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IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE W/S of Maple Grove Avenue

N of Kemp Road

4th Election District
9th Councilmanic District

(13208 Maple Grove Avenue)

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Darius M. Higgs and Charlene E. Higgs Petitioners

* CASE NO. 06-557-A

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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, Darius M. Higgs and Charlene E. Higgs. The variance request is for property located at 13208 Maple Grove Avenue in the Reisterstown area of Baltimore County. The variance request is from Section 1A01.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a side yard setback of 3 feet for an attached garage in lieu of the required 35 feet. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1. The Petitioner requests the setback variance from the required 35 feet to 3 feet in order that he can attach a two car garage with a 5 foot breezeway to the side of his existing house. Due to a permanent impairment from having polio, the Petitioner needs the use of a walker to assist him. Locating the garage to the rear of his house would increase the distance he has to travel to reach the garage as well as additional stairs he would have to climb.

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments are made part of the record of this case and contain the following highlights: None.

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 having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on May 14, 2006, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Petitioners have filed the supporting affidavits and photographs 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 Petitioner.

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.

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, this 1st day of June, 2006, that a variance from Section 1A01.3.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a side yard setback of 3 feet for an attached garage in lieu of the required 35 feet.

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.

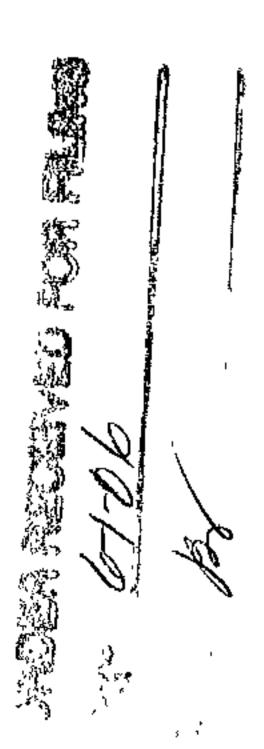
Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

JOHN V. MURPHY

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

Zoning Commissioner

June 1, 2006

DARIUS M. AND CHARLENE E. HIGGS 13208 MAPLE GROVE AVENUE REISTERSTOWN MD 21136

Re: Petition for Administrative Variance

Case No. 06-557-AV

Property: 13208 Maple Grove Avenue

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Higgs:

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.

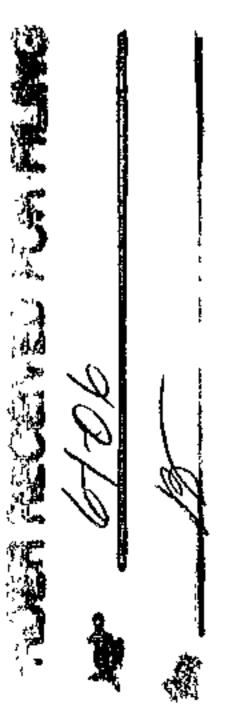
Very truly yours,

John V. Murphy

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

JVM:pz Enclosure

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Petition for Administrative Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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Reviewed By Date Date 5.3.06

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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)

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of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the reasons indicated on the back of this petition form.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

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Affidavit in Support of Administrative Variance

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REV 10/25/01

CAROLYN A. ALLEN
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND
My Commission Expires July 1, 2007



Petition for Administrative Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of

for the property located at	13208	MAPLE	GROVE	Aue
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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) /AOI, 3, B, 3, BCZR, TO PERMIT

A SIDEYARD SETBACK OF 3 ft. FOR AN ATTACHED GARAGE IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 35ft

of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the reasons indicated on the back of this petition form.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. <u>Legal Owner(s):</u> Contract Purchaser/Lessee: M. HIGGS Name - Type or Print Name - Type or Print Signature Signature CHARLENS E Name Type or Print Telephone No. Address Zip Code Signature City State 410-429-3936 MAPLE GIROUS AUG 13208 Attorney For Petitioner: Telephone No. Address KEISTERTOWN 21136 MARYLANO State City Zip Code Name - Type or Print Representative to be Contacted: Signature Name Company 717-624-4800 330 330 Address Address Telephone No. Telephone No. ABBOTTOWN 17501 PA Zip Code City State City State Zip Code 'A Public Hearing having been formally demanded and/or found to be required, it is ordered by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, that the subject matter of this petition be set for a public hearing, advertised, as required by the zoning this day of regulations of Baltimore County and that the property be reposted. Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County 06-557-A Reviewed By

Estimated Posting Date

ZONING DESCRIPTION

Zoning Description For 13208 Maple Grove Road

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME on the west side of Maple Grove Avenue laid out 20 feet vide, north 8 degrees 30 minutes east 517.8 feet from a point on the south side of Kemps Road, laid out 16-1/2 feet vide, and which point on Kemps Road is south 81 degrees 30 minutes east 399.7 feet from the center of the Old Hanover Road, and running thence binding on the land of Becraft and on Lot 14 as shown on an unrecorded plat of the property of Lewis C. Molesworth prepard by George W. Arnold, C.E. and Surveyor, dated November, 1946. North 81 degrees 30 minutes west 200 feet; thence binding on lots 6 and 7 of said plat and on the lands of Norris, north 8 degrees and 30 minutes east 200 feet; thence binding on lot 11 of said plat south 81 degrees 30 minutes east 200 feet to the west side of said Maple Grove Avenue; thence binding on said Maple Grove Avenue, with the use thereof in common, south 8 degrees 30 minutes West 200 feet to the place of beginning. C ontaining in all 918/1000 of an acre of land, more or less.

Also the right to use in common with others, the above mentioned Maple Grove Ave. 20 ft.wide SAVING AND ACCEPTING all that part or percel of land containing four hundred fifty-nine thousandths of an acre (0.459) of land, more or less which by Deed dated October 19,1959 and recorded among the Land Records aforesaid in Liber G.L.B. No.3612, folio 403, was granted and conveyed by Richard E.Lee and Mildred M.Lee, his wife, unto Norris F.Leaf and S.Jeannette Leaf, his wife, leaving four hundred fifty-nine thousandsths (0.459) of land more or less, to be conveyed by this Deed.

BEING the same property which by Deed dated September 25, 1975 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber 5569, folio 763 was granted and conveyed by Regins A. Stephens, Widow, unto George C.Schneider and Barbara J. Schneider, his wife.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLA OFFICE OF BUDGET & FINANCE NISCELLANEOUS RECEIPT	AMOI FROM:	DISTRIBUTION WHITE - CASHIER PINK - AGENCY YELL

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

	RE: Case No.: Lo 55/H
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	H1665
	Date of Hearing/Closing: 5-27-04
Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204	
ATTN: Kristen Matthews {(410) 887-3394}	
Ladies and Gentlemen:	•
This letter is to certify under the penalties of perposted conspicuously on the property located at	rjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were
13208 MAP	LE GROVE AVE
The sign(s) were posted on	5 - / 4 - 06 (Month, Day, Year)
	Sincerely,



Robert Black 5-16.00
(Signature of Sign Poster) (Date).
SSG Robert Black
(Print Name)
1508 Leslie Road
(Address)
Dundalk, Maryland 21222
(City, State, Zip Code)
(410) 282-7940
(Telephone Number)

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES</u>

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

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

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

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

For Newspaper Ac	
Item Number or Cas	
Petitioner: 1) 191	
Address or Location	1: 13208 MAPLE GROVE Rd. REISTERSTOWN, Md.
PLEASE FORWAR	D ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name:	
Address:	SAME.
Telephone Number	70-429-3936

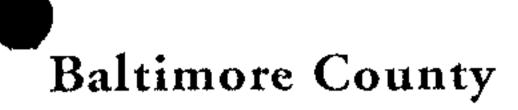
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Department of Permits and Development Management

Director's Office County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Tel: 410-887-3353 • Fax: 410-887-5708





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

May 30, 2006

Darius M. Higgs Charlene E. Higgs 13208 Maple Grove Avenue Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Higgs:

RE: Case Number: 06-557-A, 13208 Maple Grove Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on May 3, 2006.

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:amf

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel Manny Caltrider P.O. Box 330 Abbottstown, PA 17301



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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

May 8,2006

ATTENTION: Zoning Review Planners

Distribution Meeting of: May 15,2006

Item Numbers: 537 thru 557

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.

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

Lieutenant Roland P Bosley Jr. Fire Marshal's Office 410-887-4881 (C) 443-829-2946 MS-1102F

cc: File





INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

DATE: May 12, 2006

Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For May 15, 2006

Item Nos: 441, 537, 538, 539, 540, 542, 544, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, and 557

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

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: May 16, 2006

MAY 2 : 2003

TO: Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM: Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 6-557- Administrative Variance

The Office of Planning has reviewed the above referenced case(s) and has no comments to offer.

For further questions or additional information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Bill Hughey in the Office of Planning at 410-887-3480.

Prepared By:

Division Chief:

CM/LL







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

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

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: 5.5.01

Baltimore County

Item No. 557

RE:

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

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).

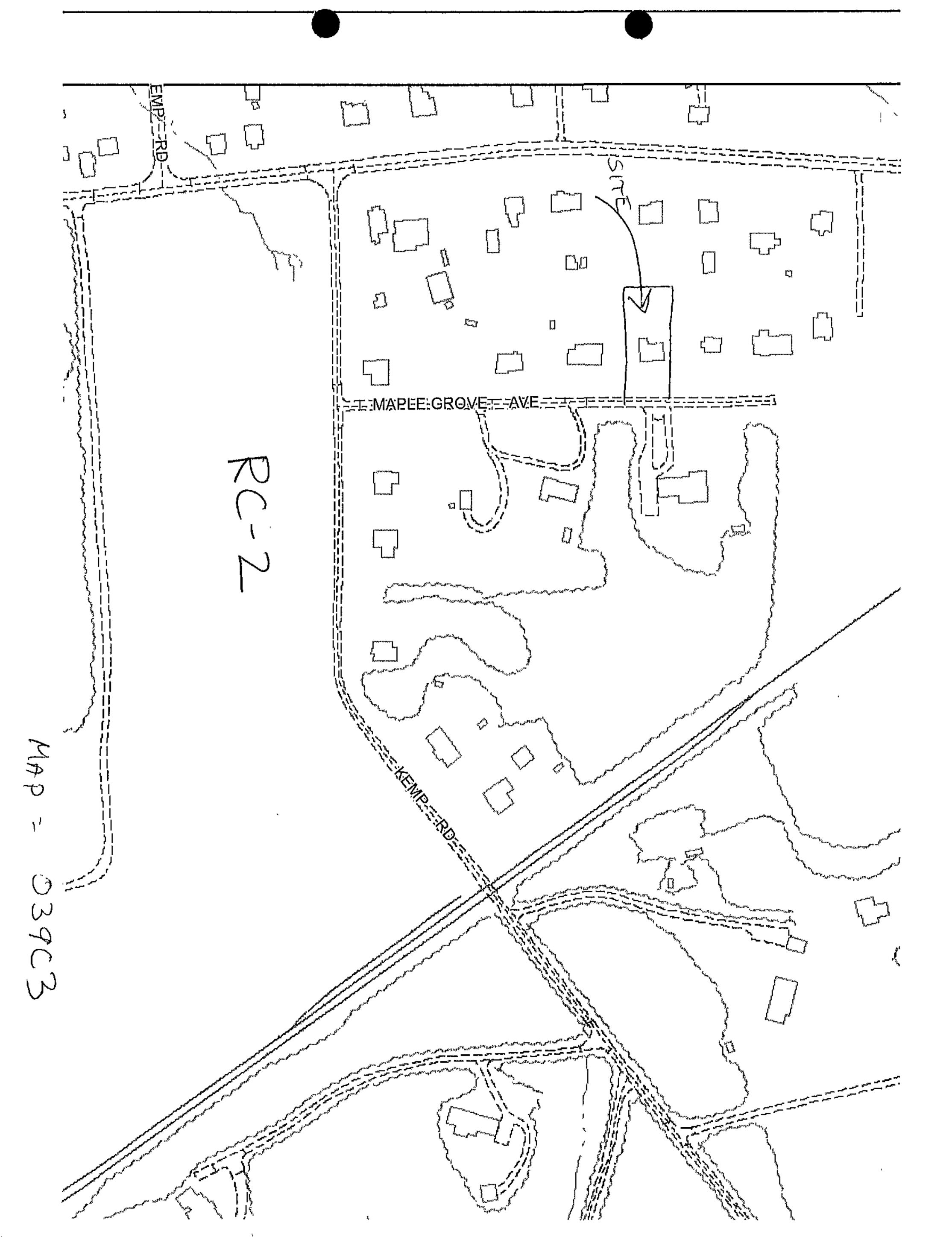
Very truly yours,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

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Engineering Access Permits Division

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EXAMPLE 3 -- Zoning Description

3 COPIES

Three copies of the zoning description of your property are required. This is a sample to help you with the description - **DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR "FILL-IN THE BLANK"**. Type or print the description on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. COPIES OF DEEDS CANNOT BE USED FOR THE DESCRIPTION. The zoning description must be in the following form:

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 13208 MAPLE GROVE AUS (address)
Beginning at a point on the <u>ਪਿਛਤਾ</u> side of (north, south, east or west)
MARLE GROUE AVE which is which is (name of street on which property fronts) (number of feet of right-of-way width)
wide at the distance of 517' Nerth of the (number of feet) (north, south, east or west)
centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Kemp Road (name of street)
which is wide. *Being Lot # (number of feet of right-of-way width)
Block, Section # in the subdivision of (name of subdivision)
as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #S936, Folio #,
containing <u>0.459</u> . Also known as <u>13208 Marce Grove Aue</u> (square feet or acres) (property address)
and located in the 4 Election District, 9 Councilmanic District. 58° 30' W 100ft 581° 30' E 200ft N8° 30' E 100 Ft AND N81° 30" W 200 Ft to th Place of BEGINNING
*If your property is not recorded by Plat Book and Folio Number, then DO NOT attempt to use the Lot, Block and Subdivision

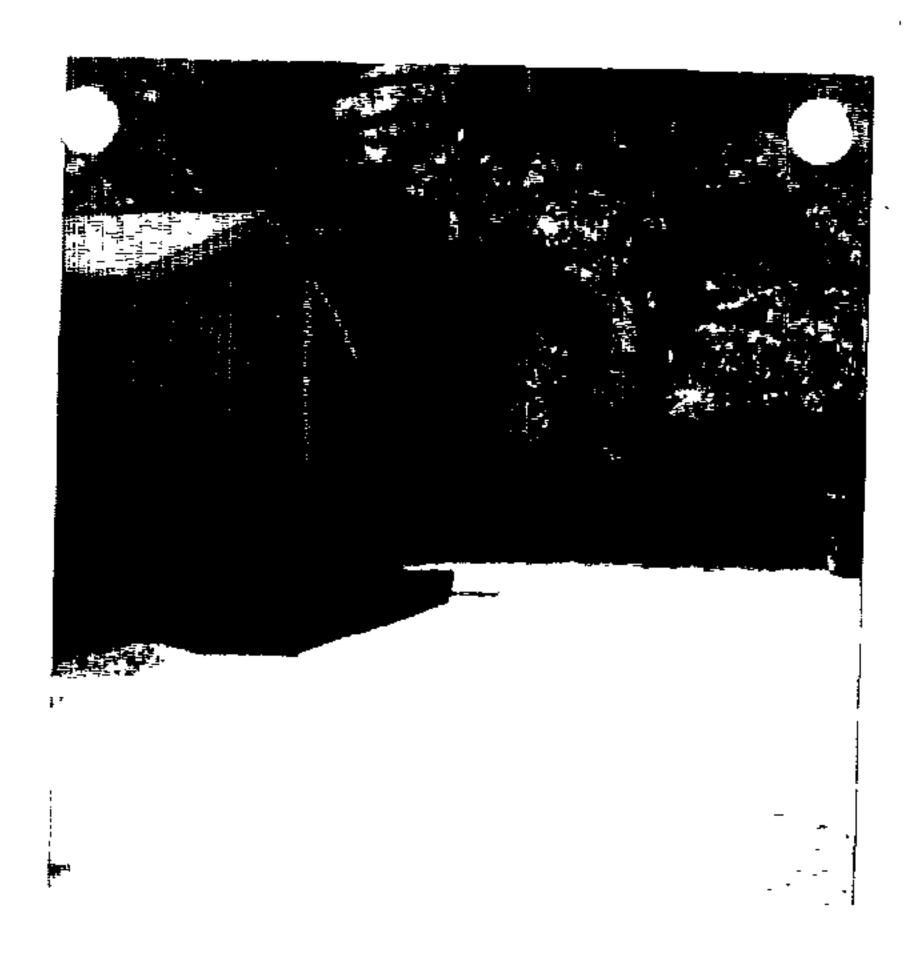
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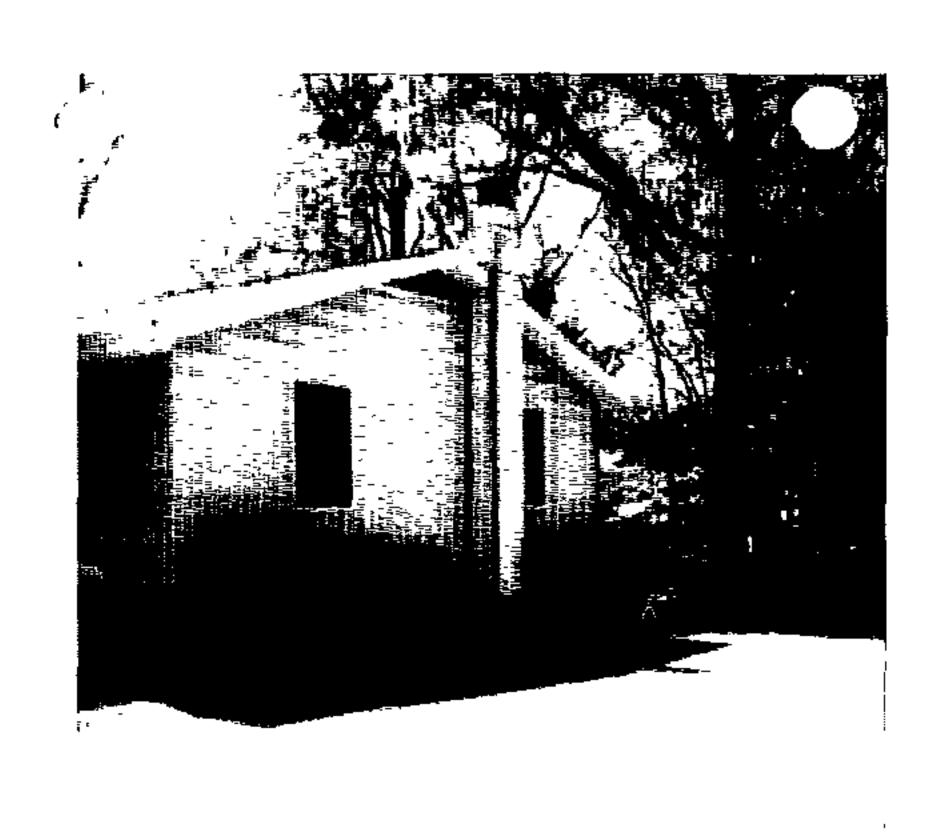
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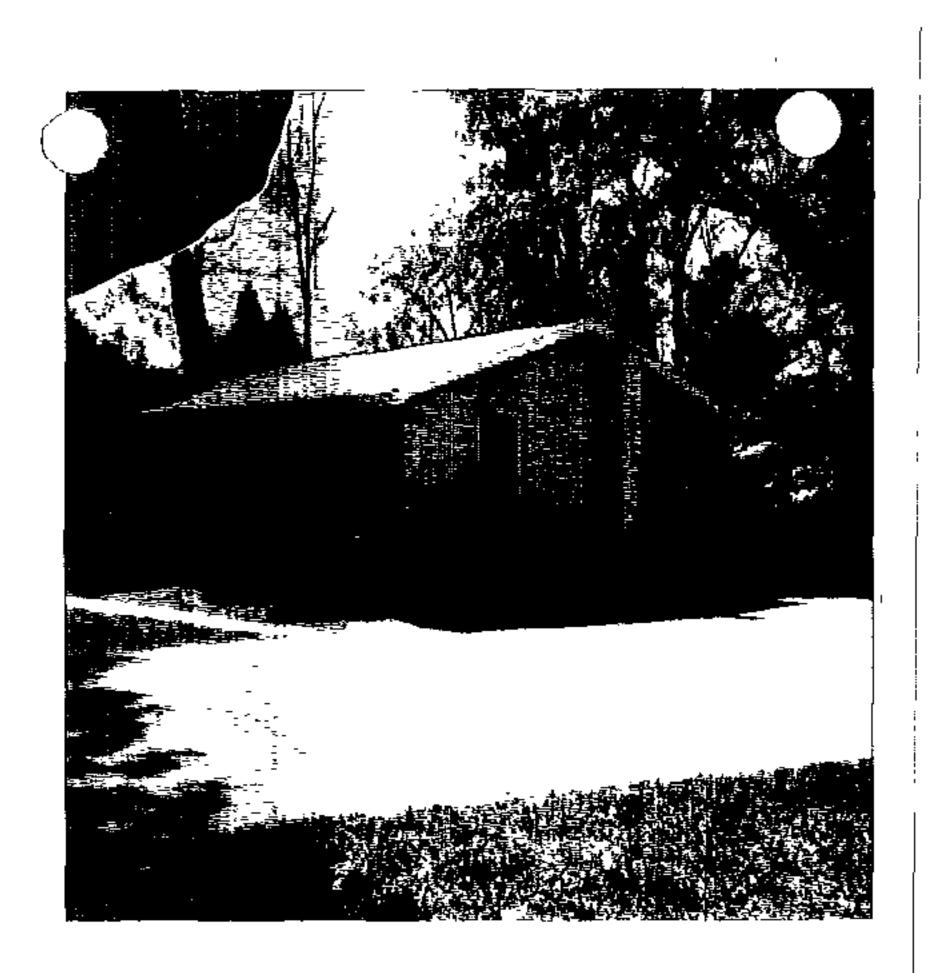
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