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IN RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING And PETITION FOR VARIANCE -N/S Sterling Ave., E/S Wampler Rd. (Sterling Reserve)

15<sup>th</sup> Election District 6<sup>th</sup> Council District

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Cases Nos. XV-836 and 05-263-A

Iron Horse Properties, LLC
Contract Purchaser/Developer/Petitioner

### HEARING OFFICER'S OPINION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN ORDER

This matter comes before this Hearing Officer/Zoning Commissioner for a combined hearing pursuant to Section 32-4-230 of the Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.). That Section permits an applicant to request development plan approval and zoning relief through a single public hearing. Pursuant to the development regulations codified in Article 32, Title 4 thereof, the Owners/Developers seek approval of a redlined development plan prepared by Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc. for the proposed residential development of the subject property with 15 single-family detached dwelling units. In addition, variance relief is requested from Section 1B01.2.C.1.b of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) for Lots 1, 3 and 4 as follows:

a) to allow a side building face to tract boundary setback of 16.8 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet for Lot 1; and, b) to allow a side building face to side building face setback of 20 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet for Lots 3 and 4. The proposed subdivision is more particularly described on the redlined development plan submitted and marked into evidence as Developer's Exhibit 3.

As to the history of this project through the development review process, codified in Article 32 of the B.C.C., a concept plan of the proposed development was prepared and a conference held on August 2, 2004. As the name suggests, the concept plan is a schematic representation of the proposed subdivision and is reviewed by and between representatives of the

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Environmental Protection and Resource Management (DEPRM). Two interested citizens, Ms. Carol Doda and Mr. Darl Mairose, appeared and informally testified.

The subject property under consideration is an irregularly shaped parcel located on the north side of Sterling Avenue and the east side of Wampler Road in eastern Baltimore County. The property contains a gross area of approximately 7.79 acres, zoned D.R. 2, and is comprised of several parcels which are currently owned by a number of individuals as identified on the development plan; however, is under contract of sale to Iron Horse Properties, LLC. As noted above, the Developer proposes a residential subdivision of 15 single-family detached dwellings. As shown on the plan, access to the subdivision will be by way of a new public road, identified as Road A, which will access the site from Wampler Road just north of the proposed Lot 1, and extend into the property as a loop road. Other specifics of the development plan, including storm water management, forest conservation, Homeowners Association Common Areas, and landscaping are more particularly described on the plan.

Pursuant to Sections 32-4-227 and 228 of the B.C.C., which regulates the conduct at the Hearing Officer's Hearing, I am required to first identify any unresolved agency comments or issues. In this regard, G. Scott Barhight, Esquire, indicated on behalf of the Developer that there were no unresolved issues. Mr. Barhight explained that while the Developer had initially requested permission for the proposed public roads to be constructed with 28 feet of paving on a 40-foot County right-of-way, the Department of Public Works denied this request. The Developer redlined the development plan to comply with the requirements of the Department of Public Works. The redlined plan shows that the proposed public roads will be constructed with 30 feet of paving on a 50 foot County right-of-way. There were no other open issues identified by any of the representatives from the County agencies.

The interested citizens at the hearing raised a concern regarding traffic from the proposed development. Mr. Main, the professional engineer retained by the Developer, testified and addressed this concern. He testified that per the current Basic Services Transportation Area Map, the surrounding intersections in this area are neither failing nor deficient. Mr. Main further testified that the site distance for the access road is adequate and that the additional traffic that will be generated by the proposed development would not detrimentally impact the adjacent road system. Thus, I find that the proposed development will not adversely impact existing traffic conditions. In addition, Mr. Mairose expressed concern that further development could result in increased real property taxes.

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process, including this public hearing process. The MDE approval must be obtained, however, prior to the recordation of the Plat. This project is not the first to be in this situation. Mr. Robert W. Bowling, Supervisor for the Bureau of Development Plans Review of the Department of Permits and Development Management sent a letter to me dated February 17, 2005 confirming the property's current designations and the pending approval of the change for the W-5/S-5 portion of the property to W-3/S-3, and recommending approval of the plan contingent upon the sewer and water designations being changed. Both Mr. Bowling's February 17, 2005 letter and Mr. Thomas' February 7, 2005 letter are a part of the County's file for this matter.

As to the impact on environmental resources, the plan shows Afforestation and Mitigation Planting Areas. As noted above, the plan has been reviewed by DEPRM and determined to be in compliance with all storm water management and ground water management regulations. The redlined plan notes minor amendments to storm water calculations and DEPRM's revised development plan comment was accepted as County's Exhibit 1.

With regard to meeting the Open Space requirements and as noted on the plan, the Department of Recreation and Parks has approved the Developer's payment of a fee to the Local Open Space Revenue Account, pursuant to Section 32-6-108 of the B.C.C., since the plan proposes only 15 single-family detached dwellings. This approval by the Department of Recreation and Parks is documented in their letter dated January 27, 2005, which was accepted into evidence as County's Exhibit 2.

The School Impact Analysis approved by the Office of Planning indicates that the proposed development will generate four additional elementary school students, two additional middle school students and two additional high school students. Thus, the proposed development will have minimal impact on the enrollment at the surrounding public schools.

Finally, the Developer's Pattern Book, which was originally submitted with the development plan and provides proposed elevations for the proposed single-family detached dwellings, was amended at the request of the Office of Planning to include additional elevations. The revised Pattern Book was approved by the Office of Planning and accepted into evidence as Developer's Exhibit 4.

The Baltimore County Code is clear regarding the standards that must be applied when the Hearing Officer considers a development plan. The Hearing Officer must approve any plan that satisfies the rules, regulations and policies adopted by Baltimore County regarding development. Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I find that the development plan as submitted meets all County rules, regulations and standards for development in Baltimore County and shall therefore be approved.

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Finally, the Office of Planning is not opposed to the Developer's request for variance relief. Based upon these factors, I find that the requirements of Section 1B01.2.C.1.b have been met for variance relief to be granted. The uniqueness associated with the property is its unusual configuration, which drives the location of the lots. I find that the Developer would suffer a practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship if relief were denied. Finally, relief can be granted without incurring a detrimental impact to adjacent properties or the surrounding locale. Thus, I am persuaded to grant this relief.

Pursuant to the zoning and development regulations of Baltimore County as contained with the B.C.Z.R. and Article 32, Section 4 of the B.C.C., the redlined development plan (Developer's Exhibit 3) shall be approved consistent with the comments contained herein and the Petition for Variance relief, as shown on the redlined zoning plan (Developer's Exhibit 5) shall be granted, subject to the restrictions set forth below.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by this Zoning Commissioner/Hearing Officer for Baltimore County, this 23 day of February, 2005, that the redlined development plan for Sterling Reserve, identified herein as Developer's Exhibit 3, be and is hereby APPROVED; and,

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### Baltimore County

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

February 23, 2005

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire Jennifer R. Busse, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: DEVELOPMENT PLAN HEARING & PETITION FOR VARIANCE N/S Sterling Avenue, E/S Wampler Road

(Sterling Reserve)

15<sup>th</sup> Election District – 6<sup>th</sup> Council District
Iron Horse Properties, LLC – Owners/Developers
Cases No. XV-836 & 05-263-A

Dear Mr. Barhight & Ms. Busse:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The development plan has been approved and the Petition for Variance 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,

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III
Zoning Commissioner/Hearing Officer

for Baltimore County

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Mr. Doug Eshelman, 7013 Meandering Stream Way, Fulton, Md. 20759
Mr. Judd Maslack, 603 St. Francis Road, Towson, Md. 21286
Messrs. Charles V. Main, II, Eric J. Chobnicki & Ms. Kristy Bishoff
Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc., 200 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Md. 21286
Mr. Jim Joyce, 9202 Georgia Bell Drive, Perry Hall, Md. 21128
Ms. Anna Enova, 425 Gusryan Street, Baltimore, Md. 21224
Ms. Carol A. Doda, 623 Maryland Avenue, Essex, Md. 21221
C. E. Baughman, 933 Wampler Road, Middle River, Md. 21220
Mr. Darl Mairose, 929 Wampler Road, Middle River, Md. 21220
Walt Smith, DPDM; DEPRM; DPW; OP; R&P; People's Counsel; Case File



Please see attached

# Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County Eastside Wampler Rd,

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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)

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

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### Legal Owner:

Parcels 651 & 214:

Barry M. Heim

937 Wampler Road

Baltimore, Maryland 21220

Elaine G. Heim

937 Wampler Road

Baltimore, Maryland 21220

Legal Owner:

Parcel 860:

John L. Heim

21 A Oak Grove Drive

Baltimore, Maryland 21220

Legal Owner:

Parcel 860:

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21 A Oak Grove Drive

Baltimore, Maryland 21220

## ZONING DESCRIPTION CASE NO. 05-263-A

PROPOSED LOTS 1, 3 & 4 ON THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN STERLING RESERVE PDM # 15-836. BEGINNING ON THE E/S WAMPLER ROAD APPROXIMATELY 800 FEET NORTH STERLING AVENUE ALSO BEING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PROPOSED ROAD "A" AND WAMPLER ROAD, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 0.54 AC +/- LOCATED IN DISTRICT 15C6.

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# MOTICE OF ZOMING HEARING

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Case. #05-263-A

E/side Wampler Road, n/of Sterling Avenue
N/east intersection of Wampler Road and Sterling Avenue
15th Election District — 6th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s): Barry M. Heim, John L. Heim, Elaine
G. Heim
Contract Purchasers: Iron Horse Properties, LLC
by Doug Eshelman
Variance: to permit a side building face to tract boundary setback of 20 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet for Lot 1.

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Hearing: Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 9:08 a.m. in Room 166, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake
Avenue, Towson 21204.

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### **Baltimore County**

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

December 3, 2004

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Director

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C: Jennifer R. Busse, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Fl., Towson 21204 Barry & John Heim, 21 A Oak Grove Drive, Baltimore 21220 Barry & Elaine Heim, 937 Wampler Road, Baltimore 21220 Doug Eshelman, 603 Saint Francis Rd., Towson 21204

- NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2005.
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### ZONING REVIEW

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### Baltimore County

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

January 26, 2005

Jennifer R. Busse G. Scott Barhight Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> FI. Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Busse and Mr. Barhight:

RE: Case Number: 05-263-A

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

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR: clb

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel Iron Horse Properties, LLC. Doug Eshelman 603 St. Francis Road Towson 21204 Barry M. Heim 21 A Oak Grove Drive Baltimore 21220



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### Fire Department

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



### Baltimore County

James T. Smith, Jr., County Executive John J. Hohman, Chief

County Office Building, Room 111 Mail Stop #1105 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 November 24, 2004

ATTENTION: Zoning Review planners

Distribution Meeting of: November 29, 2004

Item No.: 251, 253, 255-266

Pursuant to your request, the referenced plan(s) have been reviewed 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



#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: December 9, 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 December 6, 2004

Item Nos. 251, 253, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 263, 264, 265,

and 266

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

RWB:CEN:jrb

cc: File

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

TO:

Tim Kotroco

PDM

FROM:

John D. Oltman, Jr

**DEPRM** 

DATE:

December 10, 2004

SUBJECT:

Zoning Items # See List Below

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of November 29, 2004.

X The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has no comments on the following zoning items:

05-251

05-253

05-255

05-256

05-259

05-261

05-264

05-265

Reviewers:

Sue Farinetti, Dave Lykens



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

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: // 26.04

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

RE:

Baltimore County

Item No. 263

JRA

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,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

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Engineering Access Permits Division

**RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE** 

E/side Wampler Road N or Sterling Avenue 15<sup>th</sup> Election & 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): Barry, John & Elaine Heim Contract Purchaser(s): Iron Horse Properties,\*

Doug Eshelman, Member

Petitioner(s)

**BEFORE THE** 

ZONING COMMISSIONER

**FOR** 

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

05-263-A

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### 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 1st day of December, 2004, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to, Jennifer R. Busse, Esquire, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

RECEIVED

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Per.....

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November 19, 2004

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director Office of Permits & Development Management Room 111 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Sterling Reserve
PDM No. XV-836
Zoning Hom No. 05.26

Zoning Item No. 05-263-A

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

Please accept this letter as a request for a combined hearing pursuant to Baltimore County Code §32-4-230. The Development Plan in this matter was filed today. The zoning map in this matter will be filed on November 29, 2004.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer R. Busse

JRB:sll

cc: Mr. Donald T. Rascoe

Mr. Judd Maslack

Ms. KristyBischoff

Mr. Charles V. Main, II, P.E.

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### Carl Richards - Re: filing fee question

File 05 0263A

From:

Carl Richards

To:

Busse, Jennifer R.

Date:

1/13/2005 5:20 PM

Subject:

Re: filing fee question

Notwithstanding the fact that we operate within time constraints distributing original and revised public hearing materials to reviewing agencies, and detailed county reviews could result in an unsolisited comment that could change the variance numbers anytime. One of this office's missions is to timely distribute materials, and if it is not timely, typically the petitioner would roll the dice with the hearing officer which could result in a postponed hearing to give all agencies time to review revised petitions and plans. If the attorney or their client insists on "full speed ahead" without confirming pertinent detailed zoning information from all agencies (see zoning hearing checklist), then it is entirely possible that a later, more intensive review would generate a more detailed comment that could differ from a concept plan comment. It is very clear on the petition filing checklist that these agencies should be contacted for specific zoning filing information, obviously with emphasis on factors that could impact the zoning request. However in THIS PARTICULAR CASE, if you can confirm that, in accordance with the checklist, the agency was contacted as stated above, this office would not charge \$100.00 for processing revised public hearing materials. I'm not sure the county made a mistake, if the agency was not contacted for specific information that could impact the zoning relief.

>>> "Busse, Jennifer R." <jbusse@wtplaw.com> 1/13/2005 10:29:04 AM >>>
Hi - with regard to what we talked about last night - please accept this e-mail as my request that you reconsider your request =

I filed for a zoning variance on a property which is also proceeding through the development process. The combined hearing is set for 2/3/05. (Zoning Item 05-263-A) Yesterday, we had the DPC and Bob Bowling's comment included a request for a 60' ROW where his CPC comment requested a 50' ROW. This happens to impact one of the lots for which we filed a zoning variance. The effect is a slight amendment to our setback - we filed for a 20' setback in lieu of the required 25' and now we need a 16.8' setback in lieu of the required 25'. You has asked that I pay a \$100 fee to amend my zoning petition. I don't think that is fair - this amendment is a result of a mistake by a County agency. Luckily - posting and advertising are not yet due so we can quickly fix this and submit new plans showing the 16.8' setback. Therefore, the purpose of my e-mail is to respectfully request that you consider waiving the \$100 fee in this instance. Thanks! You can call me if that is easier - 410-832-2077. I met with Kristin this morning and amended the petitions and the engineer is getting me new plans today. Kristen can fix advertising in time and I can fix posting - posting is not due until Tuesday.

Jennifer R. Busse, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, L.L.P. 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 400 Towson, Maryland 21204 direct dial - 410-832-2077 fax - 410-832-2015

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