michel 11957 East Lakeshore Road Lyndonville, New York 14098



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Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at THE SW CORNER OF FITCH AVE. &FITCH LA. ML-IM which is presently zoned

perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which

410/377-2600 Telephone No.

is the subject of this Petition.

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)

255.1 AND 238.1 TO PERMIT A FRINT SETBACK OF 1 FT. IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 25 FT. FOR A PROPOSED BUILDING.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) TO ALLOW BETTER VISIBILITY FROM FITCH AVENUE WHILE KEEPING PROPOSED BUILDING ON ONE PARCEL. BOTH PARCELS ARE PART OF THE SAME ENTERPRISE AND PARKING SHOULD BE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO PROPOSED BUILDING.

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. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of

!	Contract Purchaser/Lessee:		<u>Legal Owner(s):</u>		
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ATTACHMENT

FOR

PETITION FOR VARIANCE & PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING FOR SW CORNER OF FITCH AVENUE & FITCH LANE

LEGAL OWNER(S)

I/WE DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM, UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, THAT I/WE ARE THE LEGAL OWNER(S) OF THE PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS PETITION.

EDWIN F. MICHEL
Signature
CARL A. MICHEL Signature
FRED W. MICHEL
Signature

11957 EAST LAKESHORE ROAD
Address

<u>(716) 681-6100</u> Telephone No.

LYNDONVILLE, City

<u>NY</u> State 14098 Zip Code

DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC.

Site Engineers & Surveyors

6603 York Road Baltimore, Maryland 21212 (410) 377-2600 (410) 377-2625 Fax

ZONING DESCRIPTION

FOR

MEYER SEED COMPANY

SOUTHWEST CORNER OF FITCH AVENUE & FITCH LANE

14TH ELECTION DISTRICT

Beginning at a point on the west side of Fitch Lane which is 60 feet wide at the distance of 150 feet south of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Fitch Avenue which is Thence the following courses and distances: 60 feet wide. South 20 degrees 21 minutes 42 seconds West 282.42 feet, 2) South 72 degrees 22 minutes 36 seconds East 21.05 feet, 3) South 20 degrees 17 minutes 21 seconds West 1,029.87 feet, seconds West 649.78 minutes 39 feet, 5) South 75 degrees 48 38 seconds East 208.99 feet. 6) North 17 degrees 12 minutes degrees 01 minutes 36 seconds East 284.52 feet, 7) North 14 seconds East 163.36 feet, 8) North 15 degrees 32 minutes 27 seconds East 286.65 feet, degrees 12 minutes 52 9) South 72 seconds East 174.72 feet to point of degrees 34 minutes 10 beginning.

Being the same parcel of land recorded in the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber E.H.K. Jr. 6428, Folio 764.

Containing 4.926 acres of land, more or less.

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NOTICE OF ZOMMIG

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

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SWC Fitch Avenue and Fitch
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4th Election District
11th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s):
Edwin F. Michel & Carl A.
Michel & Fred W. Michel
Contract Purchaser:
Kenneth O. Hurst
Variance: to permit a front
setback of 1 foot in lieu of
the required 25 feet for a
proposed building.
Hearing: Thursday; January 29, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.
in. Room 407, County
Counts Building; 401 Bosley Avenue.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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MOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-4386.

(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-

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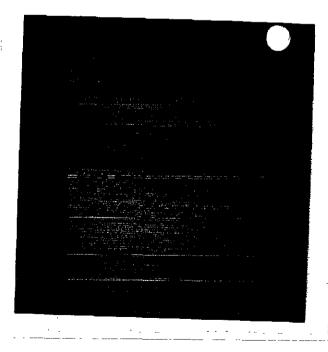
RE: CASE #00-255-A
PETITIONER/DEVELOPER
(Kenneth O. Hurst)
DATE OF Hearing
(Jan 20, 2000)

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 SWC Fitch Ave & Fitch Lane Baltimore, Maryland 21236



RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
Fitch Avenue, SW corner of Fitch Ave and Fitch Ln
11th Election District, 4th Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Edwin F., Carl A., and Fred W. Michel Contract Purchaser: Kenneth O. Hurst Petitioner(s) * BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* FOR

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 00-255-A

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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Deputy People's Counsel

Old Courthouse, Room 47

400 Washington Avenue

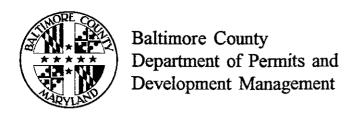
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(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 30th day of December, 1999 a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Thomas A. Church, Development Engineering Consultants, Inc., 6603 York Road, Baltimore, MD 21212, representative for Petitioners.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN



Director's Office County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-3353

Fax: 410-887-5708

December 22, 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: 00-255-A

SWC Fitch Avenue and Fitch Lane

4th Election District – 11th Councilmanic District

Legal Owner: Edwin F. Michel & Carl A. Michel & Fred W. Michel

Contract Purchaser: Kenneth O. Hurst

<u>Variance</u> to permit a front setback of 1 foot in lieu of the required 25 feet for a proposed building.

HEARING: Thursday, January 20, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts

Building, 401 Bosley Avenue

Arnold Jablon

Director

c: Edwin & Carl & Fred Michel, 11957 E. Lakeshore Road, Lyndonville, NY 14098 Kenneth Hurst, 8633 Belair Road, Baltimore 21236 Development Engineering Consultants, 6603 York Road, Baltimore 21212

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY JANUARY 5, 2000.

- (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:

Thomas A. Church

410-377-2600

Development Engineering Consultants, Inc.

6603 York Road Baltimore, MD 21212

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

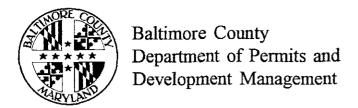
ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

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.

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BALTIMORE, MD 21212
Telephone Number: 410/377-2600



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

January 13, 2000

Mr. Thomas A. Church Development Engineering Consultants, Inc. 6603 York Road Baltimore MD 21212

Dear Mr. Church:

RE: Case Number 00-255-A, SWC Fitch Avenue and Fitch Lane

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on December 16, 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, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Sincerely,

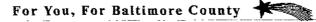
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Zoning Supervisor Zoning Review

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Enclosures

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: January 6, 2000

Department of Permits & Development

Management

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for January 3, 2000

Item Nos. 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256,

257; 259, and 261

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

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cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: January 13, 2000

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III, Director

Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

Southwest Corner of Fitch Avenue and Fitch Lane

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

255

Petitioner:

Meyer Seed International

Zoning:

ML-IM

Requested Action:

Variance

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Office of Planning has reviewed the above referenced project as a limited exemption (see Limited Exemption #99102). As part of the analysis of the instant case, we ask for the same conditions (indicated below) that were previously requested in the review of the limited exemption.

Provide building and sign elevations to the Office of Planning for review. Brick should be considered as the primary building material. A low ground mounted sign would be appropriate for this area.

Although the zoning for the property is ML, the guidelines of the CMDP for freestanding commercial apply. The use of metal as a material for the building design may be appropriate if the design of the structure incorporates attractive characteristics of the surrounding area and exhibits a consistency of scale, volume and detail. This can not be determined without a review of the architectural elevations.

Section Chief:

AFK/JL



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

Date: 1.5.00

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

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 255

JLL

RECEIVED JAN 0 6 2000

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,

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

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET



T.A. Church Development Engineering representing Meyer See	ADDRESS 6603 Gork Rd Balto. Co. 21212
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