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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

S/S Back River Neck Road, 135' SE of

Cape May Road

(544 Back River Neck Road)

15<sup>th</sup> Election District

5<sup>th</sup> Council District

Trustees, Back River Methodist Church Petitioners

BEFORE THE

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

<sup>k</sup> Case No. 01-078-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, the Trustees of the Back River Methodist Church, by George Wilbanks, through their attorney, Norman W. Lauenstein, Esquire. The Petitioners seek relief from Section 1B01.2.C.1.a of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a rear yard setback of 18 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet, for a proposed new sanctuary building. 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 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were George Wilbanks, a Trustee of the Back River United Methodist Church, property owners, Clyde Hinkle, with Bafitis & Associates, Inc., the engineers/surveyors, who prepared the site plan for this property, and Edward W. Lipka. Mary Gephardt, Esquire, represented the Petitioners on behalf of Mr. Lauenstein. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is an irregular shaped parcel containing a gross area of 2.44 acres, more or less, zoned D.R.3.5. The property is located immediately adjacent to the southwest corner of the intersection of Back River Neck Road and Cape May Road in Essex. The property has been the site of the Back River United Methodist Church since 1928 and is presently improved with three separate buildings, including the sanctuary/hall building, Sunday school building, and parsonage. The Petitioners propose razing the existing

sanctuary/hall building and replacing same with a new sanctuary which will be attached to the existing school building. Due to the location of the existing improvements on the property, the rear of the new building will be located within the required 30-foot setback from the rear property line. Thus, the relief requested is necessary in order to allow the proposed construction. It is to be noted that the rear yard setback is measured from the building restriction line, which is located within the interior of the site. That line is shown on the plan to divide the lot so as to provide a separate yard area for the parsonage. Thus, the improvements will be clustered within the site and the variance relief requested does not relate to any tract boundary.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the variance requested. The Petitioners presented testimony and evidence sufficient to satisfy the requirements of Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. as construed by the case law. In my judgment, the property is unique and a practical difficulty would be suffered if relief were not granted. Clearly, there will be no detrimental impact to the surrounding locale.

Although the relief will be granted, it is to be noted that a Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment was issued by the Office of Planning stating that the Landmarks Preservation Commission would be reviewing the proposal for this site at their meeting on October 12, 2000. At the hearing, the Petitioners and their representatives indicated that they had no knowledge of this meeting and they did not believe that the subject property is designated on any of the historic lists identified in Section 26-203(c)(8) of the Baltimore County Code. The Petitioners were advised to inquire of the Office of Planning as to the nature of the Commission's interest in this property. This issue does not bar the granting of a variance from the setback requirements set out above. However, in the event the building is found to be registered as a historic structure, I shall require compliance with any recommendations made by the Office of Planning and/or the Landmarks Preservation Commission to insure that the proposed construction retains the historic character of the original building. Additionally, if it is determined that special hearing relief is necessary for a waiver from the requirements of Section 26-278 of the Baltimore County Code, said relief shall be considered to be granted herein. That is, it would be inappropriate to require the Petitioners to file

another Petition when the issues regarding the historic nature of the property have been identified and addressed during the hearing.

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

- 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.
- 2) If the existing church building is found to be registered as a historic structure, the Petitioners shall comply with any recommendations made by the Office of Planning and/or the Landmarks Preservation Commission to insure that the proposed new building retains the historic character of the original structure.

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.

ZAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for

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

October 26, 2000

Norman W. Lauenstein, Esquire Mary Gephardt, Esquire 809 Eastern Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21221

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(544 Back River Neck Road)

15th Election District – 5th Council District

Trustees of the Back River Methodist Church - Petitioners

Case No. 01-078-A

Dear Mr. Lauenstein & Ms. Gephardt:

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 Department of Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

LES:bjs

cc: Mr. George Wilbanks, 100 Harborview Drive, Baltimore, Md. 21230

Mr. Clyde Hinkle, Bafitis & Assoc.

1249 Engleberth Avenue, Baltimore, Md. /21221
Office of Planning: People's Counsel: Case/File

Office of Planning; People's Counsel; Case/File



For You, For Baltimore County







# Petition for Variance

## to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 544 BACK RIVER NECK ROAD which is presently zoned DR 3.5

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)

1801.20.1a. TO PERMIT A REAR YARD OF 18' 1 IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 30'

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

EXISTING ONSITE BUILDINGS AND ARCHITECTURAL CONSIDERATIONS, INTERNAL CIRCULATION AND USE, RESTRICT BUILDING REPLACEMENT ALTERNATIVES.

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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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):

Reviewed By JNP

TRUSTEES OF THE BACK RIVER	METHODIST	CHURCH
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GEORGE WILBANKS, TRUSTEE		
Name - Type or Print		
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Signature		
544 BACK RIVER NECK ROAD		410-780-3303
Address		Telephone No
BALT'IMORE	MD	21221
City	State	Zip Coce
Representative to be Cont	tacted:	
BAFITIS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	(CLYDE	HINKLE)
Name		
1249 ENGLEBERTH ROAD		410 <u>–391–2336</u>
Address		Telephone No
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# ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 544 BACK RIVER NECK ROAD 15TH ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Beginning for the same at a point on or near the centerline of Back River Neck Road; said point being 135' ± southeasterly from the intersection of the centerlines of Cape May Road (50' foot wide) and Back River Neck Road.

Thence from said point of beginning the following nine courses and distances 1). South 55°-26'-00" West 279.91', thence 2). North 30°-58'-00" West 160.70'; thence 3). South 51°-04'-00" West 251.00'; thence 4). North 30°-58'-00" West 131.12'; thence 5). North 51°-21'-00" East 251.00'; thence 6). North 50°-56'-00" East 217.32' to the approximate centerline of Back River Neck Road, thence along or near the centerline of Back River Neck Road the three following courses and distances 7). South 41°-57'-00" East 99.00'; thence 8). South 45°-35'-00" East 49.50'; thence 9). South 42°-40'-00" East 162.00' to the point of beginning.

Containing 2.45± (106,722 s.f.) acres of land more or less.

William N. Bafitis, P.E. Md. Reg. No. 11641

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#### 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: #01-078-A
544 Back River Neck Road
5/S Back River Neck Road,
135 feet E of Cape May Road
15th Election District
5th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s): Trustees of
the Back River Methodist
Church

Variance: to permit a rear yard of 18 (+/-) feet in lieu of the required 30 feet. Hearing: Thursday, October 5, 2000 at 9:90 a.m. In Room 407, County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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

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Petitioner/Developer: JOKIES, ETAL

Date of Hearing/Closing:

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

Attention: Ms. Gwendolyn Stephens

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Sincerely.

(Signature of Sign Poster and Pate)

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(Printed Name)

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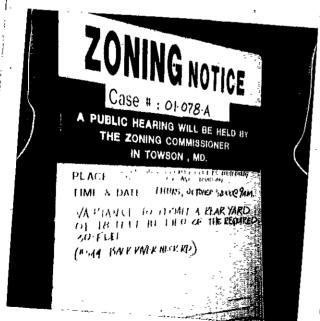
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Petitioner(s)

- BEFORE THE
- \* ZONING COMMISSIONER
- \* FOR
- BALTIMORE COUNTY
- Case No. 01-78-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.

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

CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel

Old Courthouse, Room 47

400 Washington Avenue

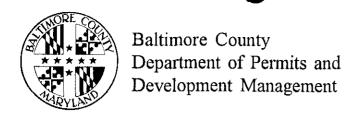
Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 13th day of September, 2000 a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Norman W. Lauenstein, Esq., 809 Eastern Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21221, attorney for Petitioner(s).

DETER MAX ZIMMERMAN



Director's Office County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-3353 Fax: 410-887-5708

September 8, 2000

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NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY: September 20, 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.

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Please forward billing to:

Mr. George Wilbanks, Trustee 544 Back River Neck Road Baltimore, MD 21221 410 780-3303

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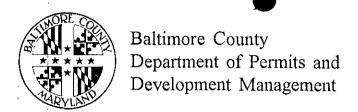
## DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

#### 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.



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

September 25, 2000

Norman W. Lauenstein 809 Eastern Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21221

Dear Mr. Lauenstein:

RE: Case Number: 01-078-A, 544 Back River Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on August 16, 2000.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several 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.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

C: Trustees of the Back River Methodist Church, George Wilbanks, Trustee, 544 Back River Road, Baltimore 21221
Bafitis & Associates, Inc., Clyde Hinkle, 1249 Engleberth Road, Baltimore 21221 People's Counsel

#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: October 3, 2000

Department of Permits & Development Mgmt.

FROM: \

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For September 18, 2000

Item Nos. 070, 071, 072, 073, 075, 078, 079, 081, 082, 085, 086, 087, 088, 089, 090, 091, 092, 093, 094, 095, 097, 098,

100, 101, 103, and 104

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

RWB:HJO:jrb

cc: File

Office of the Fire Marshal 00 East Joppa Road Towson, Maryland 21286-5500 410-887-4880

September 19, 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: AGNES L. DIXON - 076

TRUSTEES OF THE BACK RIVER METHODIST CHURCH - 078 USF FILTRATION AND SEPARATIONS GROUP, INC. - 091

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF September 11, 2000

Item No.: 076, 078, 091

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.

- 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.
- 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1994 edition prior to occupancy.

REVIEWER: LIEUTENANT HERB TAYLOR, Fire Marshal's Office

PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File

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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Dept. of Permits & Development Management

**DATE:** September 18, 2000

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

No. 544 Back River Neck Road

SEP 2 0

**INFORMATION** 

Item Number:

01-078-SPH

Petitioner:

Clyde Hinkle (representative)

Zoning:

DR 3.5

Requested Action:

Special Hearing

#### RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROPOSAL

It is anticipated that the applicant will be attending the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) meeting for advisory comments on October 12, 2000. Their comments will be forwarded promptly thereafter.

Section Chief:

Staff person completing this form:



### Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

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

Date: 10.2.00

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

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 078 JNP/JL

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.us).

Very truly yours,

P.J. Godl

for

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

