IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE N/S of Bengies Road, 315 ft. from

centerline of Bourque Avenue 15th Election District 5th Councilmanic District

(804 Bengies Avenue)

Renee D. & John D. Grant

Petitioners

BEFORE THE

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER:

FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 04-590-A

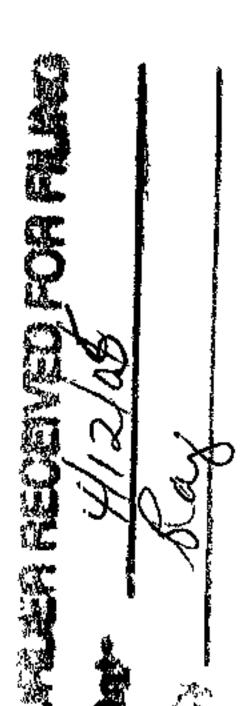
FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Renee D. and John D. The variance request is for property located at 804 Bengies Road in the eastern area of Baltimore County. The administrative variance requests are from Sections 1B02.3.C.1 and 303.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a side yard setback of 0 ft. in lieu of the required 40 ft., a sum of side yards of 7 ft. in lieu of the required 40 ft., and a front setback of 34 ft. in lieu of the front average setback of 47 ft. for an addition. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, the plat to accompany the Petition for Variance.

The Petitioners having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on June 27, 2004, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments are made part of the record of this case and contain the following highlights: A ZAC comment was received from the Office of Planning dated July 8, 2004, which indicated that the Office does not support the Petition, and that the



Petitioner should file a petition for road closing to acquire a portion of the paper road adjacent to the Petitioner's property.

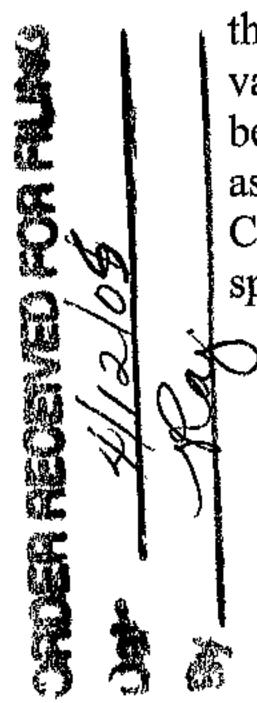
The file indicates that in response to the Planning comment, the Petitioner filed a Complaint in the Circuit Court to Quiet Title and other relief to obtain title to the paper street. Apparently, the Court granted the relief requested on September 17, 2004 declaring the paper road to be the Petitioner's by adverse possession.

In response to this acquisition, a revised ZAC comment was received from the Office of Planning dated April 1, 2005, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof in which the Planning Office indicates the Petitioners no longer need a side yard variance but still require a front yard variance to allow a front yard setback of 34 feet. In addition, the Planning Office requests certain conditions on approval of the remaining variance apparently with the agreement of the Petitioners.

Applicable Law

Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. - Variances.

"The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County and the County Board of Appeals, upon appeal, shall have and they are hereby given the power to grant variances from height and area regulations, from off-street parking regulations, and from sign regulations only in cases where special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance request and where strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. No increase in residential density beyond that otherwise allowable by the Zoning Regulations shall be permitted as a result of any such grant of a variance from height or area regulations. Furthermore, any such variance shall be granted only if in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said height, area, off-street parking or sign regulations, and only in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare. They shall have no power to grant any other variances. Before granting any variance, the Zoning Commissioner shall require public notice to be given and shall hold a public hearing upon any application for a variance in the same manner as in the case of a petition for reclassification. Any order by the Zoning Commissioner or the County Board of Appeals granting a variance shall contain a finding of fact setting forth and specifying the reason or reasons for making such variance."

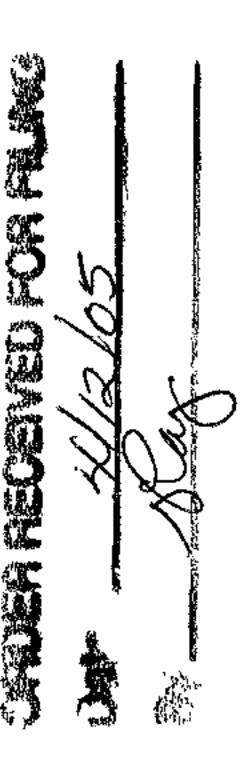


The Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavits as required by Section 32-3-303 of the Baltimore County Code. Based upon the information available, there is no evidence in the file to indicate that the requested variance would adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of the public and should therefore be granted. In the opinion of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the information, photographs, and affidavits submitted provide sufficient facts that comply with the requirements of Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Furthermore, strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioners.

Pursuant to the posting of the property and the provisions of both the Baltimore County Code and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, and for the reasons given above, the requested variance should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, this 12 day of April, 2005, that a variance from Section 303.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a front setback of 34 ft. in lieu of the front average setback of 47 ft. for an addition, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

- 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 such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning said property to its original condition;
- 2. The Petitioners shall submit a copy of the revised recorded deed showing the acquisition of the aforementioned 40 ft. strip of land to the Office of Planning prior to the issuance of any building permits;
- 3. The front facade of the new addition shall include double window, and shall not be left as a blank wall;



- 4. The Petitioners shall provide landscaping across the front of the subject property to replace the existing tree(s) that will be removed in order to accommodate the proposed addition; and
- 5. When applying for a building permit, the site plan field must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Petitioners' requests for variance from Section 1B02.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to permit a side yard setback of 0 ft. in lieu of the required 40 ft. and a sum of side yards of 7 ft. in lieu of the required 40 ft., be and they are hereby DENIED as moot.

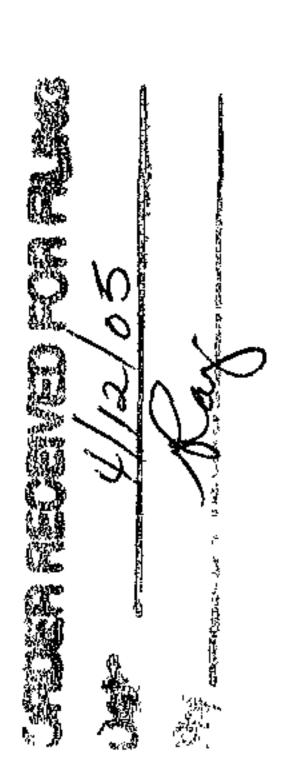
Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

OHN V. MURPHY

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONEŘ

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Item Number or Case Number: 590
Petitioner: JOHN GRANT
Address or Location: BOY BENGIES Rd, Bryon. md. 21220
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:

ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES

Case Number 04- 590 -A Address 804 BENGIES Rd.								
Contact Person: Planner, Please Print Your Name Phone Number: 410-887-3391								
Filing Date: 6-18-04 Posting Date: 6-27-04 Closing Date: 7-12-04								
Any contact made with this office regarding the status of the administrative variance should be through the contact person (planner) using the case number.								
POSTING/COST: The petitioner must use one of the sign posters on the approved list (on the reverse side of this form) and the petitioner is responsible for all printing/posting costs. Any is again responsible for all associated costs. The zoning notice sign must be visible on the property on or before the posting date noted above. It should remain there through the closing date.								
2. <u>DEADLINE:</u> The closing date is the deadline for an occupant or owner within 1,000 feet to file a formal request for a public hearing. Please understand that even if there is no formal request for a public hearing, the process is not complete on the closing date.								
ORDER: After the closing date, the file will be reviewed by the zoning or deputy zoning commissioner. He may: (a) grant the requested relief; (b) deny the requested relief; or (c) order that the matter be set in for a public hearing. You will receive written notification (typically within 7 to 10 days of the closing date) as to whether the petition has been granted, denied, or will go to public hearing. The order will be mailed to you by First Class mail.								
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Zoning Commissioner

Suite 405, County Courts Building 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Tel: 410-887-3868 • Fax: 410-887-3468



Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive William J. Wiseman III, Zoning Commissioner

April 12, 2005

Mr. & Mrs. John D. Grant 804 Bengies Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

> Re: Petition for Administrative Variance Case No. 04-590-A Property: 804 Bengies Road

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Grant:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case. The petition for administrative variance has been granted in accordance with the enclosed Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of the Order to the Department of Permits and Development Management. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our appeals clerk at 410-887-3391.

Very truly yours,

John V. Murphy

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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Affidavit in Support of Administrative Variance

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this ____ day of ____ that the property be reposted.

A Public Hearing having been formally demanded and/or found to be required, it is ordered by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this ____ day of ____ that the subject matter of this petition be set for a public hearing, advertised, as required by the zoning regulations of Baltimore County and that the property be reposted.

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Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

Reviewed By _____ Date

Estimated Posting Date

#### **Zoning Description**

Beginning at a point on the north side of Bengies Road which is 18 ft. wide at the distance of 315 ft. of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Bourque Ave. which is 18 ft. wide. In the sudivision of Grantleigh as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #12, Folio #84, containing 11,703 square ft. Also known as 804 Bengies Road and located in the 15th Election District, Councilmanic District.

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RE: Case No.: 04-590-A
Petitioner/Developer:
JOHN GRANT
Date of Hearing/Closing: 7/12/04
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Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Attention: KRISTEN MATTHERUS

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

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(Signature of Sign Poster and Date)

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# Department of Permits and Development Management

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



## Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

July 12, 2004

John David Grant Renee Dee Grant 804 Bengies Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Grant:

RE: Case Number:04-590-A, 804 Bengies Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on June 18, 2004.

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,

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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**Enclosures** 

c: People's Counsel



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

County Office Building, Room 111 Mail Stop #1105 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

June 29, 2004

ATTENTION: Kristen Mathews

Distribution Meeting of:

June 28, 2004

Item No.:

580-591

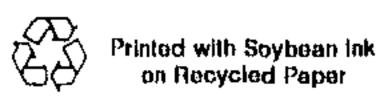
Dear Ms. Hart:

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.

6. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time.

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

cc: File





Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

#### MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: 6.29.04

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

RE:

**Baltimore County** 

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Dear. Ms. Matthews:

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,

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

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## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

**DATE:** April 1, 2005

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**SUBJECT:** 

804 Bengies Road - REVISED COMMENT

**INFORMATION:** 

Item Number:

4-590

Petitioner:

John David Grant

Zoning:

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Requested Action:

Administrative Hearing

#### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Pursuant to the recommendation of this office dated July 8, 2004, the petitioner acquired the 40-foot strip of land immediately to the west of the subject property. As such, there is no need for a side yard variance to permit the proposed addition.

The petitioner has increased the area of the proposed addition, going from 24' x 36' to 28' x 55'. The new configuration still requires a variance to permit a 34-foot front yard in lieu of the minimum required 40 feet. The Office of Planning does not oppose this request provided the following conditions are met:

- 1. The petitioner shall submit a copy of the revised recorded deed showing the acquisition of the aforementioned 40-foot strip of land to this office prior to the issuance of any building permits.
- 2. The front façade of the new addition shall include double window, and shall not be left as a blank wall.
- 3. Provide landscaping across the front of the subject property to replace the existing tree(s) that will be removed in order to accommodate the proposed addition.

For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Mark Cunningham at 410-887-3480.

Prepared by:

Division Chief:/

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#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**DATE:** July 23, 2004

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits &

Development Management

FROM:

Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor Bureau of Development Plans

Review

**SUBJECT:** 

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For July 6, 2004

Item Nos. 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, and 591

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

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## Zoning Commissioner

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### **Baltimore County**

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner

July 27, 2004

Mr. & Mrs. John D. Grant 804 Bengies Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220

Re: Petition for Administrative Variance

Case No. 04-590-A

Property: 804 Bengies Road

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Grant:

I have reviewed your Petition for Administrative Variance and note that the Office of Planning is opposing your request for the reasons stated in the attached memorandum. Please notify this office after you have straightened out the paper road problem. In the meantime, we are returning your file to the Department of Permits and Development Management for safekeeping.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact the Department of Permits and Development Management at 410-887-3391.

Very truly yours,

John V. Murphy Deputy Zoning Commissioner

JVM:raj Attachment

c: Office of Planning



Visit the County's Website at www.baltimorecountyonline.info

Re: 04-590A

Dear Mr. Murphy,

Pursuant to you letter dated July 27, 2004, we would like to inform you of the status of the paper road adjoining 804 Bengies Road.

We have taken adverse possession of the 40-foot lot that was described previously as the paper road. Enclosed you will find our Complain to Quiet Title and for Declaratory Judgment regarding the lot. Also enclosed is a copy of the Order of Default signed by the judge. We are in the process of having a metes and bounds survey completed so we can record a new deed.

We are still requesting relief for building no less than 30 feet from the road. We have met with Mark Cunningham from the Office of Planning about this variance. He said that he would not oppose a request for such a variance. You should already be in receipt of his correspondence. Also enclosed please find a copy of the modified plat.

The reasons that we seek such a variance have mostly to do with the size of our family. We have seven children living at home and our infirm mother will be coming to live with us after the addition is complete. We do not want to move the addition back from the front road because it will take away our back yard space for play. We do not currently use the front yard because heavy equipment and cars travel very fast on our road. Also, having the addition situated as shown on the plat will make it more aesthetically pleasing. It will also allow us to use a reverse gable roof, which will offset our rancher. Please grant our wish for a variance to build forward of our existing set back.

Sincerely,

John and Renee Grant

CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Suzanne Mensh

Clerk of the Circuit Court

County Courts Building

401 Bosley Avenue

P.O. Box 6754

Towson, MD 21285-6754

(410)-887-2601, TTY for Deaf: (800)-735-2258

Maryland Toll Free Number (800) 938-5802

RIT OF SUMMONS

Case Number: 03-C-04-006108 OC

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Frant, et al vs Szczerba, et al

TATE OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNTY, TO WIT:

To: ANNA R SZCZERBA 818 Bengies Road Baltimore, MD 21220

You are hereby summoned to file a written response by pleading or motion, within 30 days after service of this summons upon you, in this court, to the attached Complaint filed by: John D Grant

804 Bengies Road Baltimore, MD 21220

WITNESS the Honorable Chief Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit of

Maryland

Date Issued: 06/08/04

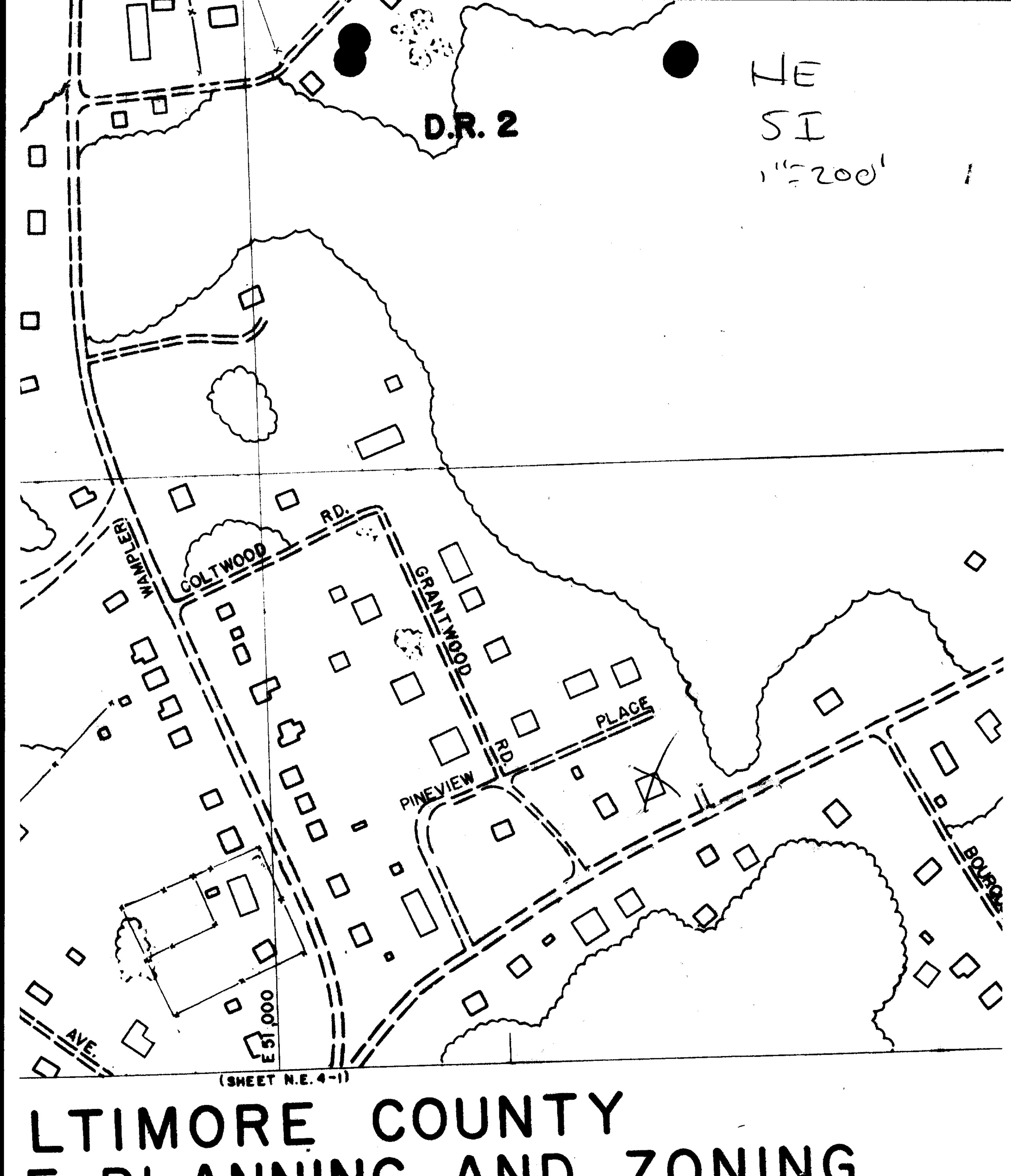
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Clerk of the Circuit Court, per

To the person summoned:

FAILURE TO FILE A RESPONSE WITHIN THE TIME ALLOTTED MAY RESULT IN A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT OR THE GRANTING OF THE RELIEF SOUGHT AGAINST YOU.

Personal attendance in court on the day named is NOT required.



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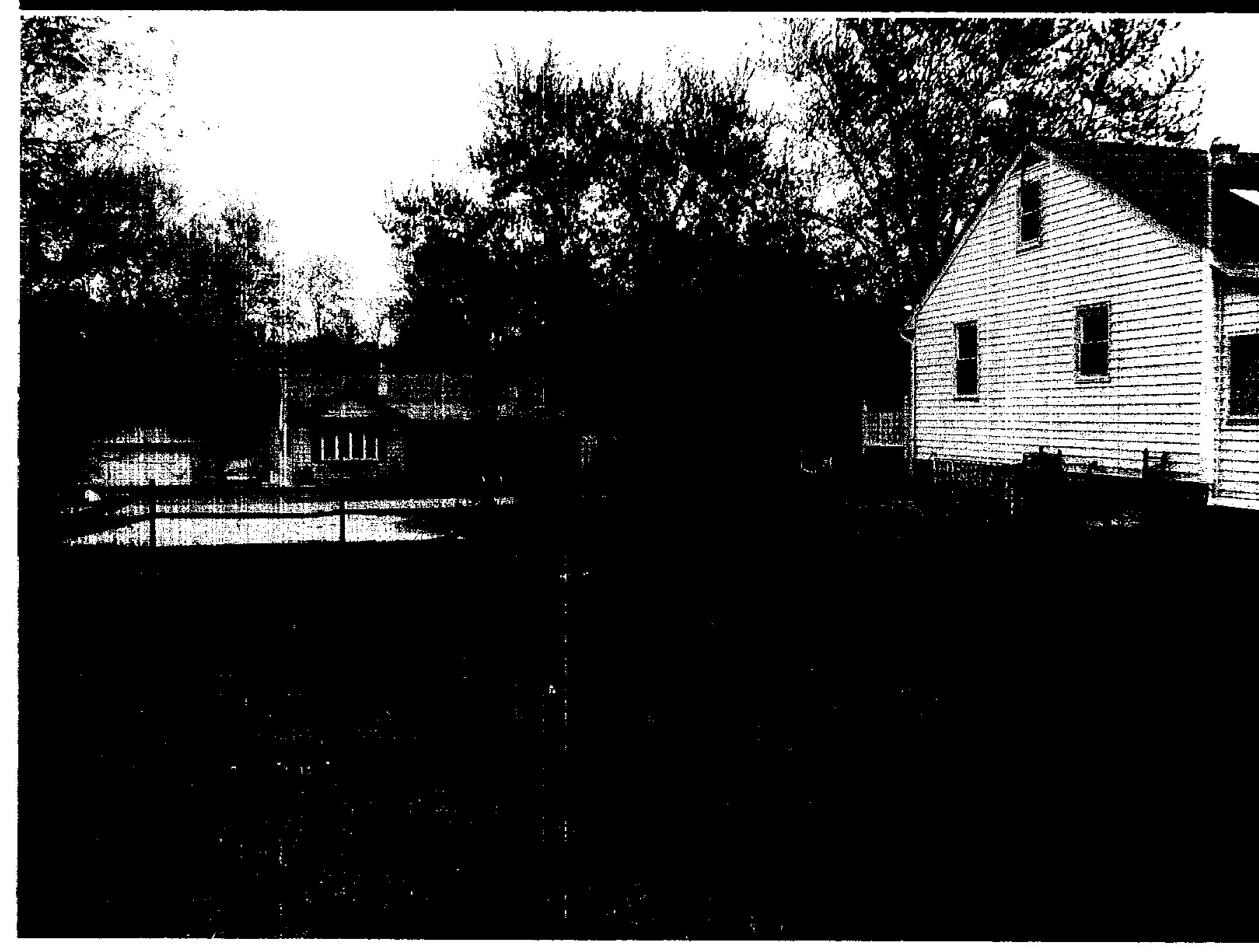
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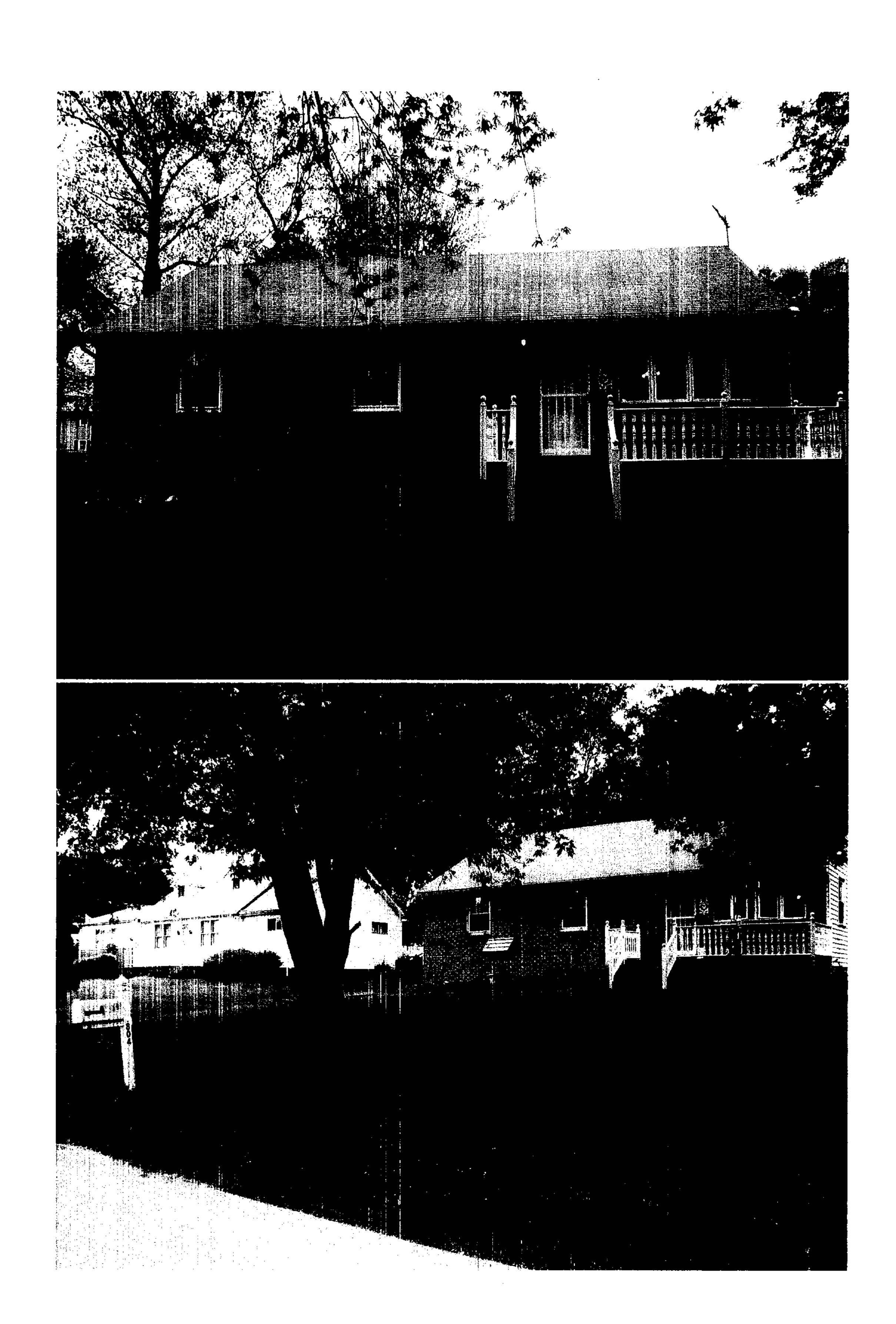




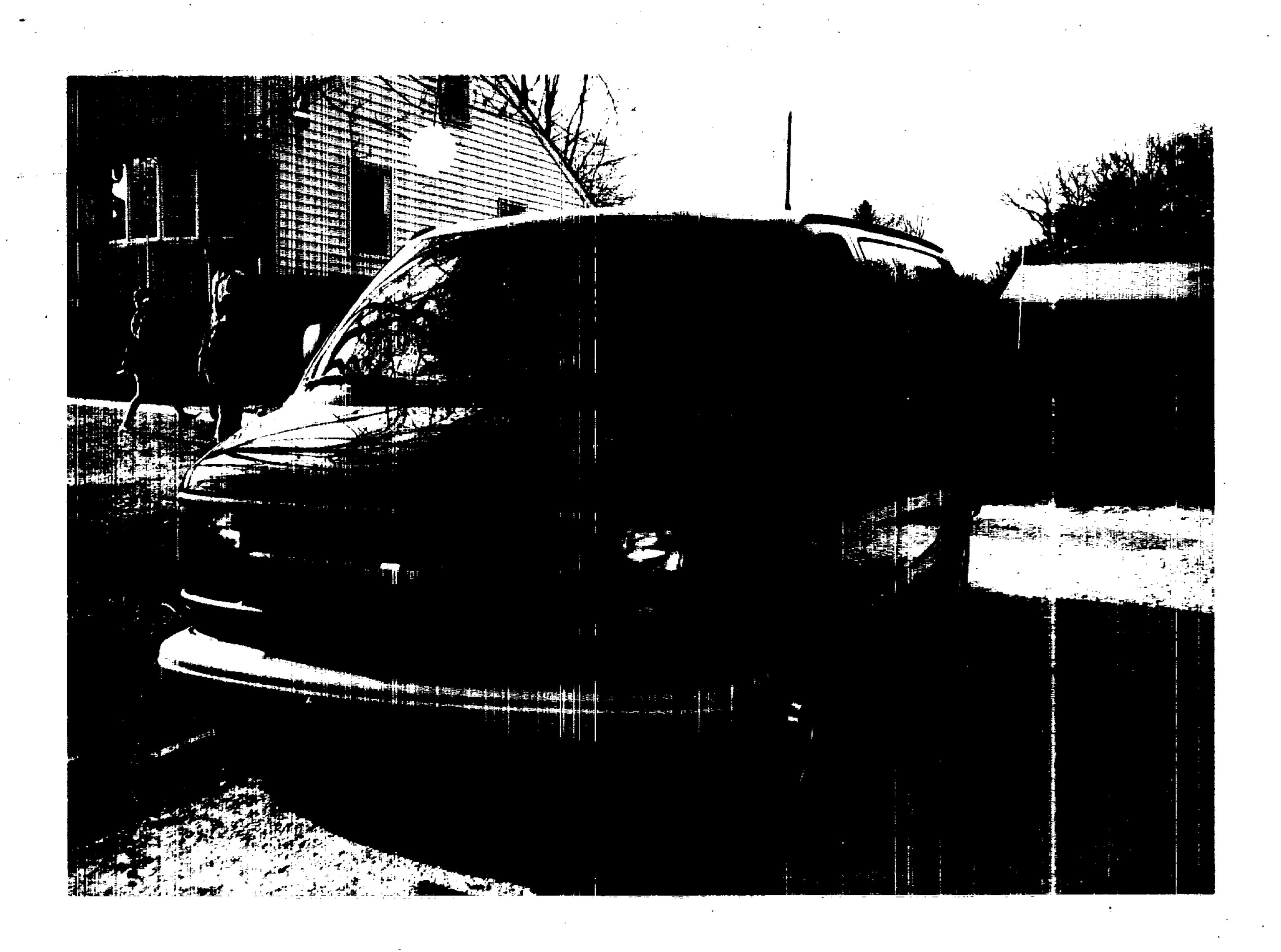
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HOUSE TO PROPERTY LINE



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