RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION \* & VARIANCE

SE/Corner Liberty Parkway & Dunmanway 12th Election District, 7th Councilmanic

Elizabeth M. Nichols, Legal Owner Peter Rabbit Day Nursey, Inc., Lessee BEFORE THE

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

FOR

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

Petitioners \* <u>Case No. 03-014-XA</u>

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April 24, 2003

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Towson, MD 21204

RE: In the Matter of: Peter Rabbit Day Nursery, Inc. CP; Elizabeth M. Nichols – Legal Owner Case No. 03-014-XA

Dear Ms. Demilio:

Enclosed please find a copy of the final Opinion and Order issued this date by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the subject matter.

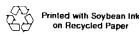
Very truly yours,

Kathleen C. Bianco

Administrator

Enclosure

c: Deborah C. Dopkin, Esquire
Elizabeth M. Nichols
Pat Keller, Planning Director
Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner
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April 14, 2003

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Kathleen Bianco, Administrator Board of Appeal for Baltimore County Old Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue, Rm 49 Towson, MD 21204

Re:

Peter Rabbit Day Nursery, Inc.

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Dear Ms. Bianco:

Enclosed please find an order prepared by my office with regard to the above-captioned case for review by the Board. In addition, enclosed is a letter from Deborah Dopkin, stating she and her client have reviewed the order and are in agreement with such.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Carole S Demilio

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**Enclosures** 

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Re:

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Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the zoning relief were Elizabeth Nichols, owner of the property, Bruce Doak, a representative of Gerhold, Cross & Etzel, the firm who prepared the site plan of the property and Deborah Dopkin, attorney at law, representing the Petitioner. There were no protestants in attendance.

Testimony and evidence indicated that the property, which is the subject of this zoning request, consists of 6,442 sq. ft., zoned D.R.10.5. The subject property is improved with a two-story brick and vinyl sided building which houses the "Peter Rabbit Day Nursery" The property has always contained a day care business since 1957 until the present time. Ms. Nichols, the proprietor of the operation, actually lives on the second floor of the building. She no longer intends to make the building her residence and intends to live off premises. Once her apartment is vacated she intends to expand her day care operation to include an after school program for many of the children and students in the surrounding Dundalk area. In order to proceed with the expansion of her day care business, the special exception is necessary and the variance relief is required for the existing improvements on the property. It should be noted that she does not intend to construct any additional structures on site. All uses will be located within the existing building which has been operated in this fashion since 1957.

It is clear the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations permits the Petitioners' use in a D.R. 10.5 zone by special exception. It is equally clear that the proposed use is not detrimental to the primary uses in the vicinity. Therefore, it must be determined if the conditions as delineated in Section 502.1 are satisfied.

The Petitioner had the burden of adducing testimony and evidence which shows that the use meets the prescribed standards and requirements set forth in Section 502.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. The Petitioner has shown that the use will be conducted without real detriment to the neighborhood and does not adversely affect the public interest. The facts and circumstances do not show that the use at this particular location described by Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1 has any adverse impact above and beyond that inherently associated with such a special exception use, irrespective of its location within the zone. Schultz v. Pritts, 432 A.2d 1319 (1981).

The use is not detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the locality, nor tends to create congestion in roads, streets, or alleys therein, nor is it inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification, nor in any other way inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

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

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- 2) whether a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,
- whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. Of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the property which is the subject of this request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the relief requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare, and meets the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 19 day September, 2002, by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that the Special Exception to approve a Class B, Group Childcare Center for up to 44 children as a principal use in a D.R. zone, pursuant to Section 424 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, be and is hereby GRANTED.

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DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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which is presently zoned DoR 1025
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Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zonling regulations.

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To be presented at hearing

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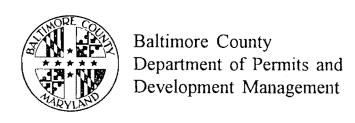
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Development Processing
County Office Building
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Towson, Maryland 21204
pdmlandacq@co.ba.md.us

September 6, 2002

Deborah C Dopkin Esquire 409 Washington Avenue Suite 1000 Towson MD 21204

Dear Ms. Dopkin:

RE: Case Number: 03-014-XA, 2901 Liberty Parkway

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on July 10, 2002.

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.

W. Carl Richards, Jr. GDZ
Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR: gdz

Enclosures

c: Peter Rabbit Day Nursery Inc, Elizabeth M Nichols, 2901 Liberty Parkway, Baltimore 21222 People's Counsel

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July 18,2002

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

ATTENTION: George Zahner

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF July 15, 2002

Item No.: 006; 009; (014;) 016

Dear Mr. Zahner:

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.
- 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", 2000 edition prior to occupancy.

REVIEWER: LIEUTENANT JIM MEZICK, Fire Marshal's Office

PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File

#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: August 5, 2002

Department of Permits & Development Mgmt.

FROM:

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

**SUBJECT:** 

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For July 22, 2002 Item No. 014

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

The issues of parking and children drop-off area shall be addressed.

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

TO:

Arnold Jablon

FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley RB TLT

DATE:

July 22, 2002

Zoning Petitions

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of July 15, 2002

**SUBJECT**: NO COMMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING ZONING ITEMS:

583, 001-008, 011 (014) 016



## Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary

Parker F. Williams Administrator

Date:

7.16.02

Mr. George Zahner
Baltimore County Office of
Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

Baltimore County

Item No. 014

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Dear. Mr. Zahner:

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 SPECIAL EXCEPTION

AND VARIANCE

S/east corner Liberty Parkway

& Dunmanway

12<sup>th</sup> Election District 7<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic

District

Legal Owner: Elizabeth M. Nichols

Petitioner

BEFORE THE SONING COMMISSIONER OF STATES

FOR

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

03-014-XA

#### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

Please enter the appearance of People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Deborah C. Dopkin, Esquire, 409 Washington Avenue, Suite 1000, Towson, Maryland 21204 Attorney for Petitioner(s).

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

## Baltimore County, Maryland



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October 21, 2002

Arnold Jablon, Director
Department of Permits and
Development Management
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Hand-delivered

Re: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION SE/Corner Liberty Parkway and Dunmanway (2901 Liberty Parkway) 12th Election District 7th Councilmanic Legal Owners: Elizabeth M. Nichols

Case Nos. 03-014-XA

Dear Mr. Jablon:

Please enter an appeal by the People's Counsel for Baltimore County to the County Board of Appeals from the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law dated September 19, 2002 of the Baltimore County Deputy Zoning Commissioner in the above-entitled case.

Please forward copies of any papers pertinent to the appeal as necessary and appropriate.

Very truly yours,

Peter Max Zimmerman

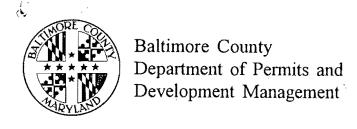
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c: Deborah C. Dopkin, Esquire, 409 Washington Avenue, Suite 1000, Towson, MD 21204 Attorney for Petitioner(s)



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

Fax: 410-887-5708

October 2, 2002

Deborah Dopkin, Esquire 409 Washington Avenue, Suite 1000 Towson, MD 21204

Dear Ms. Dopkin:

RE: Case No. 03-014-XA, 2901 Liberty Parkway

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this office on October 21, 2002 by Peter Max Zimmerman, People's Counsel for Baltimore County. All materials relative to the case have been forwarded to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals (Board).

If you are the person or party taking the appeal, you should notify other similarly interested parties or persons known to you of the appeal. If you are an attorney of record, it is your responsibility to notify your client.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call the Board at 410-887-3180.

Sincerely

Arnold Jablon Director

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c: Timothy Kotroco, Deputy Zoning Commissioner Arnold Jablon, Director of PDM People's Counsel Elizabeth M. Nichols, 2901 Liberty Parkway

#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable John Olszewski, Sr.

Councilman for the 7th District

FROM:

Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

SUBJECT:

IN THE MATTER OF: PETER RABBIT DAY NURSHEY, INC. CP:

ELIZABETH M NICHOLS-LEGAL OWNER, CASE NO.:03-014-XA

DATE:

May 2, 2003

Enclosed please find a courtesy copy of the agreed County Board of Appeals Order approving a group childcare center at 2901 Liberty Parkway for not more than 30 children at any given time, along with variances. This involves a moderate expansion for a facility that has operated for many years without objection and has served the community. If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Enclosure (1)

#### TRANSMISSION VERIFICATION REPORT

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## 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:** 

2901 Liberty Parkway

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**DATE:** July 29, 2002

#### **INFORMATION:**

Item Number:

03-014XA

Petitioner:

Elizabeth M. Nichols

**Property Size:** 

6,442.8 s.f.

Zoning:

D.R. 10.5

Requested Action:

Special Exception, Variance

**Hearing Date:** 

September 10, 2002

#### **REQUEST:**

The request in this case is to allow for a class B group child care center for up to 44 children as a principal use in a D.R. zone pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations Section 424 and to request a variance from the following sections of the BCZR: a) Section 424.7A to permit a lot size of 6,442.8 square feet in lieu of the required 45,560 square feet, b)Section 424.7B to permit a side yard setback of as close as 8' in lieu of the required 50'; 0' of vegetative buffer in lieu of the required 20', a rear setback of 38' in lieu of the required 50' and a maximum impervious surface area greater than 25% of the gross area, c) Section 409 to permit 0 parking spaces in lieu of the required 6, d) Section 424.1B to permit a chain link fence in lieu of the required solid wood stockade or panel, with a height of less than 5' and a setback of 0' in lieu of the required 20' e)to approve an existing open projection having a setback of 3' in lieu of the required 37.5, pursuant to Sections 301.1 and 424.7; and e) and to approve an existing accessory structure with a side yard setback of as close as 1' in lieu of the required 2 pursuant to Section 400.1.

The subject property is located on the southwest corner of Liberty Parkway and Dunmanway Road in the Dunlogan section of Old Dundalk.. It is a two story, single family detached dwelling. The property has been improved with many additions and equipment to facilitate a day care operation. The surrounding land use is residential and institutional, with DR 16 to the northeast and west, and DR 10.5 to the south. The site is directly adjacent to the Dundalk National Register Historic District.

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

The majority, if not all, of the building and site alterations requiring variances were completed prior to receiving the necessary permits. This office does not condone the commencement/completion of work prior to applying for and being granted the appropriate approvals. While we do not have an objection to the current/proposed use of the property for a daycare operation, we propose that approval be continent upon the following conditions:

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## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

2901 Liberty Parkway

Planning Comment

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DATE: November 27, 2002

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To:

<ddopkin@dopkinlaw.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, October 16, 2002 3:17 PM

Subject: Pete

Peter Rabbit Day Nursery, Inc.

## Debra,

Thank you for giving your immediate attention to this matter. As we discussed, the Office of Planning is no longer opposed to your client's Petitions for Special Exception and Special Hearing. Ms. Nichols' cooperation with this office is appreciated with respect to the issues related to the existing fence and sign--as outlined in your recent letter. Please contact me if you have further questions. Jeff

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October 18, 2002

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# VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Carole S. DeMilio, Esquire Deputy People's Counsel Old Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Peter Rabbit Day Nursery, Inc. - Case No. 03-014-XA
Petitions for Special Exception and Variance

Dear Carole:

On Wednesday, October 16, 2002, I received the enclosed email from Jeff Long in response to my letters to him of October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 14, 2002, copies of which are enclosed. If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me.

In response to your telephone inquiry, the daycare center operates between 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There are currently 27 children at the center, of whom only 12 attend for the full day. There is one preschooler who comes for half day and 14 children who are either before and/or after school students. Both drop off and pick-up are staggered throughout the day, with parents arriving by car or public transportation. By 5:00 p.m., there are only one or two children at the center. It is hard to predict with certainty whether the additional children will be preschool, full-time or before or after care. However, the Maryland Childcare Administration Regulations limit the number of children who will be permitted to use the second floor space based on the size of that space.

I am trying to reach my client to determine what number the state will permit and how many children of each age group she anticipates. I will get back to you as soon as I speak to her.

· Once again, thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Ms. Elizabeth Nichols C:\docs\KMC\DCD\LETTERS 2002\demillio carole.wpd

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DEBORAH C. DOPKIN

November 27, 2002

### VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Carole S. DeMilio, Esquire Deputy People's Counsel 206 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Peter Rabbit Day Nursery, Inc. - Case No. 03-014-XA

Dear Carole:

Please find enclosed the additional information regarding the above captioned matter. According to Elizabeth Nichols, the director of Peter Rabbit Day Nursery and owner of the property, under the Maryland Child Care Administration Guidelines for indoor space requirements, she is permitted a total of 46 students, two more than she has requested under the zoning petition. A copy of the applicable COMAR provision is included.

Also included is the staffing pattern for child care centers showing the number of children who are at the center during the week at different times of the day broken down by total number of children and age group. Ms. Nichols has provided this information for last year for the current year.

If you read these two documents together, you will see that she is permitted to add up to nine more children in the 5-10 year old group that will occupy the additional space on the second floor of the property. Only eight additional children could be accommodated in the younger age groups. As you can see from the staffing pattern reports, enrolment is divided nearly evenly among the three age groups and attendance is staggered over the course of the day.

Ms. Nichols could not predict with certainty who her new students will be or their ages, but could say with certainty that she will abide by the State regulatory guidelines. Initially, she does not anticipate adding more than twelve children to the day care center and must complete building alterations and adding sprinklers before she can use the additional space.

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cc: Ms. Elizabeth Nichols

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# .15 Capacity.

- A. An office shall determine the capacity of the center according to criteria established in:
- (1) These regulations affecting floor space, outdoor play space, staffing, equipment, ages of the children to be enrolled, and sanitary facilities; and
  - (2) Applicable codes, including zoning, building, and fire codes.
- B. An operator shall limit the total number of children in care at one time to the capacity approved by the office.

## .16 Enrollment and Attendance.

- A. All children in care at any one time are counted as being in attendance for purposes of complying with the regulations governing capacity, group size, and staff/child ratios.
- B. An operator may not enroll a child for more than 14 hours in a 24-hour period unless approved in advance by the office.
  - C. An operator shall maintain written records of:
- (1) Enrollment by the child's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and dates and time periods for which enrolled; and
- (2) Attendance by groups of children which indicate the dates of attendance of each child in the center.
- D. An operator may not admit an infant who is younger than 6 weeks old.
- E. An operator may only enroll a child when the office has given written approval for the center to care for children of that child's age.

# .17 Indoor Space Requirements.

- A. In a center licensed before December 1, 1971, a minimum of 30 square feet of floor space shall be provided for each child.
- B. In a nursery school which holds a certificate of approval to operate issued by the State Board of Education, or which holds a letter of exemption from approval issued by the State Board of Education under Education Article, §2-206, Annotated Code of Maryland, before December 1, 1971, which is still in effect, a minimum of 30 square feet of floor space shall be provided for each child.
- C. In a center licensed after December 1, 1971, a minimum of 35 square feet of floor space shall be provided for each child.

- D. In calculating the square footage of floor space provided for each child, the following may not be included:
- (1) Any floor space, rooms, or areas that are not available for the daily program activities of the children, such as columns, vestibules and corridors, food preparation areas, kitchens, bathrooms, adult work areas, permanently equipped isolation areas or sleeping rooms, storage units, and storage space; and
  - (2) Furniture, except for:
- (a) Children's chairs and tables which are nonfixed and multipurpose,
- (b) Moveable equipment used for infant care, such as high chairs and swings,
  - (c) Moveable play equipment,
- (d) An adult-size rocking chair or other adult-size comfortable chair,
  - (e) An adult-size couch, and
  - (f) Open shelves for children's daily activities.
- E. In a small center, the space for children may include space within the family living area.
- F. In centers caring for infants, diapering stations shall be included in calculating the square footage of floor space provided for each child.
- G. Square Footage for Programs Operating Before July 1, 1990, but Not Licensed as a Child Care Center.
- (1) An applicant for a child care center license, who cannot meet the square footage requirements of this regulation, may receive approval for less square footage if the applicant documents to the satisfaction of the office that before July 1, 1990, the center was:
  - (a) Operating as a:
- (i) Nursery school program holding a certificate of approval from the State Department of Education,
- (ii) Nursery school program holding a letter of exemption from approval from the State Department of Education,
- (iii) Preschool program connected to a parks and recreation department,
  - (iv) Before-school and after-school child care program, or
  - (v) School-age child care program; and

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- (b) Not licensed under the regulations then in effect in CO-MAR 10.05.01 for group day care centers.
- (2) An office may grant the request for approval of required square footage if the:
- (a) Applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the office the impossibility of complying with the minimum square footage of floor space per child, required by §§A—F of this regulation, while maintaining economic viability; and
- (b) Office determines that the reduced square footage for each child does not threaten the child's health, safety, or welfare.
- H. If additions or enlargements are made to a center operating under reduced square footage, capacity may not be increased until the square footage requirements of §§A—F of this regulation are met.

# .18 Supervision.

- A. An operator shall ensure that each child receives:
  - (1) Attention to the child's individual needs; and
- (2) Adequate supervision and care at all times which is appropriate to the child's age and individual needs.
  - B. Staff Member in Charge of a Group.
- (1) An operator shall provide a senior staff person to be in charge of each group of preschool children and infants and toddlers as needed to meet the requirements for group size and staffing in Regulations .31—.33 and .68 of this chapter.
- (2) A senior staff person shall be in charge of a full day, 5-year-old program in a preschool setting.
- (3) The operator shall provide a group leader or assistant group leader to be in charge of each group of school-age children as needed to meet the requirements for group size and staffing in Regulations .31—.33 of this chapter.
- (4) If no senior staff member, group leader, or assistant group leader is available, a director may be in charge of a group of children as needed to meet the requirements for group size and staffing in Regulations .31—.33 and .68 of this chapter.

# C. Staff Availability.

(1) An operator shall designate a teacher, a group leader, or a senior staff member to be present and in charge of the center in case of the director's temporary absence from the center.

# Child Care Administration STAFFING PATTERN FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS

# LETTER OF COMPLIANCE FACILITIES

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# Child Care Administration STAFFING PATTERN FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS

# LETTER OF COMPLIANCE FACILITIES

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December 9, 2002

# VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Carole S. DeMilio, Esquire Deputy People's Counsel 206 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Peter Rabbit Day Nursery, Inc. - Case No. 03-014-XA

Dear Carole: Lapp normana

I am pleased to advise you that Liz Nichols, the Director for Peter Rabbit Day Nursery, has reviewed your proposal and is agreeable to the limitation of thirty children at any one time at the Day Nursery.

When I spoke to Ms. Nichols, I advised her that we would have to go to a hearing before the Board of Appeals so the Board can incorporate the limitation in an order. Since she teaches at the Community College beginning January 2, 2003, Ms. Nichols asked if it were possible to schedule the hearing between December 17<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. I subsequently checked with the Board of Appeals and was advised that December 19<sup>th</sup>, is available if you are agreeable to setting the matter in for that date.

Please let me know if we can move forward on the schedule. I appreciate your ongoing cooperation.

Deborah C.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Ms. Elizabeth Nichols C'docsKMCDCDLETTERS 2002\demillio carole3.wpd

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April 9, 2003

Carole S. DeMilio, Esquire Deputy People's Counsel 400 Washington Avenue Old Courthouse, Room 47 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Peter Rabbit Day Nursery, Inc. - Case No. 03-014-XA

Dear Carole:

Thank you for your letter of March 13, 2003 and the proposed Order for Peter Rabbit Day Care Center. I have reviewed the Order as has Ms. Nichols, the proprietor of the center. Both my client and I do not feel that there are any changes or additions that need to be made to the Order. We appreciate your taking the time to have drafted its assessment.

Board of Appeals to let them know that we are in agreement with the Order as drafted.

Once again, thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Deborah C. Dookin

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CC: Ms. Elizabeth Nichols C:\docs\KMC\DCD\LETTERS 2003\demillio carole wpd

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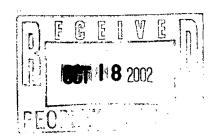
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DATE: November 27, 2002

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RE: Nichols Property

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ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE
S/S COCKEYSVILLE ROAD
233 COCKEYSVILLE ROAD
8TH ELECTION DISTRICT
3RD COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

- \* BEFORE THE
- \* COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
- \* OF

\* BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* .CASE NO. 02-321-SRI

ORDER

Bob Cat Properties, LLC ("Petitioner") is the owner of 233 Cockeysville Road;

Performance Cycles, Inc. (hereinafter "Performance") is Lessee thereof. The site is zoned

Manufacturing Light (ML-IM). Performance operates a motorcycle repair facility (service garage).

Petitioner seeks Special Hearing relief to permit Performance to sell used motorcycles.

The Special Hearing Petition was approved by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner on April 18, 2002. People's Counsel filed a timely appeal. A hearing was held before the Board of Appeals ("CBA") on July 16, 2002. Public deliberation was held the same day.

Deborah Dopkin, attorney for the property owner and tenant, and Carole S. Demilio, Deputy People's Counsel, were present.

In a prior case, the site received Special Exception approval for a service garage. Ms.

Demilio agrees that a service garage is a permitted use in this zone. She is not challenging the special exception use previously granted. In the instant case, Petitioners filed a Special Hearing Petition to sell motorcycles. People's Counsel filed an appeal because used automobile and motorcycle sales are not permitted in the ML zone. Used motor vehicle sales are permitted by right in the Business Roadside zone, and by special exception in the Business Major zone with a PUD-C. Ms. Demilio stated that under very limited conditions, and with appropriate restrictive language in an Order, occasional sales of used vehicles incidental to the service garage use has been permitted.

Ms. Demilio stated that in her opinion the appropriate and necessary restrictive language was not

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# ORDER

The Office of People's Counsel filed an appeal in this case from a setback variance for a construction storage yard granted by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner. This case was filed as a companion case to Case No. 02-321-SPH for Special Hearing relief, which was also appealed by People's Counsel.

A hearing was held before the County Board of Appeals ("Board") on July 16, 2002. Carole S.

Demilio, Deputy People's Counsel, and Deborah C. Dopkin, attorney for Petitioners, were present.

At the hearing, Ms. Demilio stated that, if the Board limits the Special Hearing relief by the restrictions agreed to by the parties and their counsel in Case No. 02-321-SPH, her office will dismiss the appeal in this case. She stated under those circumstances it would not be in the public interest to appeal the variance relief.

In light of the Order signed by this Board in Case No. 02-321-SPH, the appeal of People's Counsel in the instant case is hereby dismissed.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the *Maryland Rules*.

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