IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING \* BEFORE THE

AND VARIANCE - SW/Corner Manor Road

and Dulaney Valley Road \* ZONING COMMISSIONER

(13300 Manor Road)
11<sup>th</sup> Election District

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

6<sup>th</sup> Council District

\* Case No. 02-091-SPHA

St. Johns Lutheran Church of Blenheim Petitioner

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#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed by the owner of the subject property, St. Johns Lutheran Church of Blenheim, by Paul Wockenfuss, Trustee, through their attorney, John B. Gontrum, Esquire. The Petitioner requests a special hearing to approve an amendment to the previously approved site plan in Case No. 91-491-XA and a variance from Section 1A03.4.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an impermeable surface coverage of 22% in lieu of the maximum allowed 10% (by Code) and 17% granted in Case No. 91-491-XA. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1, and a proposed landscape plan submitted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 2.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Reverend Paul Richter, pastor of St. Johns Lutheran Church of Blenheim, property owner, Rick Richardson, the engineer who prepared the site plan for this property, and John B. Gontrum, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioner. In addition, numerous members of the congregation appeared on behalf of the Petition. Appearing as Protestants/interested persons in the matter were Charlotte Pine and Carol Shaw, representatives of the Long Green Valley Association, and their attorney, J. Carroll Holzer, Esquire.

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The subject property is an irregularly shaped parcel located on the southwest corner of Manor Road and Dulaney Valley Road, across from Hydes Road, in the Carroll Manor/Long Green community of northern Baltimore County. This is a major intersection of roads in this rural area where the predominant uses are rural/residential and agricultural in nature. Additionally, the property is located within proximity of the Loch Raven Reservoir.

The property contains approximately 5.36 acres in area, zoned R.C.4, and is improved with a two-story church, which has existed on the site since the early 1960s. The history of the property is set out in the opinion and Order issued by Deputy Zoning Commissioner Timothy M. Kotroco in prior Case No. 91-491-XA issued on September 26, 1991. To the extent applicable, the findings of fact and conclusions of law rendered therein are incorporated in this opinion. In that case, Deputy Commissioner Kotroco granted special exception and variance relief for the existing church building and accessory uses on the property. In addition, a series of variances were granted permitting additional signage and to allow an impervious surface area of 17% in lieu of the maximum allowed 10% under the R.C.4 zoning regulations for a proposed parking lot expansion.

Testimony and evidence offered in the instant case revealed that the Church proposes another expansion, which will be accomplished in two phases. Phase One of the expansion will be the construction of an addition to the rear of the existing church building. It was indicated that this expansion was necessary largely to provide additional meeting space and a hall for Church dinners and other similar activities. It is not anticipated that the hall will be leased for commercial use, but for purposes incidental to the operation of the Church, only. Phase Two will involve an addition to the front of the Church. This addition will be constructed at a later time and will ultimately increase the size of the sanctuary. In addition to the proposed expansions of the building, the site plan also shows an increased parking lot. Presently, the lot provides 75 spaces. The expanded parking lot will provide 33 more spaces, or 108 parking spaces total. As to the variance request, it was indicated that many of the Church's congregates are elderly and that the subject lot contains a significant grade. The proposed expansion will provide additional parking space on a ground level as well as accommodate many of the congregates at meetings and other Church activities.

Testimony offered by Mr. Richardson indicated that the proposed expansion would respect environmental constraints associated with this property. For example, storm water runoff is presently uncontrolled; however, as part of the proposal, the Petitioner will construct a bioretention facility at a location on the site adjacent to the parking lot, as shown on the landscape plan submitted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2. Apparently, this plan will provide management for runoff on the site to prevent pollutants from entering adjacent properties and the nearby reservoir. In this regard, Mr. Holzer, on behalf of the Long Green Valley Association, indicated that his client had entered into an agreement with the Church regarding this facility. Under this agreement, the community's environmental consultant, Richard Kline, will be provided access to the property to monitor the operation and maintenance of the bio-retention facility. Mr. Holzer believes that this represents an appropriate safeguard to the surrounding community and the Long Green Valley Association therefore does not object to the Church's proposed expansion.

In addition to the construction and monitoring of the bio-retention facility, negotiations between the Church and the community have also resulted in the requested imposition of another condition. Specifically, it is requested that the Church landscape the property substantially in accordance with the landscape plan submitted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2. This requires the planting of trees on that portion of the property that abuts Dulaney Valley Road, near its intersection with Manor Road. The parties also agreed that the trees planted will be of the fir or spruce species and not white pine. Subject to approval by the County's Landscape Architect, Mr. Avery Harden, I will adopt this agreement between the parties and require landscaping substantially in accordance with that shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 2.

Returning to the Petition for Variance, I am persuaded that relief should be granted. The uniqueness of the property in this case is its slope, which mandates an impermeable parking surface sufficient to accommodate the vehicles of the congregation. As a rural facility, the Church is not served by public transportation and nearly all congregates drive to the site. Providing additional parking in view of the proposed expansion is appropriate. Moreover, I find that the Petitioner would suffer a practical difficult if relief were denied. Finally, I find that properly

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restricted, there would be no detrimental impact to the health, safety and general welfare of the locale.

It is also to be noted that a Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment was received from Robert W. Bowling, Chief, Bureau of Development Plans Review of the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM) relative to the proposed bio-retention facility. The Petitioner will be required to comply with all requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM) regarding storm water management and the bio-retention facility. Mr. Richardson indicated that he has spoken with and received tentative oral approval from Al Wirth of DEPRM regarding the design of the bio-retention facility shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 2.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning commissioner for Baltimore County this day of November, 2001 that the Petition for Special Hearing seeking approval of an amendment to the previously approved site plan in Case No. 91-491-XA to reflect the proposed modifications, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 2, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 1A03.4.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an impermeable surface coverage of 22% in lieu of the maximum allowed 10% (by Code) and 17% granted in Case No. 91-491-XA, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 2, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

- 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) Compliance with the recommendations made within the ZAC comments submitted by the Bureau of Development Plans Review of the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM), dated

October 25, 2001, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. In addition, the Petitioner shall comply with all requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM) relative to the proposed bio-retention facility.

- 3) Prior to the issuance of any permits, the Petitioner shall submit a landscape plan for review and approval by Avery Harden, the County's Landscape Architect. Said plan shall be substantially in accordance with the plan submitted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2 and agreed to by the parties.
- 4) Pursuant to the agreement reached between the parties, the Long Green Valley community's environmental consultant, Richard Kline, will be provided access to the property to monitor the operation and maintenance of the bio-retention facility.
- 5) When applying for a building permit, the site plan and landscaping plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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

November 21, 2001

Fax: 410-887-3468

John B. Gontrum, Esquire Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin 814 Eastern Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21221

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING and VARIANCE SW/Corner Manor Road and Dulaney Valley Road, across from Hydes Road (13300 Manor Road) 11th Election District - 6th Council District St. Johns Lutheran Church of Blenheim - Petitioner Case No. 02-091-SPHA

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance have 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

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Rev. Paul Richter, St. Johns Lutheran Church of Blenheim cc: 13300 Manor Road, Long Green, Md. 21092 Mr. Rick Richardson, 730 W. Padonia Road, Cockeysville, Md. 21030 J. Carroll Holzer, Esquire, 508 Fairmount Avenue, Towson, Md. 21286 Ms. Charlotte Pine, 607 Baltimore Avenue, Towson, Md. 21204 Ms. Carol Shaw, 7 Country Hill Court, Kingsville, Md. 21087 Bureau of Development Plans Review; DEPRM; People's Counsel; Case



# Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at	13300 MANOR ROAD
which is	presently zoned R.C. 4

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 Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

to amend site plan and order in Case No.: 91-491-XA.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.
I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing, 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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# Petition for Variance

# to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 13300 MANOR ROAD

which is presently zoned R.C.

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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)

1A03.4B.3 to permit impermeable surface coverage of 22% in lieu of 10% permitted by code and 17% permitted in Case No.: 91-491-XA.

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

Required Parking can be accommodated by existing variance but the reality of increased church member vehicle use and unique soil and topography with church members creates a practical difficulty of providing unpaved parking.

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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# ZONING DESCRIPTION ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 13300 MANOR ROAD 11TH ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at a point on the west side of Manor Road at the intersection of Dulaney Valley Road; for the following courses and distances: (1) South 09 degrees 17 minutes 54 seconds East 407.00 feet, (2) by a curve to the left of a radius of 2385.00 feet and a length of 157.57 feet, (3) South 13 degrees 05 minutes 01 seconds East 20.00 feet, (4) South 76 degrees 54 minutes 59 seconds West 387.76 feet, (5) North 19 degrees 53 minutes 40 seconds West 110.99 feet, (6) North 05 degrees 21 minutes 28 seconds West 495.70 feet, (7) by a curve to the left of a radius of 704.04 feet and a length of 90.41 feet, (8) North 60 degrees 00 minutes 39 seconds East 50.49, (9) by a curve to the right of a radius of 250.00 feet and a length of 90.28 feet, (10) North 80 degrees 42 minutes 06 seconds East 121.78 feet, (11) by a curve to the right of a radius of 25.00 feet and a length of 39.27 feet, to the place of beginning as recorded in the land records in Liber 3239 folio 146. Being lots 5 and 6 of Dulaney Hills recorded in plat book 20 folio 59 in the land records of Baltimore County.

Containing 5.36 acres of land, more or less.



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#### NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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Case: #02-091-SPHA
12300 Many Road

13300 Manor Road
SW/Cor. Manor & Dulaney Valley Roads
11th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s): Paul Wockenfuss, Trustee, St. Johns
Lutheran Church of Blenheim
Variance: to permit impermeable surface coverage of 22%
in lieu of 10% permitted and 17% permitted in Case No.
91-491-XA. Special Hearing: to amend site plan and order
in Case No. 91-491-XA.
Hearing: Monday, October 22, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. in
Room 407; County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

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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.

(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

RE Case No 02-091-SPHA Petitioner/Developer: ST, JOHN S LUTH. ETAL JOHN GONTRUM, ESQ

Date of Hearing/Closing 10/22/0/

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

Attention. Ms. Gwendolyn Stephens / GEORGE ZAHNER

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 # 13300 MANOR

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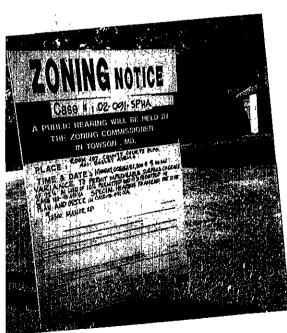
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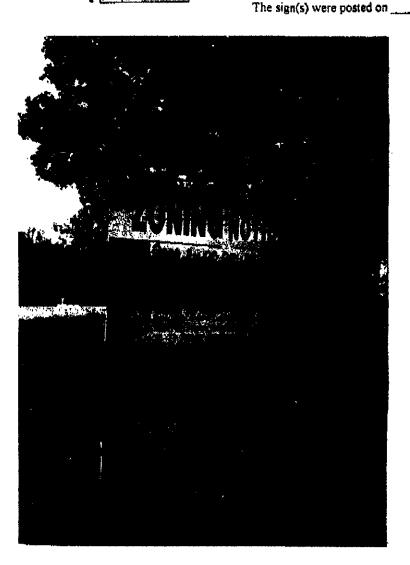
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Sincerely,



(Signature of Sign Poster and Date) PATRICK M. O'KEEFE (Printed Name) 523 PENNY LANE (Address) HUNT VALLEY, MD. 21030 (City, State, Zip Code) 410-666:5366 ; CELL: 410-905-8571 (Telephone Number)

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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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SW/Cor. Manor & Dulaney Valley Roads

11<sup>th</sup> Election District – 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Legal Owner: Paul Wockenfuss, Trustee, St Johns Lutheran Church of Blenheim

<u>Variance</u> to permit impermeable surface coverage of 22% in lieu of 10% permitted and 17% permitted in Case No. 91-491-XA. <u>Special Hearing</u> to amend site plan and order in Case No. 91-491-XA.

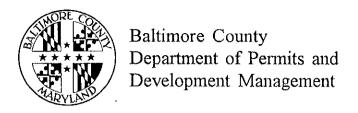
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Building, 401 Bosley Avenue

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT GDZ ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS, 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 410-887-3391.



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

Fax: 410-887-5708

September 27, 2001

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13300 Manor Road

SW/Cor. Manor & Dulaney Valley Roads 11<sup>th</sup> Election District – 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

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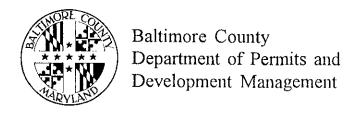
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C: John B Gontrum, Romadka Gontrum & McLaughlin, 814 Eastern Blvd, Baltimore 21221 Paul Wockenfuss, St. Johns Lutheran Church of Blenheim, 13300 Manor Road. Long Green 21092

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2001.

(2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.

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October 22, 2001

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HEARING: Friday, November 16, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts

Building, 401 Bosley Avenue

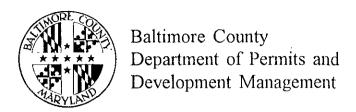
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Paul Wockenfuss, St. Johns Lutheran Church of Blenheim, 13300 Manor Road, Long Green 21092
J. Carroll Holzer, Holzer & Lee, The 508 Fairmount Building, 508 Fairmount Avenue, Towson 21286

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2001

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

November 9, 2001

John B Gontrum Romadka Gontrum & McLaughlin 814 Eastern Boulevard Baltimore MD 21221

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

RE: Case Number: 02-091-A, 13300 Manor Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on September 4, 2001.

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.

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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**Enclosures** 

c: Paul Wockenfuss, St. Johns Lutheran Church of Blenheim, 13300 Manor Road, Long Green 21092 People's Counsel

#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: October 25, 2001

Department of Permits & Development Mgmt.

**FROM:** Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

**SUBJECT:** Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For October 1, 2001 Item No. 091

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning item.

The developer must provide necessary drainage facilities (temporary or permanent) to prevent creating any nuisances or damages to adjacent properties, especially by the concentration of surface waters. Correction of any problem which may result due to improper grading or improper installation of drainage facilities will be the full responsibility of the developer.

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

September 27, 2001

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: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

Item No.: See Below

Dear Ms. Stephens:

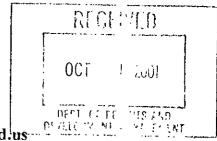
Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

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

086, 087, 088, 089, 090, 091, 092, 093, 094, 095, 096, 097, 098, 099, AND 100

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

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#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

TO:

Arnold Jablon

FROM:

Todd Taylor

DATE:

11/9/01

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item 91

Address

13300 Manor Road

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of September 24, 2001

The purpose of RC-4 is to protect drinking water for 1.8 million users of the metropolitan areas drinking supply. The 10% threshold is an important threshold used to maintain the protection of the water supply. If the variance is granted, the church should be required to redesign the parking facility to provide for greater water quality treatment and/or plant other portions of property to mitigate impacts.

Reviewer:

Wally Lippincott

Date: 11/9/01

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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

**DATE:** October 17, 2001

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

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**SUBJECT:** 

13300 Manor Road

**INFORMATION:** 

**Item Number:** 

02-091

**Petitioner:** 

St. Johns Lutheran Church of Blenheim

Zoning:

RC4

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**Requested Action:** 

Special Hearing/Variance

#### **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Office of Planning defers to any comments made by the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management regarding the variance request to allow an impervious area of 22%. However, the petitioner should submit a landscape plan to the County Landscape Architect, Avery Harden for review and approval prior to the issuance of any building permits.

Prepared by:

**Section Chief:** 

AFK:MAC:



## Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Parris N. Glendening Governor

John D. Porcari Secretary

Parker F. Williams Administrator

Date: 10.1.01

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

RE:

**Baltimore County** 

Item No. 291

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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 (Igredlein@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

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

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING PETITION FOR VARIANCE 13300 Manor Road, SW Corner Manor & Dulaney Valley Rds 11th Election District, 6th Councilmanic

Legal Owner: St. John's Lutheran Church of Blenheim Petitioner(s)

\* BEFORE THE

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

\* FOR

\* BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 02-91-SPHA

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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 Zimmernan
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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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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 2nd day of October, 2001 a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to John B. Gontrum, Esq., Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin, 814 Eastern Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21221, attorney for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

#### ROMADKA, GONTRUM & McLAUGHLIN

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#### FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

DATE:

October 23, 2001

SEND TO:

ATTN: GEORGE

FAX #:

410-887-2824

FROM:

JOHN GONTRUM

DOCUMENT(S) BEING SENT:

**LETTER DATED 10/22/01** 

CLIENT/FILE NO.:

ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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CASE NO.: 02-091-SPHA

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Hard copy of transmitted document(s) will follow in the mail.

#### **MESSAGE**

GEORGE:

MR. GONTRUM ASKED IF YOU WOULD NOTIFY THE OTHERSIDE THAT IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PUT UP NEW SIGN.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL.

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October 22, 2001

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Baltimore County Dept. of Permits and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Case Number: 02-091-SPHA

13300 Manor Road

SW/Cor. Manor & Dulaney Valley Roads Legal Owner: Paul Wockenfuss, Trustee, St. Johns Lutheran Church of Blenheim

RG&M File Name: St. Johns Lutheran Church of Blenheim

RG&M File No.: 21.3015

Dear Mr. Jablon:

Please be advised that November 16, 2001 is an agreed upon a date by both parties regarding the above captioned matter.

The hearing which was postponed was originally scheduled for October 22, 2001.

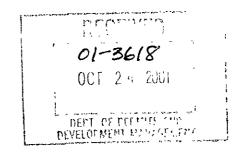
If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

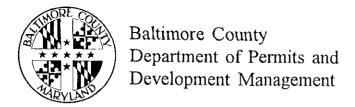
Very truly yours

John B. Gontrum

JBG/jmh

cc: Rick Richardson, Eng.
Carroll Holzer, Esq.
Paul Wockenfuss
Terry Taylor, Total Construction





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

Fax: 410-887-5708

October 22, 2001

J. Carroll Holzer Holzer & Lee The 508 Building 508 Fairmount Avenue Towson MD 21286

Dear Mr. Holzer:

RE: Case Number: 02-092-SPHA, 13300 Manor Road

The above matter, previously scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts Building, has been postponed at your request. Once the hearing has been rescheduled you will be notified by mail.

Please be advised that, as the individual requesting and receiving the postponement, the responsibility and costs associated with the appropriate posting of the property now lies with you. The petitioner or his/her agent may not personally post or change a zoning sign. One of the currently approved vendors/posters must be contacted to do so. If the property has been posted with notice of the original hearing date, as quickly as possible a notice of the new hearing date should be affixed to the sign(s).

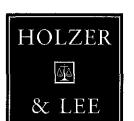
Very truly yours,

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Director

AJ: gdz

C: John B. Gontrum, Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin, 814 Eastern Blvd, Baltimore 21221
Paul Wockenfuss, St. Johns Church of Blenheim, 13300 Manor Road, Long Green 21092



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October 16, 2001

#### HAND DELIVERED

Arnold Jablon, Director Permits and Development Management County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> Re: Petition for Special Hearing & Variance Case No. 02-091-SPHA St. John's Lutherna Church

Dear Mr. Jablon:

When I returned from a week's vacation on Monday, October 15, 2001, I was requested by the Long Green Valley Association along with several individuals to represent them in a hearing in Case No. 02-191-SPHA scheduled for October 22, 2001. Because I am not familiar with the Petition and requested relief, I herewith enter my appearance on behalf of the Long Green Valley Association, President Charlotte Pine and Denise McCloskey and respectfully request that the hearing on October 22, 2001 be postponed until a mutually convenient date.

I will be glad to work with PDM and other counsel in arriving at a date satisfactory. To my knowledge, there has been no other requested postponement in this case. If you have any questions please call me at 410-825-6961

questions, please call me at 410-825-6961.

Very truly yours,

J. Carroll Holzer

JCH:clh

cc: People's Counsel for Baltimore County
Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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#### PETITIONER(S) SIGN-IN SHEET

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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION Petition for Zoning Variance SWC Manor and Dulaney Valley Road & Land & La (13300 Manor Road) 11th Election District 6th Councilmanic District

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St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran \*\*\* Church of Blenheim

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DEPUTY ZONING

COMMISSIONER OF

BALTIMORE\_COUNTY

Case No. 91-491-XA

# PINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioner herein requests a variance to permit more than ten percent (10%) of a lot in an RC-4 zone to be covered by an impermeable surface (proposing to increase existing coverage of 13% of net to 17% of net) to permit an existing church to be located; 84 from the center line of the street in lieu of the required 100 and a between building separation of 22 in lieuzof the required 100' for the existing church and bell tower, to permit a vehicular travelway to have direct access to off-street parking, and to permit two church signs with a total square footage of 50' in lieu of the permitted one sign with a maximum permitted 30 square feet all as more particularly described in Petitioner's Exhibit 1. addition, Petitioner requests a special exception to permit operation of a church and its accessory uses in an RC-4 zone.

The Petitioner was represented by Kenneth F. Spence, III. And the state of the second state of the second Also appearing on behalf of the Petitioner was Joseph Bourdon, David Ransone, and Charles H. Foelber. There were no protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 13300 Manor Road, consists of approximately 6.34 acres zoned RC-4,

and is improved with a two-story church and detached bell tower.

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The church has been in existence and in operation since the early 1960's.

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The Petitioner is desirous for constructing a proposed parking lot addition, as indicated on Exhibit 1, which is proposed to be constructed with impermeable materials, and which would increase the existing coverage of 13% of the net area of the subject lot to 17% of the net area of the lot. The Petitioner desires to increase the size of the parking lot because during most services and always at special church services, the lot is full and automobiles often are forced to park on the church lawn and the lawn along the shoulder of Manor Road. In addition, during inclement weather, this situation creates a hardship to the churchgoers and creates a traffic hazard on Manor Road The Petitioners disordesire the remaining three variances, listed herein, to validate non-conforming uses which presently exist (and which have existed since the early 1960's) at the subject property.

The Petitioner's testimony as to the requested area variances and the requirements set forth under Sections 1AC3.4.B.4 and Section 102.2, Section 409.4 and Section 413.1.B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR), indicate the subject property meets the conditions set forth therein. However, Petitioner's request for a variance as to coverage to permit an increase in the coverage of the lot by an impermeable surface necessitates further review.

> The Office of Planning submitted comments dated August 6, 1991, a copy of which is attached hereto, indicating that they are

opposed to the variance as to coverage, opining that the requested variance "conflicts with the purpose and intent of Section 1A03".

The Office of Planning recommended that the Petitioner amend the plan to indicate that the new parking area will be constructed with porous pavement per the approval of the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management ("DEPRM"). DEPRM, Division of Ground Water Management, also submitted comments dated June 25, 1991, a copy of which is also attached hereto. Those comments did not raise any concerns regarding the use of impermeable materials or the proposed increase of coverage of the lot with an impermeable surface.

Testimony at the hearing indicated that Petitioner had numerous concerns relating to the use of porous pavement for the proposed parking lot expansion, as recommended by the Office of Planning

Accordingly, it was determined at the hearing that

Petitioner would further discuss the matter with DEPRM, to obtain

the approval of DEPRM as to the type of material to be used in

Connection with the construction of the proposed parking lot

addition.

Accordingly, the Petitioner's testimony as to the requested variance as to coverage indicates that so long as the Petitioner's proposed parking lot addition and the method and materials of construction are approved by DEPRM, then the proposed construction meets the conditions set forth in Section 1A03.4.B.5 as to coverage. A variance may be granted where strict application

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- 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 the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district, or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and
- the spirit of the ordinance will be observed we the public ordinance will be observed we the public ordinance and we fare secured.

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It is clear from the testimony that if the variances are granted, as modified with respect to the variance of coverage as provided herein, such use as proposed would not be contrary to the spirit of BCZR. Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, the relief requested will not result in any detriment to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding community.

With respect to the special exception requested by the Petitioner, it is also clear from the testimony and evidence presented, that the operation of a church and its accessory uses on this lot will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general

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welfare of the area, create congestions in roads, streets or alleys, create a potential hazard from fire, panic or other that dangers, overcrowd land and cause undue concentration of population, interfere with adequate provisions for schools, parks, water, sewerage, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences or improvements, interfere with adequate light and air, be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of BCZR, or be inconsistent with the impermeable surface and vegetative retention provisions of BCZR.

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Pursuant to the advertisement, posting the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held and for the reasons given above, the variances requested are hereby granted and the special exception requested is hereby granted.

Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of September.

1991, that the Petition for Zoning Variance to permit an existing church to be located 84' from the centerline of a street in lieu of the required 100' and a between building separation of 22' in lieu of the required 100' for the existing church and bell tower, to permit a vehicular travelway to have direct access to off-street parking, and to permit two church signs with a total square footage of 50' in lieu of the permitted one sign with the maximum permitted 30 square feet, in accordance with the Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a variance to permit more than ten percent (10%) of a lot in an RC-4 zone to be covered by

impermeable surfaces, as a result of a proposed parking lot addition which would increase existing coverage 13% of net to 17% of net, in hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the restriction that the surface materials used for construction of the proposed parking lot addition shall be approved by DEPRM; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Petitioner's request for a special exception to use the subject property for a church and its accessory uses in an RC-4 zone per Section 1A03.3.B.3 be and is hereby GRANTED.

TIMOTHY M/ KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner Co-/Baltimore County

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