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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE S/S Forge Road, 1900' SE of the c/l Cross Road (4713A, B & C Forge Road)

11th Election District 6th Council District

Melvin Guy Petitioner

- * BEFORE THE
- * ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 02-108-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 owner of the subject property, Melvin Guy. The Petitioner seeks relief from Sections 259.9.C.1.a and 259.9.C.1.b of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit the minor subdivision of the subject property, zoned D.R.3.5H and located in the Honeygo District, with create three single family dwelling lots, all of which will share a panhandle driveway. The regulations cited above permit panhandle lots in the Honeygo District only on land zoned D.R.1 and only two lots may share a single driveway. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were James Guy, the son of Melvin Guy, property owner; Dwight Little, the engineer who prepared the site plan for this property; and, Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire, attorney for the Petitioner. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

This most interesting case presents a number of difficult issues for consideration. The subject property is an irregular shaped parcel located on the south side of Forge Road not far from Cross Road in the Honeygo District of Perry Hall. The property contains a gross area of 3.23 acres, more or less, zoned D.R.3.5 H and is presently vacant. The Petitioner proposes to subdivide the property to create three lots and provide access to each by way of a shared panhandle driveway

off of Forge Road. As shown on the site plan, the property is shaped somewhat like an upside down "T", with the stem of same a narrow strip approximately 45 feet wide by 307 feet deep, which provides the property's frontage on Forge Road. That is, the property only has 45 feet of frontage on Forge Road. The majority of the property (the cross part of the "T") is located to the rear of the properties known as 4711, 4713, 4715, 4717 and 4801 Forge Road.

As is well-settled, the Honeygo District is a designated growth area in Perry Hall. The regulations for the H-District include a number of stringent requirements to assure high quality development. As noted above, the Petitioner proposes a minor subdivision of the property to create three single family lots which are to be served by a single panhandle driveway leading from Forge Road through the above described narrow strip to the developable portion of the site. As more particularly shown on the site plan, proposed Lot 1 will be 1.099 acres in area; proposed Lot 2, which abuts Lot 1 on the east side and Lot 3 on its west side, will be .843 acres in area; and, Lot 3 will be 1.239 acres in area.

In support of the request, Mr. James Guy testified as to the significant efforts he made in formulating the proposed development. He indicated that he contacted a number of County reviewing agencies before preparing the subject plan to assure that same was feasible and would be endorsed by those agencies. For example, the rear of the property abuts a substantial subdivision known as Perry Hall Farms. Mr. Guy made arrangements to extend an existing sewer line serving that subdivision into the subject site, and has, in fact, completed that connection. The availability of sewer is an issue requiring significant review and authorization under the Honeygo regulations (see Section 259.7 of the B.C.Z.R.).

Additionally, Mr. Guy contacted the Office of Planning prior to the formulation of his subdivision plan. In this regard, he testified that the Office of Planning indicated at that time that they would not oppose his proposal if certain conditions were met. Specifically, the Office of Planning indicated the proposed subdivision should be limited to not more than 3 houses, significantly less than the 11 permitted under the property's D.R.3.5 zoning classification and its acreage. Moreover, the Office of Planning advised Mr. Guy that the proposed homes need be

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oriented so as to not face the rear of those dwellings that front on Forge Road. Thus, the Petitioner prepared his plan in accordance with those comments and submitted same for minor subdivision approval under Project No. 01-69M; however, a decision on the minor subdivision will not be made until after this case is decided.

A preliminary issue in this case is whether the Zoning Commissioner is authorized to grant variances from the requirements of Sections 259.9.C.1.a and b of the B.C.Z.R. As is well-settled, the Zoning Commissioner can grant a variance from bulk and area regulations of the B.C.Z.R. (see Section 26-127 of the Baltimore County Code and Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R.); however, the Zoning Commissioner does not have the authority to grant use variances. It is clear that the language of Section 259.9.C.1.b of the B.C.Z.R., which provides that no more than two lots may share a single panhandle driveway, is in the nature of an area or bulk standard and therefore may be varied. The requirement that the underlying zoning of the property be D.R.1 as set out in Section 259.9.C.1.a of the B.C.Z.R. is a different type restriction. In examining this issue, it is clear that the relief sought is not a request for the approval of a use that is not permitted in the D.R.1 zone. Single family dwellings are permitted uses by right in the D.R.1 zone, and certainly allowed in the Honeygo District. Moreover, Section 259.9.C of the B.C.Z.R. is labeled as a "building and site design standard." Based upon these factors, I find that the relief sought may be properly considered by this Zoning Commissioner.

Regulations governing panhandle driveways are also found in Section 26-266 of the Baltimore County Code. That Section falls within Division IV of the Development Regulations which set out general design standards and requirements. Although the Zoning Commissioner may waive the requirements contained within Division IV of the Development Regulations, pursuant to Sections 26-171 and 26-172 of the Code, there is no waiver requested here. Apparently, the Petitioner believes that the requirements set out in Section 26-266 of the Code are or will be met, insofar as the proposed panhandle driveway is concerned. It is indeed clear that those requirements must be met in that no waiver has been requested, nor will same be granted within this case.

It is to be noted that Section 26-266 of the Code mandates panhandle lots and driveways are permitted only to achieve better use of irregularly shaped parcels, to avoid development in environmentally sensitive areas, and to provide access to interior lots where a public road is neither feasible nor desirable. In considering whether these criteria are applicable in this case, the history of the subject property need be reviewed.

The subject property was originally part of a larger tract acquired by the Guy family a number of years ago. The Petitioner submitted a copy of the deed recorded in the Land Records of Baltimore County at Liber 4616, Folio 149 and dated April 27, 1966. That deed shows that James Guy's grandparents, Melvin R. Guy, Sr., and his wife, Aloyse E. Guy, acquired the subject parcel (3.23 acres) as part of a larger tract (5.061 acres) from Joseph H. Volz and his wife, Mary A. Volz. Several years later, the senior Mr. & Mrs. Guy conveyed a portion of that property (4.35 acres) to their son, Melvin R. Guy, Jr., and his wife, Patricia Lynn Guy, by deed dated April 23, 1969 at Liber 4988, Page 302. The senior Mr. & Mrs. Guy retained .711 acres, which was ultimately developed with a single family dwelling shown on the site plan as 4715 Forge Road. Melvin Guy, Jr. and his wife eventually acquired that parcel as an inheritance when the senior Mr. & Mrs. Guy passed away. That property abuts the eastern property line of the proposed panhandle strip.

After their acquisition of the 4.35 acres, the junior Mr. & Mrs. Guy later conveyed, by deed at Liber 5199, Page 657, dated July 1, 1971, a 1.12-acre tract to Wayne A. Teubner and his wife, Susan L. Teubner. The reason behind this subdivision and conveyance is of note. Apparently, Melvin Guy, Jr. worked for the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in the early 1970s. At that time, his parents were still alive and resided at 4715 Forge Road, the .711 acre parcel which was later acquired by Mr. Guy by inheritance. In any event, Mr. Guy, Jr. was transferred by his employer to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and in order to obtain funds necessary to buy a house in Pennsylvania, he subdivided a portion of the 4.35 acre parcel he had acquired from his parents. Specifically, he sold the 1.12-acre parcel to Mr. & Mrs. Teubner. That parcel was ultimately conveyed to Lawrence A. Wheeler and is shown on the site plan as being located on the west side of the strip where the panhandle driveway will be located. A single family dwelling was ultimately constructed thereon.

As noted above, the history of these subdivisions is significant as it explains the current T-shape of the subject property. It is also to be noted that several of these subdivisions occurred prior to the adoption of County Council Bill No. 100, which was passed on August 5, 1970 and made effective on September 17, 1970, and referenced with the adoption of the zoning maps on March 31, 1971.

Based upon this history, it is clear that the subject parcel is indeed irregularly shaped. Thus, the one requirement under Section 26-266 that panhandle lots are permitted only to achieve better use of irregularly shaped parcels is clearly met. Additionally, it is obvious that it would be inappropriate to construct a public road through the strip to serve the three lots proposed. Such a road would adversely impact adjacent properties and is certainly not necessary to serve only three dwellings. Thus, the second requirement of Section 26-266 that panhandles be provided only to provide access to interior lots where a public road is neither feasible nor desirable is also met. I easily find that it is neither practical nor feasible or desirable to construct a public road within the strip of the property, between the lots known as 4713 and 4715 Forge Road.

The final requirement under Section 26-266 of the Code is that panhandle lots are permitted only to avoid development in environmentally sensitive areas. Testimony and evidence offered at the hearing by Mr. Little is that this requirement is also met. There was no contrary evidence offered. It is evident that there are no floodplains or wetlands within the area of the panhandle driveway. However the property does appear to be wooded and thus could be considered environmentally sensitive. Moreover, the construction of a public road would require a larger area of macadam than the panhandle drive, which would alter the amount of impervious surface on this property. Thus, it is clear that the criteria of Section 26-266 of the Code have been met. Again, as noted above, there is no waiver requested from any of the requirements contained therein.

Turning to the requirements set out in Section 259.9.C of the B.C.Z.R., variance relief can be granted only if strict adherence to the requirements of Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. are met. That Section has been construed by the Court of Special Appeals in <u>Cromwell v. Ward</u>, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995). Essentially, Section 307 and the case law requires that variance relief can be

granted only upon a showing that the subject property is unique and that such uniqueness drives the need for the variance. Moreover, relief can be granted only if a practical difficulty would result. Finally, it must be shown that there will be no detrimental impact on surrounding properties.

For the reasons discussed above, it is obvious that the subject property is unique. The shape of the property is quite unusual in terms of its narrow strip leading from Forge Road to a wider body encompassing the rear of the parcel. The physical characteristics of this property, most specifically, its configuration, leads to the conclusion that it is unique. I also find that a grant of the variance would not cause adverse impacts on surrounding properties. To the contrary, this is one of those unusual cases where strict adherence with the regulations would adversely impact adjacent properties, far more than if the variance were granted. That is, it is clear that the Petitioners could construct a public road from Forge Road to the interior of the lot in order to provide vehicular access to those lots. However, the construction of a public road would result in more impervious surface and would cause a greater detrimental impact on neighboring properties than the construction of the panhandle drive.

Finally, as to the practical difficulty test, I am persuaded that the Petitioner has met that requirement. It is particularly significant here that the density yield of the property is 11 units. The Petitioner proposes only 3 units, far less than that allowed given the size of the property and its density. Moreover, the lots are all over 30,000 sq.ft. in area, and are as large, if not larger, than other lots in the area. This is not an instance where the property owner is seeking maximum development of a given property, which might be inconsistent with surrounding properties. In this regard, I concur with the recommendations originally made by the Office of Planning, that a panhandle driveway is appropriate here, for so long as development is limited to three houses and those houses are oriented on the lots so as to not detrimentally impact existing properties.

For all of these reasons I will grant the Petition for Variance. Although I am cognizant of the strict design requirements imposed by the Honeygo regulations, this property is indeed unique and the issue presented here is unusual. In my judgment the Petitioners' proposal represents a well thought out scheme of development for this irregularly shaped parcel and should therefore be approved. Obviously, this ruling is without prejudice to the Petitioner or the reviewing

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agencies of Baltimore County as it relates to the minor subdivision process. The Petitioner must satisfy the development review requirements codified in Title 26 of the Baltimore County Code. The relief granted herein is limited only to a variance from Sections 259.9.C.1a and b of the B.C.Z.R.

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.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of November, 2001 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Sections 259.9.C.1.a and 259.9.C.1.b of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit three panhandle lots in the Honeygo District on land zoned D.R.3.5H, and to permit those lots to share one panhandle driveway, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, 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) The relief granted herein is limited only to a variance from Sections 259.9.C.1a and b of the B.C.Z.R. to permit three panhandle lots sharing one driveway on the subject property zoned D.R.3.5H.

3) The dwellings on the three lots shall be oriented in such a manner so as to not adversely impact the existing dwellings on Forge Road.

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 Fax: 410-887-3468

November 21, 2001

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Levin & Gann 502 Washington Avenue, 8th Floor Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
S/S Forge Road, 1900' SE of the c/l Cross Road
(4713A, B & C Forge Road)
11th Election District — 6th Council District
Melvin Guy - Petitioner
Case No. 02-108-A

Dear Mr. Alderman:

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

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cc: Mr. Melvin Guy

995 W. Macada Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Mr. James Guy

4715 Forge Road, Perry Hall, Md. 21128

Mr. Dwight Little, Little & Associates, Inc./

1045 Taylor Avenue, suite 101, Towson/Md. 21286

Office of Planning; People's Counsel; Care File



Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County
for the property located at 47.13 A Forge Road 47.13 A BEG FORGE ROAD
which is presently zoned DR 3.5 H

Telephone No. 21286

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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) 259.9. C.1. b (BCZR) to permit panhantle 251.9.C.1.a & 259.9.C.1.b (BCZR) to permit panhantle lots Twhere the underlying zoning of the land is "not" D.R. I and where "more than two" lots (3 share a driveway. The variance relief requested is to allow tots with panhantles which the above stated sections do not permit. If determined that the above soctions apply of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: Undicate hardship or practical difficulty) Due to the limited lot frontage to Forge Road, panhandle strips are needed. Without panhandles, this site cannot be subdivided.	lots) Crz
Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations. 1, 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 perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

Legal Owner(s):

Melvin Guy

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			Bethlehem,	PA	18017
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ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR "THE GUY PROPERTY" PARCEL 476 FORGE ROAD 11th ELECTION DISTRICT, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD GEN COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

Beginning at a point in the center of Forge Road at the distance of 1900 feet southeast of the centerline of Cross Road, thence (1) South 74 degrees 57 minutes 08 seconds East 45.00 feet; (2) South 15 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds West 312.00 feet; (3) South 75 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds East 224.81 feet; (4) South 44 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds West 246.76 feet; (5) North 71 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds West 490.05 feet; (6) North 12 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds East 313.63 feet; (7) North 89 degrees 44 minutes 04 seconds East 105.08 feet; (8) South 13 degrees 01 minutes 47 seconds West 155.79 feet; (9) South 75 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds East 147.22 feet; and (10) North 15 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds East 312.00 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of that property described in a deed dated April 23, 1969 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber 4988 folio 302, containing 3.23 acres of land, more or less.

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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 <u>Towson</u>, <u>Maryland</u> on the property identified herein as follows:

Case: #02-108-A

4713 A B & C Forge Road SW/S of Forge Road, 1900' SE of Cross Road 11th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District

Legal Owner(s): Melvin Guy

Variance: to permit panhandle lots in a minor subdivision in the Honeygo District where the underlying zoning of the land is "not" D.R.1 and where "more than two" lots (3 lots) share a driveway. The variance relief requested is to allow lots with panhandles which the above stated sections do not permit. If determined that the above sections anniv.

Hearing: Thursday, November 8, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. In Room 407, County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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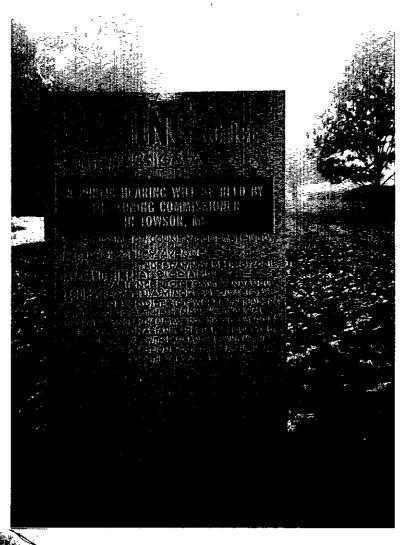
(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

10/25/,2001
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once in each ofsuccessive weeks, the first publication appearing
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CERTIFICATE POSTING

	RE: Case No.: 07-108-14
	Petitioner/Developer:
	MR. MELVIN GUY
	Date of Hearing/Closing: 11-8-01
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:	
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The sign(s) were posted on Oct. 7	23, 2001 (Month, Day, Year)
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·	BALTIM DRE, MD, 21227 (City, State, Zip Code)
	(410) 242-4263 (Telephone Number)

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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Name:	Melvin Guy
Address: _	995 W Macada Road
_	Bethlehem, PA 18017
Telephone	Number: 410 529-9128

TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Tuesday, October 23, 2001 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

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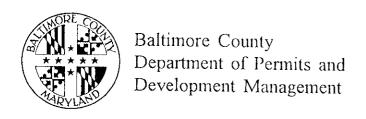
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Building, 401 Bosley Avenue

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT GDZ ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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(2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AN D/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

October 11, 2001

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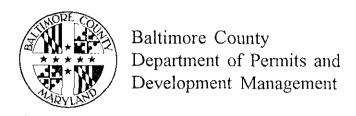
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C: Melvin Guy, 995 W Macada Road, Bethlehem PA 18017 Chuck Merritt, Little & Associates Inc, 1045 Taylor Ave, Ste 101, Towson 21286

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2001.

(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.



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

October 2, 2001

Melvin Guy 995 W Macada Road Bethlehem PA 18017

Dear Mr. Guy:

RE: Case Number: 02-108-A, 4713 A B & C Forge Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on September 13, 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.

Very truly yours,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Gらて Supervisor, Zoning Review

W. Carl Richards, In.

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Enclosures

c: Chuck Merritt, Little & Associates Inc, 1045 Taylor Avenue, Suite 101, Towson 21286
People's Counsel

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: October 16, 2001

Department of Permits & Development Mgmt.

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For October 8, 2001

Item Nos. 082, 101, 104, 105, 107, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115,

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor Bureau of Development Plans Review

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

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

October 15, 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: Melvin Guy - 108

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF October 1, 2001

Item No.: 108

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.

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

cc: File

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DATE: October 12, 2001

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

4713 Forge Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

02-108

Petitioner:

Melvin Guy

Zoning:

DR 3.5H

Requested Action:

Variance

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Per Section 259.9.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulation (Honeygo Regulations) panhandle lots are not permitted unless:

- a) The underlying zoning of the land is D.R. 1;
- b) No more than two lots share a driveway; and,
- c) Lots exceed 30,000 square feet in area.

The Office of Planning has determined that the petitioner does not meet the criteria sated in the Honeygo Regulations in that the subject property is zoned DR 3.5H, and three (3) lots are proposed to share a single driveway.

Additionally, Panhandle lots are not a matter of right. Section 26-266 of the Baltimore County Code (BCC) states: "Panhandle lots may only be permitted to (1) achieve better use of irregularly shaped parcels, (2) avoid development in environmentally sensitive areas, and to (3) provide access to interior lots where a public road is neither desirable or feasible. Panhandle lots may be permitted only where such lots would not be detrimental to adjacent properties and would not conflict with efforts to provide for public safety and general welfare."

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The Office of Planning has further determined that while the lot might be irregular in shape, there are no environmentally sensitive areas germane to the subject property. Furthermore, the petitioner may construct a public/private road to serve the subject site. Planning staff is also concerned that the proposed development may be a creeping subdivision.

Taking into consideration all of the above, this office recommends that the request be **DENIED**.

Prepared by:

Section Chief:

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Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Parris N Glendening Governor John D Porcari Secretary

Parker F. Williams Administrator

Date: 10.5.01

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

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 108

LTM

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,

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

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
4713 A B & C Forge Road, SW/S Forge Rd,
1900' SE of Cross Rd
11th Election District, 6th Councilmanic

Legal Owner: Melvin Guy Petitioner(s) BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* FOR

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 02-108-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

Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 31st day of October, 2001 a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Chuck Merritt, Little & Associates, Inc., 1045 Taylor Avenue, Suite 101, Towson, MD 21286, representative for Petitioners.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

NOTE TO FILE

DATE: September 13, 2001

TO: Zoning Commissioner

Jeffrey Perlow, Planner II FROM:

Zoning Review

02-108-XA (4713 A, B & C Forge Road) RE:

Melvin Guv-Petitioner

The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) specifically exempt Minor Subdivisions from the provisions of Subsections 259.4, 259.5, 259.6, and 259.7 of the Honeygo Area regulations. However, the BCZR is silent in regard to Minor Subdivision exemptions from Subsection 259.9 relating to Honeygo Area development standards.

In the past, this office exempted Minor Subdivisions from "all" subsections of the Honeygo Area regulations. Confirmation of our position might eliminate the need for any future Minor Subdivision variance petitions that relate to Subsection 259.9 of the Honeygo Area regulations. (i.e., variances from the Honeygo Area development standards). We would appreciate any clarification that you can provide regarding the BCZR silence in regards to Minor Subdivision exemptions from Subsection 259.9 of the Honeygo Area regulations. Regardless of the outcome of the preceding, this office will inform all petitioners that Minor Subdivisions are still subject to the other sections and provisions of the BCZR.

PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

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November 28, 2001

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

Fax: 410-887-3468

Mr. David Marks, President
Perry Hall Improvement Association
P.O. Box 63
Perry Hall, Maryland 21128

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
S/S Forge Road, 1900' SE of the c/l Cross Road
(4713A, B & C Forge Road)
11th Election District - 6th Council District
Melvin Guy – Petitioner
Case No. 02-108-A

Dear Mr. Marks:

In response to your letter of November 21, 2001 concerning the above-captioned matter, please be advised that an Order was issued on November 20, 2001 granting the relief requested, subject to certain restrictions. I have enclosed a copy for your ready reference.

In the event you are not satisfied with the decision rendered, you may either file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals, or request that your letter be accepted as a Motion for Reconsideration. However, either action must be undertaken within the thirty (30)-day appeal period.

Should you have any other questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 63, Perry Hall, MD 21128

November 21, 2001

Mr. Lawrence Schmidt Zoning Commissioner C/o Department of Permits and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

This concerns case #02-108-A. The petitioner was seeking permission to create panhandle lots on a property on Forge Road in Perry Hall.

Unfortunately, the Web site for the Baltimore County Department of Permits and $\ell \ell (27/6)$ Development Management incorrectly identified this case as a Sixth District matter. In fact, the case concerns property clearly in the Fifth District.

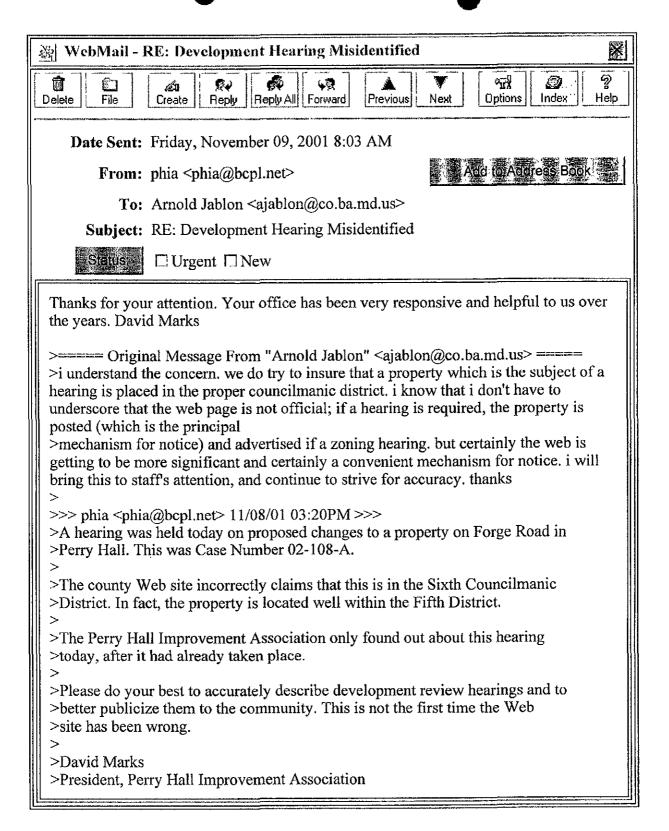
The Perry Hall Improvement Association never learned about the case until after the hearing was held. Had we known about the hearing, we would likely have opposed the request.

When rendering your decision, please consider these facts. I am enclosing a copy of an e-mail correspondence to and from Arnold Jablon on this case.

Respectfully:

David Marks, President

Perry Hall Improvement Association

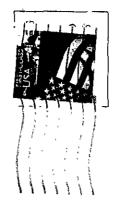


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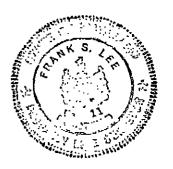
FRANK S. LEE 1277 NEIGHBORS AVENUE BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21237

January 18, 1971

Forge Road
(Part of 0.T.G. 4616 folio 149
The District Balthmore County, Maryland

Beginning for the same in or near the center of Forge Road at the beginning of the 5.061 acre tract of land which by deed dated May 13, 1966 and recorded among the land records of Baltimore County in Liber 0.T.G. 4616 folio 149 was conveyed by Joseph Henry Volz and wife to Melvin Russell Guy Sr. and wife, and thence running with and binding on part of the 1st line in said deed on or near the center of Forge Road South 75 degrees 02 minutes East 166.07 feet thence leaving Forge Road for three lines of division thru the land in deed above referred to as follows:— South 15 degrees 43 minutes West 312 feet, North 75 degrees 02 minutes West 147.72 feet and North 12 degrees 20 minutes 57 seconds East 165.22 feet to the beginning of the 8th or North 12 degree. 20 minute 57 second East 147.10 foot line in deed above referred to and thence running with and binding on said 8th line North 12 degrees 20 minutes 57 seconds East 147.10 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 1.12 acres of land more or less.
Subject to a 35 foot widening for Forge Road.





INTER-OFFICE CORRESPOND. SE

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January 26, 1971

FILE REF. C 10259-Guy

FROM

H. L. Boileau, Manager, Real Estate

TO

J. J. O'Connell, Vice President, Industrial Relations Dept.

SUBJECT

TRANSFERRED EMPLOYEE:

RUSSELL GUY --4713 FORGE ROAD, PERRY HALL, MARYLAND

We have obtained the investment information, and the necessary appraisals to determine the fair market value and are now prepared to offer \$ 40,200,000 for the subject property.

Subject to your approval, please submit this offer to the above individual and request that he advise us of his acceptance or rejection of the offer prior to $\frac{2/9/71}{2}$.

"This offer includes range and ovens, dishwasher, intercom system, telephone jacks, antenna and motor, vacuum system, garage door opener and controls, and all attached fixtures. All appliances, fixtures, and sewage disposal system to be in good working order.

Subject to written evidence of sub-division approval.

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THIS DEED, Made this _/55 day of Jame, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, by and between MELVIN RUBSELL GUY, JR. and PATRICIA LYNNE GUY, his wife, of Beltimore County, State of Maryland, of the first part, and Warne A. TEUBNER and SUSAN L. TEUBNER, his wife, of the second part,

WITNESSETH that in consideration of the sum of Five (\$5.00) Dollars and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part do grant and convey unto the said Wayne A. Teubner and Susan L. Teubner, his wife, as tenants by the entireties, their assigns, the survivor of them and the survivor a heirs and assigns, in fee simple, all that lot of ground situate, lying and being in Baltimore County, State aforesaid, and described as follows, that is to say: -

BEGINNING for the same in or near the center of Forge Road at the beginning of the 5.061 acre tract of land which by deed dated May 13, 1966 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber O.T.G. 4616, folio 149 was conveyed by Joseph Henry Volz and wife to Melvin Russell Guy, Sr. and wife and thence running with and binding on part of the first line in eald deed on or near the center of Forge Road South 75 degrees 02 minutes East 166.07 feet thence leaving Forge Road for lines of division as follows: South 15 degrees 43 minutes West 312 feet to a stake, thence North 75 degrees 2 minutes West 147.22 feet to a stake, thence North 12 degrees 20 minutes 57 seconds East 165,22 feet to the beginning of the eighth line of a deed dated the 23rd day of April, 1969 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber OTG 4988 folio 302 and thence running with and binding on the eighth line in said deed 147.10 feet to the place of beginning. The improvements thereon being known as 4713 Forge Road.

Containing 1:12 acres of land, more or less

Subject to the rights of Baltimore County to a strip approximately 35 feet wide for the widening of Forge Road.

Being part of that lot of ground by Deed dated April 23, 1969 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber OTG 4988, follo 302 was granted and conveyed by Melvin Russell Guy, Sr. and Aloyse Guy, his wife, to Melvin Russell Guy, Jr. and Patricia Lynne Guy, his wife, within Grantors.

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NO CONSIDERATION

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TRANSFER TAX NOT REQUIRED

Finance

This Deed, Made this

FEE-SIMPLE DEED-CODE-City or County

day of

in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine

, by and between

RUSSELL GUY, SR. and ALOYSE GUY, his wife

of Baltimore County

in the State of Maryland, of the first part, and

MELVIN RUSSELL GUY, JR. and PATRICIA LYNNE GUY, his wife, of

 $$\operatorname{Baltimore}$ County in the State of Maryland of the second part.

Witnesseth, That in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged

the said parties of the first part

do grant and convey unto the said grant and convey unto the said parties of the second part, their assigns, the survivor of them and the survivors!

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that lot

of ground, situate, lying and being in

Baltimore County

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ing for the same in or near the center of Forge Road at the beginning of the 5.061 acre tract of land which by deed dated May 13, 1966 and recorded among the land records of Baltimore County in Liber O.T.G. 4616 folio 149 was conveyed by Joseph Henry Volz and wife to Melvin Russell Guy, Sr. and wife and thence running with and binding on part of the first line in said deed on or near the center of Forge Road South 75 degrees 02 minutes East 211.07 feet thence leaving Forge Road for two new lines of division as follows: -South 15 degrees 43 minutes West 312 feet and South 75 degrees 02 minutes East 100 feet to the beginning of the third line in deed above referred to thence running with and binding on the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eight lines of said deed as follows: -South 75 degrees 02 minutes East 224.81 feet, South 44 degrees 14 minutes West 246.76 feet, North 71 degrees 27 minutes West 490.05 feet, North 12 degrees 25 minutes East 313.63 feet, North 84 degrees 44 minutes 04 seconds East 105.08 feet and North 12 degrees 20 minutes 57 seconds East 147.10 feet to the place of beginning. Beginning for the the place of beginning.

Containing 4.35 acres of land more or less.

Subject to the rights of Baltimore County to a strip approximately 35 feet wide for the widening of Forge Road.

BEING part of that lot of ground by Deed dated April 27, 1966 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber O.T.G. No. 4616 folio 149 was granted and conveyed by Joseph Henry Volz and Mary A. Volz, his wife to the within named grantors.

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Together with the buildings and improvements thereupon erected, made or being and all and every the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages, to the same belonging, or anywise appertaining.

and premises, above described and To Have and To Hold the said lot of ground mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed; together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said parties of the second part, their assigns, the survivor of them and the survivors!

heirs and assigns, in fee simple.

And the said part iesof the first part hereby covenant that they have not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that they will warrant specially the property granted and that the y will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

Witness the hands and seak of said grantor

TEST:

McLon Russell Lluy Ly (SEAL)
MELVIN RUSSELL GUY, SH.

STATE OF MARYLAND, County of Baltimore

, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on this

day of April

in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine

, before me, the subscriber,

a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for County of Baltimore

personally appeared MELVIN RUSSELL GUY, SR. and ALOYSE GUY, his wife

the above named grantor s, and they acknowledged the foregoing Deed to be

their

act.

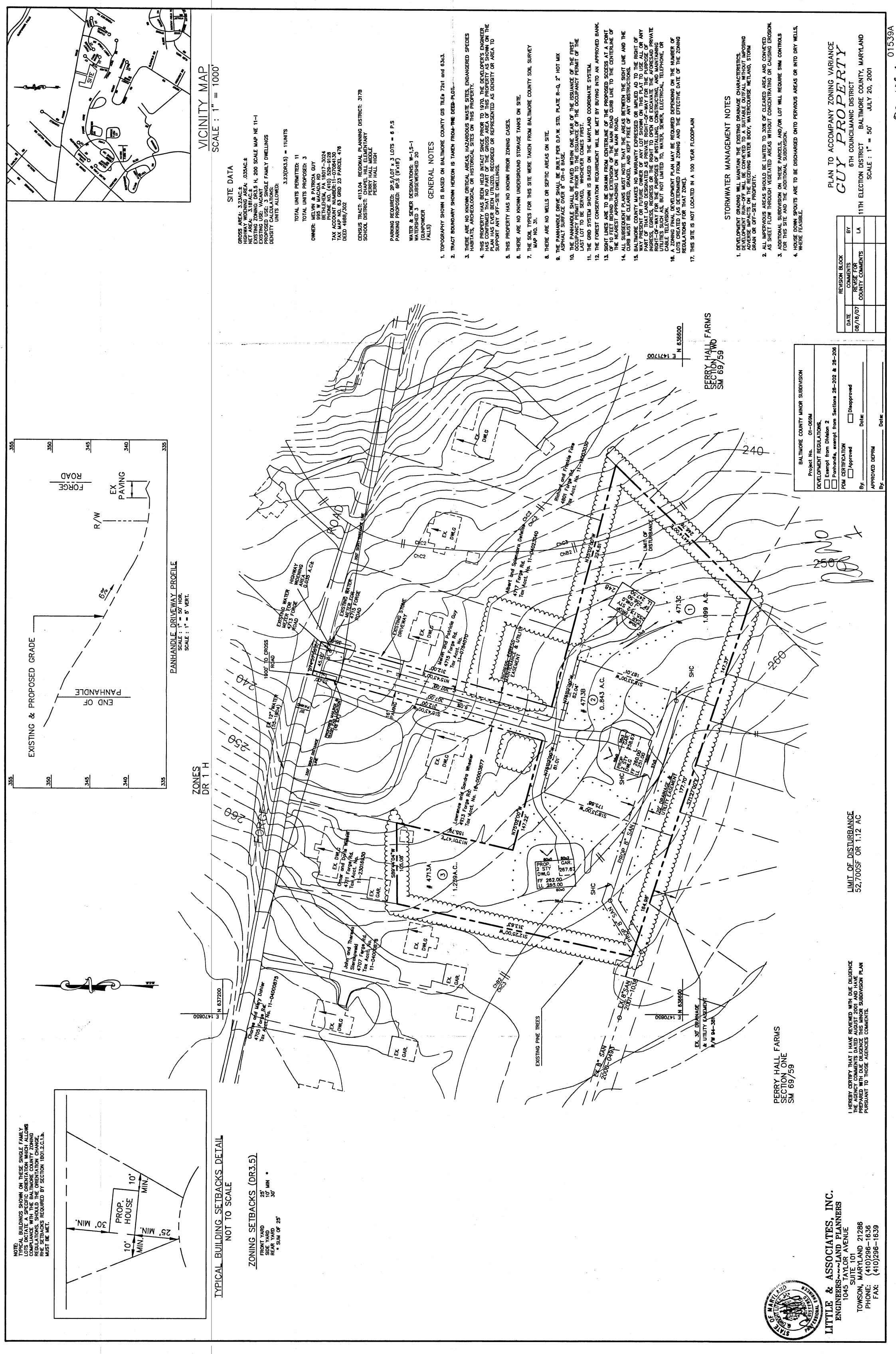
As Witness my hand and Notarial Seal.

Notary Public.

MAY 8 1969 at 3 Rec'd for record

Per Orville T. Gomell. Mail to M. Mussell

Receipt No. 246448



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