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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE S/S Riverside Road, 04' S/E centerline of Wiltshire Road 15th Election District 5th Councilmanic District (171 Wiltshire Road)

> Essex Church of God Petitioner

- BEFORE THE
- * DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * CASE NO. 00-484-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 owners of the subject property, Essex Church of God. The variance request is for property located at 171 Wiltshire Road, situated in the Essex area of Baltimore County. The variance request is from Section 1B01.2.C.1.a of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit an existing church building with an addition to have a side yard setback of 3.5 ft. in lieu of the required 20 ft.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the variance request were Larry Miller, Pastor of the Essex Church of God, Gordon Dunn and Jeff Dyes, members of the board of trustees and John Gontrum, attorney at law, representing the Petitioner. There were no protestants in attendance.

Testimony and evidence indicated that the property, which is the subject of this variance request, consists of 0.887 acres, more or less, and is located at the intersection of Riverside Road and Wiltshire Road in Essex. The subject property is already improved with a church building which has been the home of the Essex Church of God for the past 30 years. The members of the church are now desirous of constructing a 40 ft. x 100 ft. youth activity center on the subject property, as shown on the site plan submitted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1. Because of the irregular shape of the property and a sewer easement that runs though the center

of the property, the Petitioners deem it necessary to locate the proposed youth activity center 3 ½ ft. from their side property line. Pastor Miller indicated at the hearing that he has discussed the construction of this new church building with the surrounding neighbors, all of whom have no objection to their plans. However, in order to proceed with the construction of the new building, the variance request is necessary.

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

Date 7/2/68

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 Petitioners, I find that the Petitioners' variance request should be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that any appeal of this decision must be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

Lustry Motroco

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

TMK:raj



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

Fax: 410-887-3468

July7, 2000

John Gontrum, Esquire 814 Eastern Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21221

> Re: Petition for Variance Case No. 00-484-A

> > Property: 171 Wiltshire Road

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

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,

Timothy M. Kotroco

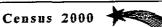
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TMK:raj Enclosure

c: Pastor Larry Miller Essex Church of God 171 Wiltshire Road Baltimore, Maryland 21221















Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 171 wiltshire Rd which is presently zoned DR 5-5

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

TO BE DISCUSSED AT HEARING

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 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 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 I and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning I and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning I. We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of

	perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:	Legal Owner(s):
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Attorney For Petitioner:	Address Telephone No. Telephone No. State Representative to be Contacted:
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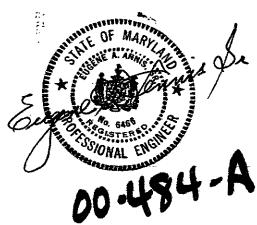
Zoning Description of the property for the Essex Church of God on the South side of Riverside Road and the East Side of Wiltshire Road whose address is 171 Wiltshire Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21221.

Case No. 00-484-A

Description:-Beginning at a point (Point of Beginning) on the South side of Riverside Road, which is 50' wide, at a distance of 104 (+/-) feet Southeasterly of the center line of the nearest improved street, Wiltshire Road, which is 50 feet wide. Thence the following courses and distances.

From the "Point of Beginning", along the Southernmost part of Riverside Road and binding along the aforesaid Southernmost line of Riverside Road, 48.71 feet in a Southeasterly direction along the arc of a curve, to the right, having a radius of 534.30 feet and reversing at said point a long chord bearing N 59° 58' 32" W for 48.70 feet to the "Point of Beginning".

Now, from "Point of Beginning", S 18° 28' 20" W for 75,59', N 56° 05' 40" for 50.00', then along the Easternmost line of Wiltshire Road 262.35 feet in a Southeasterly direction, along the arc of a curve, to the right, having a radius of 615.00 feet, then in an Easterly direction from the end of this arc, being 262.35 feet long, 11.01 feet along the arc of a curve, to the right, having a radius of 25.00 feet to the Northernmost side of the existing 16.00 foot wide Alley, then N 86° 30' 25" E for 106.48', N 3° 29' 35" W for 244.20' to the Southernmost side of Riverside Road, then along the Southernmost part of Riverside Road 104.00 feet and in a Northwesterly direction along the arc of the curve, to the left, having a radius of 534.30 feet, to the "Point of Beginning".



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RE: CASE #00-484-A
PETITIONER/DEVELOPER
(Essex Church of God)
DATE OF Hearing
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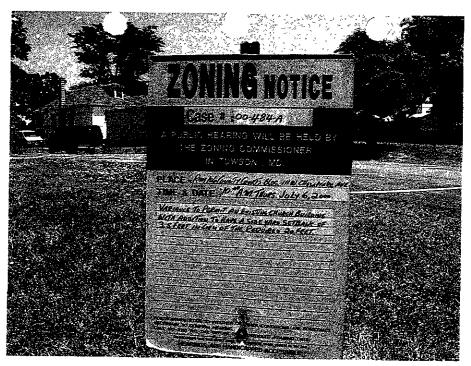
ATTENTION: MS. GWENDOLYN STEPHENS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THIS LETTER IS TO CERTIFY UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE NECESSARY SIGNS(S) REQUIRED BY LAW WERE POSTED CONSPICUOUSLY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT

.71 Wiltshire Road Baltimore, Mary	/land 21221
HE SIGN(S) WERE POSTED ON	6-20-00
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	SINCERELY,
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	325 NICHOLSON ROAD
	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21221
	410-687-8405

(TELEPHONE NUMBER)



Posted at 171 Wiltshire Road

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE 171 Wiltshire Road, S/S Riverside Road, 104' S/E of c/I Wiltshire Rd 15th Election District, 5th Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Essex Church of God Petitioner(s)

- BEFORE THE
- * ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * FOR
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 00-484-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.

All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent/ documentation filed in the case.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel

Old Courthouse, Room 47

400 Washington Avenue

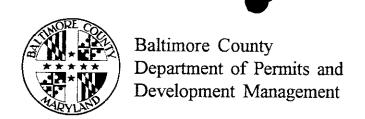
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 12TH day of June, 2000 a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Pastor Larry Miller, Essex Church of God, 171 Wiltshire Road, Baltimore, MD 21221, Petitioners.

Peter Max Timmerman PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN



June 14, 2000

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

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: 00-484-A

171 Wiltshire Road

S/S Riverside Road, 104' S/E of c/I of Wiltshire Road

15th Election District – 5th Councilmanic District

Legal Owner(s): Essex Church of God

HEARING: Thursday, July 6, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building,

111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson. MD 21204

Variance to permit an existing church building with addition to have a side yard setback of 3.5 feet in lieu of the required 20 feet.

Arnold Jablon

Director

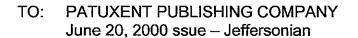
C: Essex Church of God, 171 Wiltshire Road, Baltimore, MD 21221

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY JUNE 21, 20000

(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.





Please forward billing to:
Essex Church of God
171 Wiltshire Road
Baltimore, MD 21221
410-687-3144

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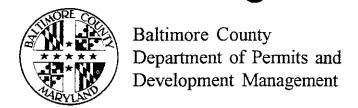
ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

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: Essex Church of God
Address or Location: 171 Wiltshire Rd Balt. MD 21221
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
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Address: 171 Wiltshire Rd
Raltimore MD 21221
Telephone Number: 410-627-3144



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

June 30, 2000

Pastor Larry Miller Essex Chruch of God 171 Wiltshire Road Baltimore MD 21221

Dear Pastor Miller:

RE: Case Number 00-484-A, 171 Wiltshire Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on 05/18/00.

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,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor

Zoning Review

WCR:rsj

Enclosures

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: July 14, 2000

Department of Permits & Development Mgmt.

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For June 5, 2000

Item Nos. 476 and 484

The Bureau of Development Plans Review did not receive plans for the aforementioned

projects.

RWB:HJO:jrb

cc: File



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

June 2, 2000

Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) County Office Building, Room 111 Mail Stop #1105 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

ATTENTION: Gwen Stephens

RE: Property Owner: ESSEX CHURCH OF GOD - 484

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF May 29, 2000

Item No.: 484

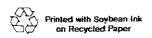
Dear Ms. Stephens:

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.

NO PLAN PROVIDED ---*NO REVIEW ***

REVIEWER: LIEUTENANT HERB TAYLOR, Fire Marshal's Office PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File



Date: June 22, 2000

То:	Arnold L. Jablon, PDM
From:	Bruce Seeley, DEPRM
Subject:	Zoning Item # 484 171 Wiltshire Road
	Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of June 12, 2000
The De	epartment of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has no ents on the above referenced zoning item.
an exte	epartment of Environmental Protection and Resource Management requests ension for the review of the above referenced zoning item to determine the to which environmental regulations apply to the site.
X The Dethe foll	epartment of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers owing comments on the above referenced zoning item:
	Development of the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains (Section 14-331 through 14-422 of the Baltimore County Code.)
	Development of this property must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations (Sections 14-401 through 14-422 of the Baltimore County Code.)
	Development of this property must comply with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Regulations (Sections 26-436 through 26-461, and other Sections, of the Baltimore County Code.)

Reviewers: Stephen Armiger Date: June 22, 2000

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: June 8, 2000

Department of Permits and

Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

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SUBJECT:

171 Wiltshire Rd.

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

484

Petitioner:

Essex Church of God

Zoning:

D.R. 5.5

Requested Action:

Variance

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Office of Planning supports the variance for an addition to have a side yard setback of 3.5 feet in lieu of the required 20 feet providing the addition is in keeping with the design and scale of the existing church.

Prepared by:

Section Chief:

AFK:MAC:

NOTE TO FILE

DATE: 5/18/00

FROM: CIOTA T. MOXLEY

INSTRUCTED APPLICANTS THAT

THE ATTORNEY WHO WILL

REPRESENT THEM AT THE HEARING

WILL INEED TO SIGN THE PETITIONS

AT THE TIME OF THE HEARING

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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner County Courts Bldg., Suite 405 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Attn:

Mr. Timothy M. Kotroco

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

Subject:

Petition for Variance

Case No.: 00-484-A

Property: 171 Wiltshire Road

Dear Mr. Kotroco

This letter is being filed with your office outlining a change in the plan which was approved under the above referenced variance. It is the belief of our office that this proposed change remains within the "spirit and intent" of the original plan.

The above variance was for a side yard setback of 3.5 ft. in leiu of the required 20 ft. The original plan reflected a building size of 40 ft. by 100 ft. The proposed revised building size is changed to 40 ft. by 110 ft. while maintaining the granted 3.5 ft. side yard setback. Refer to attached (redlined) site plan.

We believe that this falls within the "spirit and intent" of the development being originally proposed and relief granted under the variance referenced. Please acknowledge to us your agreement to our intentions.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely;

Stephen G. Annis

CC:

Pastor Larry Miller Essex Church of God 171 Wiltshire Road Baltimore, MD 21221 ESTABLISHED 1950

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PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

Name	Address	City, State	Zip Code
Lorry Miller	155 Riveride R)	Sult. Mo	21221
Gordon A. Dunn	418 Nollmeyer Rd	Balto. Mo.	21220
JEFF DHES	1211 E. Houses Ave	BACTO. MD.	21221
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		Revised	4/17/00

