IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION N/W Corner Liberty Road (MD Rt. 26) and	*	BEFORE THE
St. James Road	*	ZONING COMMISSIONER
(8316 Liberty Road) 2 nd Election District	*	OF
4 th Council District	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
Richwad Enterprises, Inc. Petitioner	*	Case No. 08-341-X

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Special Exception filed by the owner of the subject property, Richwad Enterprises, Inc., by Wanda Richardson, its president, through their attorney, Vernon Boozer, Esquire. The Petitioner requests a special exception to allow the operation of a private professional school in an R-O. zone, pursuant to Sections 204.3.B.1 and 1B01.1.C.14 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.). The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the amended site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Wanda Richardson, representative of Richwad Enterprises, Inc., owner of the subject property; Joseph L. Larson, with Spellman, Larson & Associates, Inc., the consultant who prepared the site plan for this property, and Vernon Boozer, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioner. Gaywood S. McGuire, Jr. of McGuire's Accounting Service, a former tenant at this location, appeared as an interested citizen. There were no other community representatives or persons present.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is a rectangular shaped corner lot located on the northwest side of St. James Road and Liberty Road just west of Rolling Road in Randallstown. The property is approximately 47' wide and 175' deep containing a gross

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area of 7,779 square feet (0.18 acres), more or less, zoned R-O. The site is presently improved with a 1-1/2 story office building built in 1926 which features front and rear porches and a large parking field on the rear portion of the lot. The property known as 8316 Liberty Road has been used for six (6) offices for many years and was recently acquired by the Petitioner in May 2007. Ms. Richardson is in the process of acquiring the requisite license from the Maryland Higher Education Commission which would allow for a Private School that would provide training and certification for nursing assistants. In this regard, it is anticipated that the school will operate in two (2) shifts (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM). Ms. Richardson, a graduate of Rutgers and Notre Dame states she will utilize 100% of the entire first floor and 90% of the second floor for the Private School. As shown on the site plan, parking will be provided to the rear of the building and is adequate for one (1) employee, a certified nurse instructor and parking for up to 36 seats (one space per four seats). Additionally, as part of her due diligence, Ms. Richardson anticipates that most of the students that will enroll in the school would use the public transportation as a bus stop is directly in front of the building. Mr. Larson opined that the morning and evening sessions would operate with less of a traffic impact than the business operation which has provided for six (6) offices for more than five (5) years at this location. Ms. Richardson, who currently teaches at the Baltimore City Community College, as a Professor of Academic Achievement is a credible witness with connections in the home care and assisted living facility businesses to allow placement of students upon graduation.

The Petitioner has filed the instant request seeking approval to use the office **building** for a private professional school in accordance with Section 204.3.B.1 of the B.C.Z.R. That Section permits such a use "as limited in the D.R.5.5 zones". Specifically, Section 1B01.1.C.14 permits, by special exception:

"Private colleges (not including business or trade schools), dancing schools, dormitories or fraternity or sorority houses. [Bill 47-1985]"

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The undisputed testimony and evidence presented at the hearing was persuasive that Ms. Richardson meets the requirements of that section. Nowhere in the B.C.Z.R. are "trade schools" or "business schools" defined. Nor is either term defined in the Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.). Any word or term not defined in Section 101 of the B.C.Z.R. shall have the ordinary accepted definition as set forth in the most recent addition of Webster's Third New International Dictionary. Trade school is defined in Webster's as "a school usually on the secondary level devoted especially to teaching the practice and theory of skilled trades". Certainly, a school teaching and certifying nursing assistants would not be a trade school, which most people would think of as a skilled trade such as labor-intensive professionals, i.e., welders, plumbers, carpenters, electricians, mechanics, roofers, etc. Similarly, a business school is defined as "a graduate school offering study leading to a degree of Master in Business Administration". I find that a nursing assistant program would not constitute a "business school"; that is, since this nursing assistant school would not be teaching a "skilled trade" or study leading to a "Business MBA Degree", it should be allowed in this R-O zone. Additionally, testimony and evidence presented was sufficient to satisfy the standards set forth in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. That section sets out the criteria which must be met in order for special exception relief to be granted. In this case, I would find that the Petitioner meets those requirements and that a use of the subject property as a Professional School would not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locale.

As noted above, Gaywood S. McGuire, Jr. appeared as a concerned businessman who is familiar with the locale. While he had no specific objections to the proposed private school use on the property, he raised concerns relative to the type and caliber of student who would be coming to this property. He also expressed concerns about parking and whether the existing electrical service in the building would be adequate. In response to the concerns raised by Mr.

McGuire, Ms. Richardson testified that the utility service was adequate and that by operating a private school she would be allowed selectivity in enrolling the student participants.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded that the proposed private professional school is appropriate in this instance and that the relief requested should be granted. There were no adverse Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments submitted by any County reviewing agency and the neighbors do not object to the proposal. As noted above, both the subject and adjacent buildings have existed for many years. Moreover, the subject property has been operating as an office use for several years and the conversion of the structure to a private professional school will help to enhance the local business climate of the immediate area.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth above, the Petition for Special Exception shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County on this ______ day of April 2008 that the Petition for Special Exception to allow the operation of a private professional school in accordance with Sections 204.3.B.1 and 1B01.1.C.14 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED.

Any appeal of this Order shall be taken in accordance with Baltimore County Code Section 32-3-401.

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

Zoning Commissioner

April 15, 2008

Vernon Boozer, Esquire 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

N/W Corner Liberty Road (MD Rt. 26) and St. James Road (8316 Liberty Road)

2nd Election District - 4th Council District
Richwad Enterprises, Inc. - Petitioner

Case No. 08-341-X

Dear Mr. Boozer:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Special Exception has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Department of Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

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WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

WJW:dlw Enclosure

c: Wanda Richardson, 8316 Liberty Road, Baltimore, MD 21244-3100 Joseph L. Larson, Spellman, Larson & Associates, Inc., 222 Bosley Avenue, Suite B-3, Towson, MD 21204 Gaywood S. McGuire, Jr., 66 East Main Street, G-300, Westminster, MD 21157 People's Counsel; File



Petition for Special Exception

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at __8316 Liberty Road

which is presently zoned __RO

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 Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property for

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

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

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception, 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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Attorney For	r Petitioner:		8316 Liberty Road	44	3-858-4175			
Vernon Boo			Address Baltimore	MD	Telephone No. 21244-3100			
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.....to use the herein described property for

THE OPERATION OF A PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 204.3.b.1 AND 1B01.1.C.14 OF THE BCZR.





ROBERT E. SPELLMAN, P.L.S. JOSEPH L. LARSON

CIVIL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS 222 BOSLEY AVENUE, SUITE B-3 TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 TEL (410) 823-3535 / FAX (410) 825-5215

DESCRIPTION TO ACCOMPANY ZONING PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION 8316 LIBERTY ROAD RICHWAD PROPERTY

BEGINNING for the same at a point on the northwest corner of St. James Road and Liberty Road and running along the north side of Liberty Road south 89 degrees 00 minutes 40 seconds west 18.87 feet to a point on the NORTH side of Liberty Road thence continuing along the north side of Liberty Road north 58 degrees 59 minutes west 31.00 feet to a point on the north side of Liberty Road thence running for a line of division north 31 degrees 01 minutes east 170.00 feet thence south 58 degrees 59 minutes east 47.00 feet to a point on the west side of St. James Road then running along the west side of St. James Road south 31 degrees 01 minutes west 160.00 feet to the place of beginning.

BEING part of Lot 5 as shown on the Plat of Georges Park, Plat 2 recorded in Plat Book WPC 5, Folio 77 also known as 8316 Liberty Road.

CONTAINING 0.18 acres of land more or less.

File#D01250801

NOTICE OF ZONING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

Case: #08-341-X 8316 Liberty Road N/west corner of Liberty Road and St. James 2nd Election District 4th Councilmanic District Legal Owner(s): Wanda Richardson Special Exception: for the operation of a private professional school in accordance with Sections 204.3.b.1 and 1B01.1.C.14 of the BCZR. Hearing: Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. In Room 407, County Courts Building, 401 Bosley Avenue, Towson

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

21204.

NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-3868.

(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391. JT/3/821 Mar25 167883

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published
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once in each ofsuccessive weeks, the first publication appearing
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ATTENTION: KRISTEN MATTHEWS

DATE: 03/24/08

Case Number: 08-3<u>41-X</u>

Petitioner / Developer: <u>VERNON BOOZER, ESQ.~</u>

WANDA RICHARDSON~ JOSEPH LARSON Date of Hearing (Closing): APRIL 9, 2008

This is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at: 8316 LIBERTY ROAD

The sign(s) were posted on: 03/21/08



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Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

(City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

410 - 666 - 5366

(Telephone Number of Sign Poster)

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

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

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

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

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Petitioner: Wanda Nichardson
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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

February 25, 2008
TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director
Department of Permits and
Development Management

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8316 Liberty Road

N/west corner of Liberty Road and St. James 2nd Election District – 4th Councilmanic District

Legal Owner: Wanda Richardson

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Hearing: Wednesday April 9, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 407, County Courts Building,

401 Rosley Avenue, Towson 21204

Timothy Kotroco Director

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C: Vernon Boozer, 614 Bosley Avenue, Towson 21204 Wanda Richardson, 8316 Liberty Road, Baltimore 21244 Joseph Larson, 222 Bosley Avenue, Ste. B-3, Towson 21204

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.

TO:

PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Tuesday, March 25, 2008 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

Wanda Richardson 8316 Liberty Road Baltimore, MD 21244 443-858-4175

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TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

April 2, 2008

Vernon Boozer, Esquire 614 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Dear Mr. Boozer:

RE: Case Number: 08-341-X, 8316 Liberty Road

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on February 1, 2008. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

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,

U. Carl Rich

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:amf

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

Wanda Richardson 8316 Liberty Road Baltimore 21244-3100 Joseph L. Larson 222 Bosley Avenue, Suite B-3 Towson 21204



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt Governor

John D. Porcari, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: 2/21/2008

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

RE: **Baltimore County**

Item No. 8-3411 8316 LIBERTY ROAD RICHARDSON PROPERTY SPECIALEXCEPTION

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the above captioned. We have determined that the subject property does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects. Therefore, based upon available information this office has no objection to Baltimore County Zoning Advisory Committee approval of Item No. 8-341 X

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Michael Bailey at 410-545-2803 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5593. Also, you may E-mail him at (mbailey@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

Steven D. Foster, Chief Engineering Access Permits

SDF/MB



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

JOHN J. HOHMAN, Chief Fire Department

County Office Building, Room 111, 2007
Mail Stop #1105
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

February 25, 2008

ATTENTION: Zoning Review Planners

Distribution Meeting Of: February 18, 2008

Item Number: 341,358

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.

3. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Baltimore County Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

Lieutenant Roland P Bosley Jr. Fire Marshal's Office 410-887-4880 (C)443-829-2946 MS-1102F

cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: February 21, 2008

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For February 25, 2008

Item Nos. 08-337 341 348, 355, 356, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 365, and 373

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

DAK:CEN:clw

cc: File

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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: March 3, 2008



BY:----

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SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 08-354- Special Exception

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 Dave Green in the Office of Planning at 410-887-3480.

Prepared By:

Division Chief:

CM/LL

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION 8316 Liberty Road; NW corner of Liberty Road & St James 2nd Election & 4th Councilmanic Districts Legal Owner(s): Wanda Richardson

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

* FOR

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

* 08-341-X

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Petitioner(s)

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 and documentation filed in the case.

PETER MÁX ŽIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIÓ

Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 21st day of February, 2008, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Joseph Larson, 222 Bosley Avenue, Suite B-3, Towson, Maryland 21204 and Vernon Boozer, Esquire, Covahey, Boozer, Devan & Dore, P.A., 614 Bosley Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLANDInteroffice Memorandum

DATE:

January 31, 2008

TO:

Zoning Commissioner and File

FROM:

Leonard Wasilewski, Planner II, Zoning Review

SUBJECT:

Petition for 'Special Exception

Case No. 08-341-X 8316 Liberty Road

Attached please find a copy of a zoning verification letter sent to the petitioner regarding the use of the site as a "trade school" that is **not** permitted by right or by special exception in the R.O. zone. The petitioner was insistent that this is a "private school".

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

December 18, 2007

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

Wanda Richardson, President RICHWAD Enterprises, Inc. P.O. Box 15107 Pikesville, Maryland 21282

RE:

Zoning Verification for 8316 Liberty Road

M.D. State Tax #0216600050, 2nd Election District

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Your letter to the Director of Permits and Development Management has been referred to me for reply. Based on our available records, the BCZR (<u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u>) and your visit to our office as well as our telephone conversation, the following has been determined.

The property known as 8316 Liberty Road is currently zoned R.O. (Residential, Office) per the official Baltimore County Zoning Map 077B3 (copy of map enclosed). For a complete list of permitted uses within this zoning classification please visit our website at www.baltimorecountymd.gov. Pursuant to Section 204 from the BCZR a business or trade school is **not** permitted in this zoning classification.

THE FOREGOING IS MERELY AN INFORMAL OPINION. IT IS NOT AN EXPERT OR LEGAL OPINION. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO BE RELIED ON AS EXPERT OR LEGAL ADVICE, AND IS NOT LEGALLY OR FACTUALLY BINDING ON BALTIMORE COUNTY OR ANY OF ITS OFFICIALS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES. BALTIMORE COUNTY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF, OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS DOCUMENT, OR ANY INTERPRETATION THEREOF.

Hopefully the information set forth in this letter is sufficiently detailed and responsive to this request. If you have any questions please do not hesitate calling me at 410-887-3391.

Sincerely,

Donna Thompson

Planner II, Zoning Review

DT/Enclosure

08-341-X

BW 4/9

COVAHEY, BOOZER, DEVAN & DORE, P. A.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
614 BOSLEY AVENUE
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

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FRANK V. BOOZER, JR.

410-828-9441

FAX 410-823-7530

April 10, 2008

ANNEX OFFICE SUITE 302 606 BALTIMORE AVE. TOWSON, MD 21204 410-828-5525 FAX 410-296-2131

*ALSO ADMITTED TO D.C. BAR

William Wiseman, Commissioner Baltimore County Zoning Office 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, St. 111 Towson, MD 21204

RE: 8316 Liberty Road - Case No. 08-341-X



Dear Commissioner Wiseman:

Enclosed please find application from Maryland Higher Education Commission as requested.

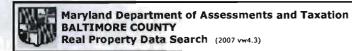
If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

F. VERNON BOOZER

Enclosure 0410gab05

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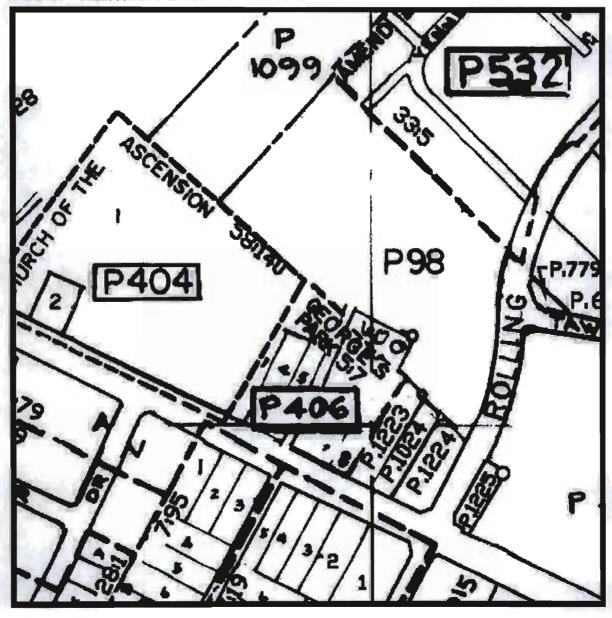
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MEMORANDUM

To:

Mr. Boozer

From: Law Clerk

Date: February 18, 2008

Re:

Richardson Zoning Matter

As you already know, Wanda Richardson's property at 8316 Liberty Road is zoned R.O. (Residential Office) according to the zoning map. RO is intended to accommodate houses converted to office buildings in predominantly residential areas on sites that, because of adjacent commercial activity, heavy commercial traffic, or other similar factors, can no longer reasonably be restricted to uses allowable in moderate-density residential zones. The typical uses permitted by right in a RO zone are limited to the same as those in a DR-5.5 zone (DR = Density Residential), BCZR 204.3(A)(1). The typical uses permitted by special exception are also limited to the same as those in DR-5.5 zones, BCZR 204.3(B)(1).

The Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) state that one of the uses permitted as of right in DR Zones is "schools, except business or trade schools or such schools as are permitted by special exception, but including schools for agricultural training," BCZR 1B01.1(A)(14). Furthermore, one of the uses permitted by special exception in all DR Zones is for "private colleges (not including business or trade schools), dancing schools, dormitories or fraternity or sorority houses," BCZR 1B01.1(C)(14). Essentially, RO allow a lot of leeway for what can they can be used for, but they do not seem to like trade and business schools. Nowhere in the BCZR, however, are either "trade school" or "business school" defined. Nor is either term defined in the Baltimore County Code (BCC) as far as I can tell.

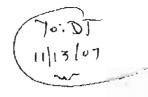
I think most would agree that a nursing assistant program would not constitute a "business school," so I will ignore that term. According to Webster's Dictionary, a "trade school" is a secondary school teaching the skilled trades. The American Heritage Dictionary provides a very similar definition, "a secondary school that offers instruction in skilled trades; a vocational school." The American Heritage Dictionary then defines a "vocational school" as a school, especially one on a secondary level, that offers instruction and practical introductory experience in skilled trades such as mechanics, carpentry, plumbing, and construction.

Neither term is defined in a Maryland case, nor are they defined in Black's Law

Dictionary. The only place that I could locate a definition of "trade school" was in standard dictionaries. This speaks to the idea that it should be the standard, everyday definition of this word that should be used. Most people would not think of a nursing assistant school as a "trade school." Most people think of the skilled trades as the labor-intensive professions mentioned in the above definitions; plumber, carpenter, electrician, mechanic, roofer, etc. I think it is that common definition that is meant when reading the BCZR in reference to the refusal to allow "trade schools" in RO zones. Therefore, since this nursing assistant school would not be teaching a "skilled trade," it should be allowed in this RO zone.

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RICHWAD Enterprises, Inc.



November 5, 2007

Mr. Timothy Kotraco, Director Baltimore County Zoning 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Zoning Certificate

Dear Mr. Kotraco:

This letter is written to request a Certificate of Zoning for my building located at 8316 Liberty Road, Windsor Mill, Maryland 21244. The Maryland Higher Education Commission requires this documentation as part of the licensing process for a Private School. Per the request from a representative in your office today, I have enclosed the following documents to assist in that effort:

- A Picture of the building;
- Site Plan; and
- Vicinity Map.

It should be noted that, prior to purchasing this property in April 2007, the building was utilized as 6 offices, many of the former renters names are still on the marquis for the building. The last tenant (accounting business) rented at this location for over 5 years. We intend to utilize 100% of the entire first floor (Suites 1-3) and 90% of the second floor (consisting of Suites 4 and 5) for the Private School.

I have enclosed my firm's check in the amount of Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) made payable to Baltimore County to expedite this process.

If you require additional information, please feel free to contact me at the telephone number below.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards,

Wanda Richardson,

President

Enclosures

His is a site for a med school.

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Date: April 14, 2008

08-341-X

From: The National Evaluation Council

Pres. Gaywood S. McGuire, Jr.

326 N Charles ST Ste 215

Baltimore, MD 21201

Ph: 410-625-2700

Fax 410-625-2700

To: Zoning Commissioner William Wiseman FAX 410-887-3468

Baltimore County, Maryland Re: 08-341-X

Re: Possible asbestos emission from property at 8316 Liberty RD

Zoning hearing held April 9, 2008.

SOURCE: -Jerry Acevedo, State Licensed Expert

Former client

-Michael Talley, Sr., Commercial occupant

2 Door Neighbor to 8316 Liberty RD

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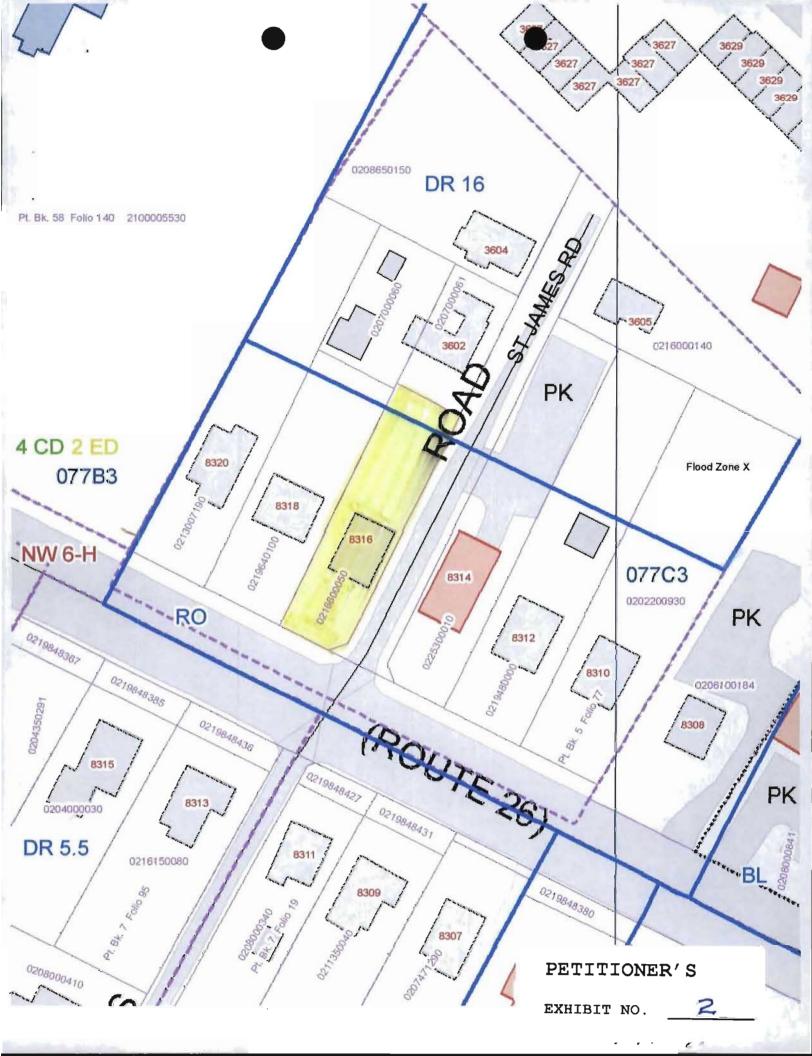
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Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

Protestant

No. 1	AMENDED SITE PLAN	
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Dear Applicant:

Please note that the application is in two parts. The application is designed in this manner so that less costly items such as those in Part I can be reviewed before the applicant submits Part II. Part II requires substantial expenditures for facilities, equipment, and the hiring of employees. If you initially submit only Part I, you will have 6 months to submit Part II. You may submit both parts of the application simultaneously.

All applications are carefully reviewed to assure that new schools will open and operate on a sound educational and financial basis. The amount of time required for this review process varies according to the complexity and quality of each application. In order to complete this process smoothly, it is crucial that you read all application materials carefully. By submitting the most complete information available, you will enable the Commission staff to move through the approval process accurately and officiently.

As required in the regulations governing private career schools, the Secretary of Higher Education has appointed an advisory council to review and to make recommendations to the Secretary on all new school applications. When your application has been reviewed and determined to be in compliance with the Code of Maryland Regulations, it will be presented to the advisory council. At the meeting of the advisory council, you will be given the opportunity to make comments and respond to questions concerning your proposed school.

Please submit all application materials to my attention at 839 Bestgate Road, Suite 400, Annapolis, Maryland 21401-3013. If you have any questions, please call Leslie Bennett at 410-260-4535 or Dean Kendall at 410-260-4582, or Andrea McLendon at 410-260-4581. Upon receipt, your application will be assigned to a Commission staff member who will process it and keep you apprised of its status.

Sincerely,

Judy Hendrickson

Director of Academic Affairs-

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May 29, 2007

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Ms. Wanda Richardson Program Director Richwad Enterprises, Inc. PO Box 23062 Baltimore, MD 21203-5062

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Thank you for submitting a Training Provider Questionnaire to the Maryland Higher Education Commission (the "Commission") on May 18, 2007.

The Maryland Higher Education Commission is charged with regulation of postsecondary education in Maryland. Approval must be obtained from the Commission before instruction may be offered to the public for the purpose of training, retraining, or upgrading individuals for gainful employment. By law, an institution of postsecondary education may not commence or continue to operate, do business, or function in Maryland without a contribute of approval from the Commission.

The laws of the State of Maryland explicitly provide that a "Private career school means a privately evened and privately operated institution of postsecondary education...whether or not requiring a payment of tuition or fee, for the purpose of training, retraining, or upgrading individuals for gainful employment..." §10-101(h) of the Education Article of the Ampointed Code of Maryland, Based on review of the information submitted, it has been determined that Commission approval is required for your nursing assistant training to be offered to the public in Maryland.

Unclosed is an application to obtain the required approval from the Commission. The application is also available in electronic form, and can be found on our website at www.mhoc.stapa.md.us, Please advise the Commission in writing within five days from the receipt of this letter of your intent to apply for approval.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. If you have questions about this matter, you may contact David Jorgenson at 410-260-3205, djorgens@mhec.state.md.us or Deborah Singer Howard. Assistant Autorney General, at 410-576-7917, dhoward@oag.state.md.us.

Sed in more

Sincorely,

James J. Lyons, Sr.

Secretary of Higher Education

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Application for Initial Approval to Operate a Private Career School in Maryland

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Before completing this application, please read through the entire form. If Part I and Part II are submitted separately, Part II must be received by the Maryland Higher Education Commission within 6 months of Part I.
- Organize the application in a 3-ring binder with TABS for each section. A separate 3-ring binder may be necessary for curriculum materials. Remember, TWO copies of the completed application (and curriculum materials including textbooks) must be submitted. Maintain a copy for yourself.
- 3. Use divider pages/tabs to separate the sections and attachments required under each section of this application.
- 4. When additional pages are necessary to answer an item, or if attachments are required, include them under the appropriate section TAB or reference them accordingly by identifying the section and number of the item being answered.
- Mail all of the above application materials to the Maryland Higher Education Commission, 839 Bostgate Road, Suite 400, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, attention Private Career Schools. Label the package "NEW SCHOOL APPLICATION".
- 6. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the following Commission staff linisons.

Les Bennett: Ibennett@mbec.state.md.us
David Jorgenson: diorgens@mbec.state.md.us
Dean Kendall: dkendall@mbec.state.md.us
Andrea McLendon: amclendo@mbec.state.md.us

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APPLICATION FOR INITIAL APPROVAL TO OPERATE

A PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL

PART II

(Part II must be submitted within 6 months of Part I)

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PART II, TAB A Cover Page

(All required materials for Section A should be included, in order, after this page.)

A. ENROLLMENTS

1. For each proposed program, identify the following:

The maximum number of students to be enrolled in any one session. (e.g. enrollment in the day $\underline{\alpha}r$ evening session)

The maximum number of students to be enrolled in all sessions at any point in time. (e.g. combined enrollment of day and evening sessions)

2. For all programs, identify the following:

The maximum total number of students to be enrolled in any one session. (e.g. enrollment in all programs for the day or evening sessions) 15

The maximum total number of students to be enrolled in all sessions at any point in time. (e.g. total enrollment of all programs in the day and evening sessions)

PART II. TAB B Cover Page

(All required materials for Section B should be included, in order, after this page.)

B. STAFFING

- 1. Provide a list of all school faculty and staff including administrators, admissions representatives, and instructors. (Identify the page(s) in the school catalog where this information is provided.)
- 2. Attach a listing of the instructors that identifies which program(s) each instructor will be teaching.
- Complete and attach the Maryland Higher Education Commission "Personnel Information Form" (Appendix 1) for each faculty and staff member of the proposed school. Attach a resume and a copy of each certification, license, or credential to Personnel Information Form.

PART II. TAB C Cover Page

(All required materials for Section C should be included, in order, ofter this page.)

C. EQUIPMENT AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- 1. Attach an equipment list that identifies the equipment to be used for each program and that indicates the quantity and age of each item on the list.
- If any of the equipment listed will be utilized for multiple programs, attach a
 description of how this equipment will be shared.
- Attach a description of any other educational resources that will support each proposed program. (e.g. library resources, etc.)

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(All required materials for Section D should be included, in order, after this page.)

D. FACILITY

- 1_ Identify the owner of the facility to be used by the proposed school.
- 2, Provide a copy of the executed lease between the facility owner and the school OWNER.
- 3. Provide verification that the school facility meets the local standards of the fire, health, and zoning departments by attaching the following documents:
 - Occupancy permit, i.
 - ił. Documentation of satisfactory inspections by the fire and health departments, and
 - iíi. A Private Educational Institution (PEI) license issued by the Montgomery County Health Department, if the proposed school is located in Montgomery County.
- Attach a description of the facility to be utilized by the school. Attach a blueprint or accurate drawing of the floor plan of the proposed school which identities the dimensions and the designated use of each room (i.e. classroom - 20' x 15'). By regulation, space in square footage per student must conform with standards of sound educational practice and State/local laws, ordinances and requirements. The minimum square footage per student may vary depending upon the type of training being conducted and other factors, but may not be less than 18 square feet per student.
- Attach a certificate of liability insurance for the school. Include a copy of the binder showing the specific categories and amounts of coverage.
- Indicate below whether arrangements have been made to contribute to Workers' Compensation.

X	Yes	No

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(All required materials for Section E should be included, in order, after this page.)

E. ANNUAL PROJECTIONS OF ENROLLMENTS, EXPENSES, AND INCOME

- 1. Provide as an attachment a projection of the total student enrollment for <u>each</u> program during the first year of operation.
- 2. Attach an annual projection of income for the school's first year of operation, using the enclosed form (Appendix 2) or a comparable form. Base tuition income on projected total annual enrollments for the school deducting for tuition lost due to anticipated student attrition and delinquent student accounts.
- Attach an annual projection of expenditures for the school's first year of operation, using the enclosed form (Appendix 3) or a comparable form.

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(All required materials for Section F should be included, in order, after this page.)

PAYMENT INTO THE GUARANTY STUDENT TUITION FUND (GSTF)

- ١, Enclose the required GSTF payment with this application. Use the schedule identified on the enclosed "Payment Form for the Guaranty Stydent Tuition Fund Payment" (Appendix 4) to determine the amount of your school's payment into the Fund. Make the check or money order payable to the Maryland Higher Education Commission,
- 2. Complete and submit the enclosed "Payment Form for the Guaranty Student Tuition Fund Payment" (Appendix 4).

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Name & Title of Chief Executive Officer (please	type or print)				
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