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#### IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

West side of Main Street, 189.29 feet S of c/l of Glyndon Drive 4<sup>th</sup> Election District 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District (410 Main Street)

Howard M. Lipman, D.C. *Petitioner* 

- \* BEFORE THE
- \* DEPUTY ZONING
- COMMISSIONER
- \* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY
- \* CASE NO. 2008-0581-A

### **ORDER ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Motion for Reconsideration filed by Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire, People's Counsel for Baltimore County. The Motion for Reconsideration was filed pursuant to Rule 4(k) of Appendix G of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) wherein the Rules of Practice and Procedure Before the Zoning Commissioner/Hearing Officer for Baltimore County are provided. Rule 4(k) permits a party to file a Motion for Reconsideration of an Order issued by the Zoning Commissioner. This Motion must be filed within 30 days of the date the Order was issued, and must state with specificity the grounds and reasons for their request.

In the instant matter, Petitioner requested Variance relief from Section 204.3.A.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit 100% of the total adjusted gross floor area of a "Class A" office building in an R.O. Zone for medical office use in lieu of the allowed 25% of the adjusted gross floor area for medical office use. In an Order dated September 26, 2008, the undersigned granted the requested variance.

Thereafter, on October 15, 2008, People's Counsel filed the aforementioned Motion for Reconsideration. In his Motion, Mr. Zimmerman related his office's concern with requests to exceed the 25% limit set forth in Section 204.3.A.2 of the B.C.Z.R. for medical offices in a

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Residential, Office (R.O.) Zone, explaining that the purpose of this limit is to control traffic volumes generated by medical offices, which tend to exceed that of general office uses. Mr. Zimmerman also indicated that he had discussed the case and his concerns with Petitioner's attorney, Mr. Betten. Following that discussion, it appears Petitioner's practice will not generate excessive traffic; however, People's Counsel requests that the undersigned modify the September 26, 2008 Order to include a condition that the use at the subject location be limited to chiropractic, acupuncture, massage therapy, and/or similar non-drug and non-surgical therapy and rehabilitation, but not general medical office use. In his response letter dated October 21, 2008, Mr. Betten indicated that in light of People's Counsel's concerns and after consultation with his client, Petitioner has no objection to a third condition being added to the Order with regard to the use of the property. Mr. Betten suggested language similar to that stated in Mr. Zimmerman's motion.

In considering the Motion for Reconsideration, the undersigned reviewed the file as well as notes taken during the hearing and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law dated April September 26, 2008. After reviewing the testimony and evidence, and by the agreement of the parties, I am persuaded to grant the motion and add a third condition to the Order of September 26, 2008.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of October, 2008 that the aforementioned Motion for Reconsideration be and is hereby GRANTED as follows:

In order to clarify that the use at the subject property shall be consistent with the evidence offered by Petitioner as to the specifics of the proposed use, the following shall be added as Condition 3 of the September 26, 2008 Order:

3. Petitioner acknowledges and agrees that the use at the subject property shall be limited to alternative, non-drug, non-surgical healthcare, including chiropractor, masseuse, acupuncture, and/or similar drug-free, surgery-free therapy or rehabilitation, but not for general office use.

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Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

October 28, 2008

THOMAS H. BOSTWICK Deputy Zoning Commissioner

Peter Max Zimmerman
People's Counsel for Baltimore County
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Jefferson Building
105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 204
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Re: Order on Motion for Reconsideration – Petition for Variance

Case No. 2008-0581-A Property: 410 Main Street

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case.

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

THOMAS H. BOSPWICK Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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Howard M. Lipman D.C., 410 Main Street, Reisterstown MD 21136

Bernt C. Petersen, G.W. Stephens & Associates, Inc., 215 Schilling Circle, Hunt Valley MD 21031

George Harman, President, Reisterstown-Owings Mills-Glyndon Coordinating Council, P.O. Box 117, Reisterstown, MD 21136 Office of Planning; File

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Re:

Howard Lipman, D.C.- Petitioner

410 Main Street Case No: 08-581-A DECEIVE L OCT 1 5 2008

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Dear Mr. Bostwick:

Please accept this letter as a Motion for Reconsideration, pursuant to Rule 4K, of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law dated September 26, 2008.

Historically, our office has scrutinized requests to exceed the BCZR § 204.3.A.2 25% limit for medical offices in the Residential-Office (R.O.) Zone. The purpose of the limit is to control traffic volumes generated by medical offices, which tend to exceed that of general office uses. It is also arguable that the restriction is a use restriction rather than an area restriction.

Prior to the hearing we discussed this case informally with Alan Betten, Esquire, attorney for Petitioner. Based on his description of Dr. Lipman's practice and use, it appears that there will not be excessive traffic generation so long as the use is **limited to chiropractic**, acupuncture, massage therapy, and/or similar non-drug and non-surgical therapy and rehabilitation, but not general medical office use. The use is alluded to in the opinion, p. 2-3, but not in the order. Accordingly, we ask that this be added as a third condition of the order.

To clarify this matter, I discussed the proposed reconsideration with Mr. Betten. It is my understanding that he does not oppose this condition to limit the proposed use. I look forward to his written comment and confirmation on this point.

Once again, we respectfully ask for your reconsideration.

Very truly yours,

Peter Max Zimmerman

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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cc: Alan Betten, Esquire

George Harman, President, ROG Curtis Murray, Office of Planning 9/26/08

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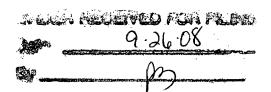
#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Howard M. Lipman, D.C. Petitioner is requesting variance relief as follows:

- From Section 204.3.A.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit 100% of the total adjusted gross floor area of a "Class A" office building in an R.O. Zone for medical office use in lieu of the allowed 25% of the adjusted gross floor area for medical office use; and
- From Section 450.4.I.5(m) IX of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a freestanding illuminated enterprise sign in an R.O. Zone facing and adjoining residentially zoned R.O. property.

The subject property and requested relief are more fully depicted on the site plan which was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

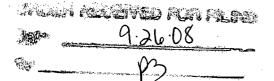
Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the variance requests was Petitioner Howard M. Lipman, D.C. and Alan Betten, Esquire, attorney for Petitioner. Also appearing in support of the requested relief was Bernt C. Petersen with George William Stephens, Jr. and



Associates, Inc., the landscape architect who prepared and sealed the site plan. There were no Protestants or other interested persons in attendance at the hearing.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is an irregular-shaped property containing approximately 32,986 square feet or 0.76 acre, more or less, zoned R.O. (18,991 square feet or 0.436 acre) and D.R.3.5 (12,039 square feet or 0.276 acre). The property is located on the west side of Main Street, south of Glyndon Drive, in the historic Reisterstown area of Baltimore County. The property is improved with an existing two-story wood frame building situated towards the front of the property facing Main Street. A shared driveway runs along the north side of the property to a paved parking area located directly behind the building. In viewing the site plan and an aerial photograph that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2, it appears the remainder of the property to the rear consists of a lawn area surrounded by trees and foliage.

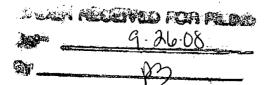
Further evidence revealed that Petitioner is a Doctor of Chiropractic and has been a licensed chiropractor since 1991. According to Petitioner, his practice offers non-drug and non-surgical therapy and rehabilitation, mostly involving spinal therapy. He also offers diagnostic radiology and other non-invasive testing procedures. His business is currently located in the Reisterstown Shopping Center; however, Petitioner is interested in moving from that location because it is presently less than 50% occupied, and Petitioner is concerned that the high percentage of retail vacancies and business turnover will have a negative effect on his business. In addition, Petitioner is interested in a more desirable location such as historic Reisterstown, with its other retail and professional specialty businesses. To that end, Petitioner purchased the subject property in January 2008 and has undertaken significant renovations of the building, including



replacement of the HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems. A photograph showing the exterior front of the building was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 3.

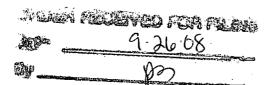
Petitioner explained that he intends to operate his practice Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Thursdays from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. His staff includes two full time employees. One person handles the general office management and the other handles marketing and provides chiropractic assistance. Another part time employee assists with rehabilitation and physical therapy. To illustrate how the practice will be laid out and occupy the entire building, Petitioner submitted a floor plan of the first and second floor that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 4. The first floor would consist of a front desk and reception area, three patient adjusting rooms, a rehabilitation suite, and an exam and x-ray area. The second floor would consist of Petitioner's office, the administrative and business office, a kitchen, and two rental offices (preferably for an acupuncturist and a massage therapist). Petitioner also indicated that employees and patients would park on site and access to the site would be via the shared driveway. This would lead to the 17 marked parking spaces located behind the building.

In order to utilize the property and building as proposed, Petitioner is in need of variance relief in order to permit 100% of the total adjusted gross floor area of this "Class A" office building for medical office use in lieu of the allowed 25%. In addition, Petitioner desires to erect a sign in front of the property to advertise his family chiropractic services to the public. A rendering of the proposed sign was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 5. The sign would comply with the zoning regulations in all respects, except that Petitioner is requesting that a variance be granted to permit illumination of the sign on each side.



In support of the variance requests, Petitioner presented a number of letters of support from nearby neighbors. These include the following: (1) letter of support from the immediate property owners to the south, Rene and Carolyn Herbst, which was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 6; (2) letter of support from the immediate property owner to the north, Ruth E. Whitlock, that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 8. Ms. Whitlock owns the "Whitlock Building" located next door at 408 Main Street, which also shares the driveway entrance with Petitioner's property. Ms. Whitlock indicated in her letter that she supports Petitioner's variance request seeking to use 100% of the building for chiropractic services, and believes Petitioner's practice will be an enhancement to the properties in the area. Photographs of the Whitlock Building, and the signage that is similar to what Petitioner is proposing, were marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibits 9 and 10; (3) letter of support from Peter Ferra, M.D. that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit Dr. Ferra has his pediatric practice across the street at 405 Main Street and supports Petitioner's variance request to use of 100% of the building for his chiropractic practice. Photographs of Dr. Ferra's building, with its exterior appearance and signage very similar to the exterior of Petitioner's building and proposed signage, were marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibits 12 and 13; (4) letter of support from Alice Reid, E.A., President of Compassionate Tax Service, that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 14. Ms. Reid operates her tax service office at 360 Main Street, approximately one block north of the subject property, and supports the opening of Petitioner's new office nearby.

In further support of the variance requests, Petitioner presented photographs, which were marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibits 16 and 17. These photographs depict a number of properties along the same area of Main Street as the subject property. Most of these



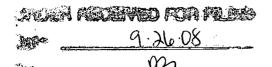
properties are used for retail or professional businesses. Petitioner also emphasizes that most of the signage for these businesses is very similar to that which is proposed for his chiropractic practice, including several that are interior illuminated and others that have exterior lights illuminating them. If anything, Petitioner notes, his sign will likely end up being smaller than most of the other existing signs on Main Street, including those that are illuminated.

Petitioner also presented additional letters of support from several civic organizations. Marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 18 was a letter dated August 15, 2008 from Brian Ditto, Executive Director of the Reisterstown · Owings Mills · Glyndon Chamber of Commerce, indicating their unequivocal support of Petitioner's variance requests. In short, Mr. Ditto writes that Petitioner's relocation of his business to 410 Main Street "will ably fill a long-vacant historic structure that had sorely needed exterior/interior renovation." Also marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 19 was a letter dated August 20, 2008 from George Harman, President of the Reisterstown ~ Owings Mills ~ Glyndon Coordinating Council (ROG), indicating their support of the property's use for chiropractic purposes. Mr. Harman did write, however, that the proposed sign should conform to the code requirements, and that any lighting for the sign be shielded to avoid impacts on adjacent properties and the roadway, and that lighting be placed on a timer so as not to remain lit beyond 11:00 PM each evening.

Testifying in support of the variance requests was Bernt Petersen. Mr. Petersen is a licensed landscape architect and is familiar with the site and prepared the site plan. He is also familiar with the County Code and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and has previously been offered and accepted as an expert before this Commission in land use and zoning and interpretation of the B.C.Z.R. In support of the variance requests, Mr. Petersen pointed out several unusual characteristics of the property, including that the property has a forest buffer

running along the rear of the property that limits the use of that area for commercial purposes, the irregular shape of the property and the placement of what was once a residential dwelling so close to Main Street (a situation that would not be permitted by today's regulations), as well as the split zoning of the property, with a majority of the property including the building and parking areas, located in the R.O. Zone. In addition, the property is located in the Reisterstown Historic District, which necessarily limits the extent of changes and improvements that can be made to the property, and the property is located in a Renaissance area that promotes successful businesses in the area. Mr. Petersen also discussed the illumination that will be present at the property. As depicted on the site plan and shown in the drawings and elevations that were marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 20, the property will have pedestrian lighting in the paved parking area. In addition, ground level "bullet" lights as shown in Petitioner's Exhibit 20 will be placed on each side of Petitioner's sign in order to illuminate the sign for pedestrians and vehicles traveling on Reisterstown Road. Finally, Mr. Petersen offered his opinion that Petitioner's proposed use of the property would be an asset to the area, and his request to provide lighting for the proposed sign would not have any detrimental impacts on the health, safety, or general welfare of the community.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. Comments were received from the Office of Planning dated July 21, 2008 which indicate that they do not object to the requested variance from Section 204.3.A.2 to permit 100% of the total adjusted gross floor area of a "Class A" office building in an R.O. Zone for medical office use in lieu of the allowed 25% of the adjusted gross floor area for medical office use, but does object to the request to have the freestanding enterprise sign being illuminated. The Planning Office will support the request of that variance provided that the sign is not illuminated.



To allow an illuminated sign on this property would not be in character with the surrounding neighborhood since it is largely historic and mixed office and residential use.

Considering of all the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the requested variance relief. I find special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance requests. Clearly, the subject property -- and properties throughout this historic corridor -- have changed over the years from what were once residences on Main Street to retail stores, professional offices, and other commercial uses. Given the area's status as a "Renaissance" area, successful businesses there are encouraged. In addition, the building itself -- as do others in the vicinity -- predates the zoning regulations. Petitioner is making a laudable effort to renovate the building and enhance the reasonable commercial activity along Main Street. Also, several other factors limit Petitioner's options with regard to the property, including the irregular shape and the forest buffer running through the rear of the property, as well as the split zoning of the property. These are the kind of unusual characteristics that make the property unique in a zoning sense.

Finally, I find this variance can be granted in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said regulations, and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this petition held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered by Petitioner, I find that Petitioner's variance requests should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this day of September, 2008 by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, that Petitioner's variance request as follows:

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be and are hereby GRANTED. The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

1. Petitioner may apply for his building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

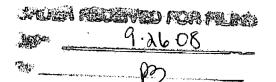
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Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

THOMAS H. BOSTWICK Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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# **Petition for Variance**

# to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at \_\_\_\_\_410 Main Street, Reisterstown, Maryland which is presently zoned RO and DR 3.5

Deed Reference: 26524 / 654 Tax Account # 0411001150

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)

204.3A.2 to permit 100% of the total adjusted gross floor area of a Class "A" office building in an RO zone for medical office use in lieu of the allowed 25% of the adjusted gross floor area for medical office use

of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty.)

SEE ATTACHED

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.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which

is the subject of this Petition.

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Attorney For Petitioner:	11951 Reisterstown Road 410-517-2400
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Alan Betten, Esq.	Reisterstown Maryland 21126
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Ca	Representative to be Contacted:
Signature Kandel, Klitenic, Kotz and Betten, LLP	Bernt C. Petersen/G. W. Stephens & Assocs.
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The Applicant is a licensed chiropractor who will be moving his practice to the subject location when it is renovated. In order to fully attend to his patients' needs, it is believed that more than 25% of the adjusted gross floor area should be leased for affiliated medical/chiropractic purposes. Due to the particular nature of the property, a practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship to the Applicant would result as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the strict letter of the applicable zoning regulations were to be carried out; the practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship has not been created by any intentional action of the Applicant; the purpose of the requested variance is not based exclusively upon the desire to increase the value or income potential of the property; the granting of the variance will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, security, general welfare or morals of, and will not be injurious to the use of other property in the immediate vicinity, nor substantially diminish or impair property values in the neighborhood; the granting of the variance will not adversely affect transportation, public services, population concentration, or traffic conditions within the surrounding neighborhood; and, within the intent and purposes of the Zoning Code, the variance, if granted, is the minimum variance necessary to afford relief.

#### FROM THE OFFICE OF

#### GEORGE WILLIAM STEPHENS, JR. AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

CONSULTING ENGINEERS • LAND PLANNERS • LAND SURVEYORS 215 SCHILLING CIRCLE, SUITE 114 • HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND 21031

June 12, 2008

Description to Accompany Petition for Variances for 410 Main Street, Reisterstown, MD

Beginning at a point on the westerly right-of-way of Main Street in Reisterstown, said point being South 4 degrees 14 minutes 56 seconds East 189.29 feet more or less, from a point formed by the intersection of the centerlines of Main Street and Glyndon Avenue thence leaving said point of beginning, along the following 7 courses:

- 1. Running thence along said westerly right-of-way of Main Street South 06 degrees 16 minutes 00 seconds East 65.50 feet, thence
- 2. leaving said westerly right-of-way of Main Street South 85 degrees 46 minutes 35 seconds West 380.21 feet, thence
- 3. North 03 degrees 38 minutes 00 seconds West 104.52 feet, thence
- 4. North 86 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East 162.25 feet, thence
- 5. South 01 degree 45 minutes 00 seconds East 51.30 feet, thence
- 6. North 87 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds East 52.30 feet, thence
- 7. North 87 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds East 164.03 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 0.71 Acres of land more or less

The above description is for zoning purposes only and is not to be used for Note: contracts, conveyances or agreements.

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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 that is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions that 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.

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#### NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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: #2008-0581-A

410 Main Street

W/side of Main Street (AKA Reisterstown Road) 189.29 feet s/of centerline of Glyndon Drive

4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Legal Owner(s): Reisterstown Family Chiropractic Realty, LLC, Howard Lipman

Variance: to permit 100% of the total adjusted gross floor area of a "Class A" office building in an R.O. zone for medical office use in lieu of the allowed 25% of the adjusted gross floor area for medical use. To permit a freestanding illuminated enterprise sign in an R. O. zone facing and adjoining residentially zoned (R.O.) property

Hearing: Friday, August 22, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. In Hearing Room 1, Jeiferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

#### WILLIAM J. WISEMAN; III

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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# **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

RE: Case No.: 2008 T 0581-A

Petitioner/Developer: REISTELSTOWN

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Date of Hearing/Closing: 8-22-08

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

ATTN: Kristen Mlatthews {(410) 887-3394}

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Sincerely.



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(Print Name)		
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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

July 15, 2008
TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director
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Hearing: Friday, August 22, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 1, Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

Timothy Kotroco

Director ·

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C: Alan Betten, 502 Washington Avenue, Towson 21204
Howard Lipman, 11951 Reisterstown Road, Reisterstown 21126
Bernt Peterson, G.W. Stephens, 215 Schilling Circle, #114, Hunt Valley 21031

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TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

August 13, 2008

Alan Betten, Esq Kandel, Klitenic, Kotz and Betten, LLP 502 Washington Ave. Towson, MD 21204

Dear: Alan Betten, Esq.

RE: Case Number 2008-0581-A, 410 Main St.

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

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:lnw

**Enclosures** 

c: People's Counsel

Howard M. Lipman, D.C., 11951 Reisterstown Rd., Reisterstown, MD 21126 Bernt C. Petersen: G. W. Stephens & Assocs, 215 Schilling Cir. Suite 114, Hunt Valley, MD 21031



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

JOHN J. HOHMAN, Chief Fire Department

County Office Building, Room 111 Mail Stop #1105 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 July 3, 2008,2008

ATTENTION: Zoning Review Planners

Distribution Meeting Of: July 7,2008

Item Number: 0581,0586

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

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

**DATE:** July 8, 2008

Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For July 14, 2008

Item Nos. 08-0519, 0520, <del>0581</del>, 0583, 0585, 0587, 0589, 0590, 0592, and 0593

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

DAK:CEN:lrk

cc: File

ZAC-07082008-NO COMMENTS



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

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: 7-10-2008

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

RE: Baltimore County
Item No. 2008 - 0581-A
MD 140
410 MAIN STREET
LIDMAN, D. C. PROPERTY
VARIANCE

Dear Ms. Matthews:

We have reviewed the site plan to accompany petition for variance on the subject of the above captioned, which was received on 7-8-08. A field inspection and internal review reveals that the existing entrance onto Not40 is consistent with current State Highway Administration requirements. Therefore, this office has no objection to 410 Main Street, Case Number 2008-0581-A approval.

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

Very truly yours,

Steven D. Foster, Chief
Engineering Access Permits
Division

SDF/MB

Cc: Mr. David Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA Mr. Michael Pasquariello, Utility Engineer, SHA

## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**DATE:** July 21, 2008

TO:

Timothy Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

410 Main Street

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

08-581

Petitioner:

Howard M. Lippman, D.C.

Zoning:

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Requested Action: Variance

The petitioner requests a variance from Section 204.3A.2 to permit 100% of the total adjusted gross floor area of a Class "A" office building in an RO zone for medical office use in lieu of the allowed 25% of the adjusted gross floor area for medical office use. The petitioner is also requesting a variance from Section 450.4.I.5(m) IX to permit a freestanding illuminated enterprise sign in an RO zone facing and adjoining residentially zoned RO property.

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

The Office of Planning does not object to the requested variance from Section 204.3A.2 to permit 100% of the total adjusted gross floor area of a Class "A" office building in an RO zone for medical office use in lieu of the allowed 25% of the adjusted gross floor area for medical office use, but does object to the request to have the freestanding enterprise sign being illuminated. The Office of Planning will support the request of that variance provided that the sign it not illuminated. To allow an illuminated sign on this property would not be in character with the surrounding neighborhood, since it is largely historic and mixed office and residential use.

Prepared By:

**Division Chief:** 

AFK: CM

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
410 Main Street; W/S Main Street,
189.29' S c/line Glydon Drive
4th Election & 3rd Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Howard Lipman, D.C.
Petitioner(s)

- BEFORE THE
- ZONING COMMISSIONER
- \* FOR
- \* BALTIMORE COUNTY
- 08-581-A

#### 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 and all documentation filed in the case.

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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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 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to G.W. Stephens & Associates, 215 Schilling Circle, Suite 114, Hunt Valley, MD 21031 and Alan Betten, Esquire, 502 Washington Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Mar Zumerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

### KANDEL, KLITENIC, KOTZ & BETTEN, LLP

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

SUITE 610, NOTTINGHAM CENTRE 502 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4513

ALAN BETTEN

TEL: (410) 339-7100 FAX: (410) 339-7107 EMAIL: abetten@k/3blaw.com

October 21, 2008

Mr. Thomas H. Bostwick
Deputy Zoning Commissioner for
Baltimore County
County Courts Building
401 Bosley Avenue, Suite 405
Towson, Maryland 21204

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Re: Howard Lipman, D.C., Petitioner - 410 Main Street, Reisterstown, Maryland; Case No. 08-581-A

Dear Mr. Bostwick:

I am in receipt of the Motion for Consideration filed by letter dated October 15, 2008 by People's Counsel for Baltimore County, and have reviewed the same with Dr. Lipman. As was noted by Dr. Lipman during his testimony at the Hearing of the above-captioned matter, he would have no problem with your adding to the Order a third condition with regard to the use of the property. By and large, the language suggested by People's Counsel is accurate. Nevertheless, the Petitioner would prefer that the Order state that the use is limited to "alternative, drug-free, surgery-free health care, such as chiropractor, masseuse, and acupuncture, but not for general medical use."

I look forward to receiving your revised Order.

Very truly yours,

Alan Betten

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cc: Dr. Howard Lipman (via first class mail)

Peter Max Zimmerman, Esq.,

People's Counsel for Baltimore County (via first class mail)

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CASE	NUMBER 55-4	
DATE	8/22/25	

# PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

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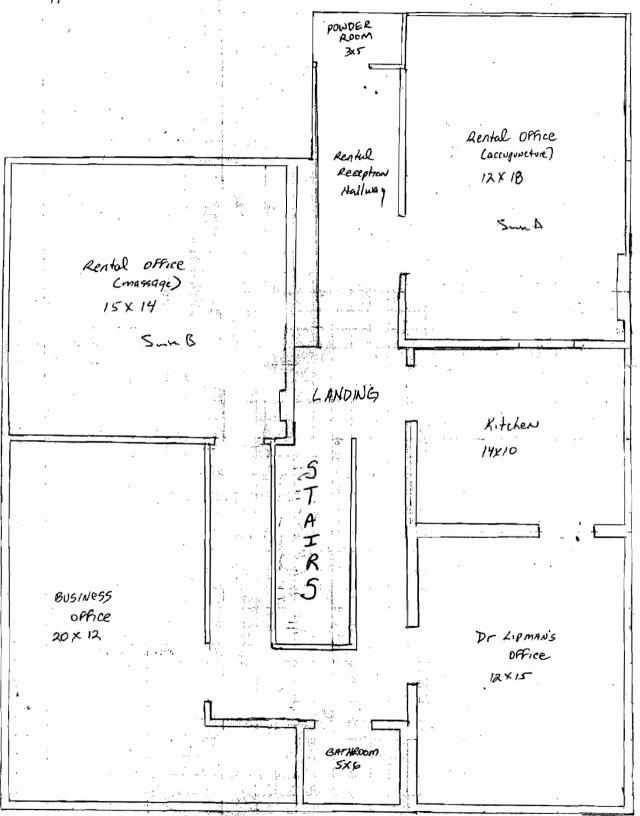
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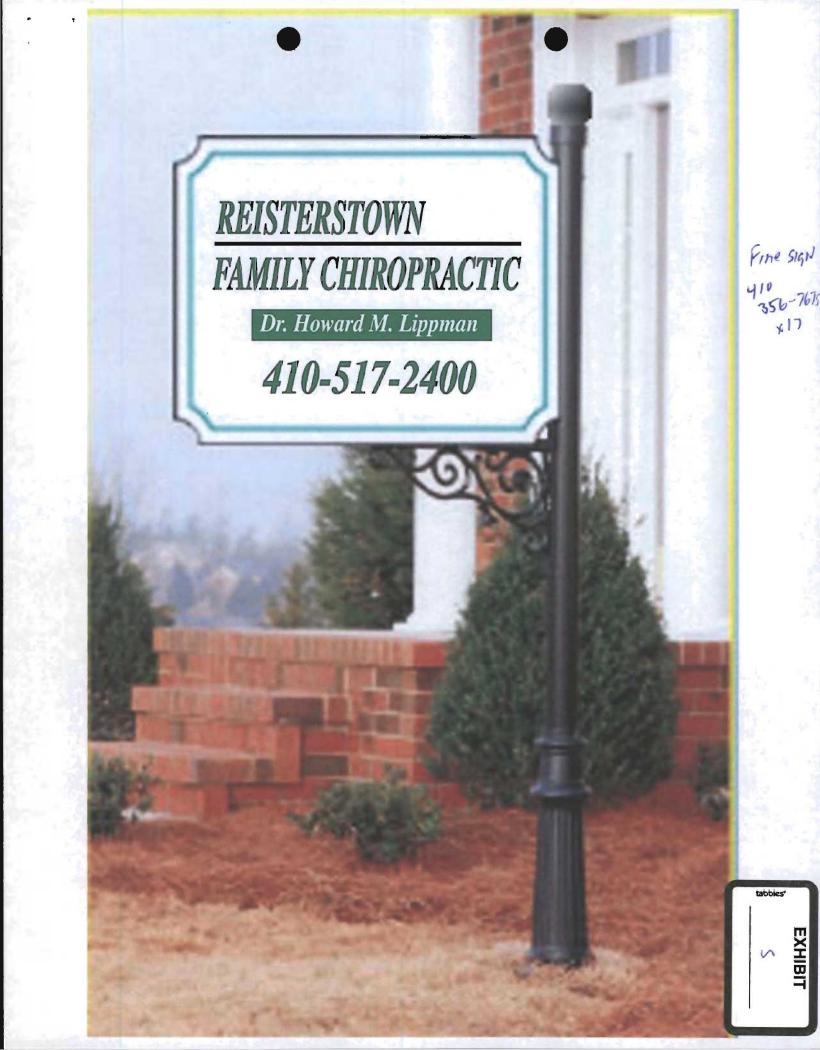
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Mrs. René L. Herbsi, Fr. P.O. Box 275 Glyndon, Maryland 21071

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To Whom it May Concern:

We have no objections to having "Beisterstown Family Chiropractic" locate their business at 410 Main St., Beisterstown, MD.

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#### PETER FERRA, M.D.

Caring for Infant, Children & Adolescents



24 July, 2008 .

Reisterstown Family Chiropractic, Realty, LLC 410 Main St Reisterstown, MD 21136

Attn: Dr. Howard M. Lipman

Dear Dr. Lipman,

I am excited that you will be moving your chiropractic practice across the street from our Main Street office. As we have been doing for the past 10 years, this will only enhance our ability to provide for the pediatric needs of your patients.

We gladly support your petition for zoning variance, stating that you will be using 100% of the building for your chiropractic practice. We recognize that your flourishing business will also be an enhancement to the property value of our building.

If we can be of any further service, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Best Wishes,

Peter Ferra, MD

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360 Main Street • Reisterstown, MD 21136 Tele 410.526.3980 Fax 410.526.3989 www.compassionatetax.com

August 5, 2008

RE: Reisterstown Family Chiropractic office location

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Dr. Lipman for some time and I know him to be an excellent Chiropractor and a responsible business person. I fully support his opening of a new office on 410 Main Street that is used 100% for his business.

As a Main Street merchant I look forward to Dr. Lipman and others like him to bring viable businesses like Reisterstown Family Chiropractic to Main Street. Thriving businesses like his help to increase business for all of us on Main Street.

Regards,

Cerce C. Ce d Alice A. Reid, EA

President

EXHIBIT ...







Ruth Whitlock 998 Wilda Dr. Westminster, MD 21157

16 July, 2008

Reisterstown Family Chiropractic Realty, LLC 410 Main St.
Reisterstown, MD 21136
Attn: Dr. Howard M. Lipman

Dear Dr. Lipman,

We here at the Whitlock building located at 408 Main Street will have no problems with the fact that the parking lot for your patients will fall along the border of our parking lot. As always in the past we have always been amicable with our neighbors at 410 main street and we welcome your chiropractic practice as our neighbors.

We also support your petition for variance, stating that you will be using 100% of the building for your chiropractic practice. We recognize that your flourishing business will be an enhancement to the property value of our building.

If we can be of any further service, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Cordially,

Ruth E. Whitlock

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Dear DR. Lipman,

We have no problem sharing 5 feet of driveway with you, as we have had no problem sharing the driveway with past occupants of 410 Main 5t.

Surrendy, Ruth Whittock



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Nancy Volpitta ImageLine On Hol August 15, 2008

Zoning Hearing Office Baltimore County Office Building, Room 111 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. Towson, MD 21204

Re: Case No. 2008-0581-A

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently the Reisterstown-Owings Mills-Glyndon Chamber of Commerce took up the matter of review on two proposed variances requested by Reisterstown Family Chiropractic Realty, LLC, Howard Lipman, pertaining to 410 Main St., Reisterstown. With input from the office of 3rd District County Councilman T. Bryan McIntire, county planner Jessie Bialek and the Chamber's duly-charged Economic Development/Zoning Committee, our 300-member organization wants to go on record in the following ways:

- 1. We fully support the variance to allow 100% of the building for medical/chiropractic use as opposed to the 25% allowed under current RO zoning.
- 2. We fully support the variance to allow a freestanding, illuminated enterprise sign facing and adjoining the residentially zoned RO property. The proposed sign is consistent with and in fact aesthetically superior to many existing Main Street business signs.

Moreover, it is a long-held Chamber position to support the revitalization efforts of Main Street, Reisterstown as they relate to County Executive James T. Smith's renaissance goals. The relocation of Dr. Lipman's Reisterstown Family Chiropractic business to 410 Main St. will ably fill a long-vacant historic structure that had sorely needed interior/exterior renovation. Furthermore, he has diligently worked with Stan Jacobs in the county Office of Economic Development to secure exterior renovation financing.



We trust these factors will contribute to a positive outcome in the variance requests. If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact us. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours most sincerely,

Buan a. Ditto

Brian A. Ditto

**Executive Director** 

cc: Dr. Howard Lipman/Reisterstown Family Chiropractic
Baltimore County Executive James T. Smith
3rd District Baltimore County Councilman T. Bryan McIntire
3rd District Baltimore County Planner Jessie Bialek
Stan Jacobs, Baltimore County Office of Economic Development
Paul Davolos, Chair, R-OM-G Chamber Economic Development/Zoning Committee

# REISTERSTOWN FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC

Dr. Howard M. Lipman

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### Reisterstown~Owings Mills~ Glyndon Coordinating Council

P.O. Box 117 Reisterstown, MD 21136

August 20, 2008

Office of the Zoning Commissioner William J. Wiseman, III, Zoning Commissioner Thomas H. Bostwick, Deputy Zoning Commissioner Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

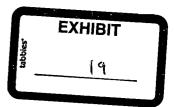
> RE: Case # 2008-581-A Reisterstown Family Chiropractor 410 Main Street Reisterstown, MD 21136

Dear Messrs. Wiseman and Bostwick:

The Reisterstown-Owings Mills-Glyndon Coordinating Council, Inc. (ROG) Board has voted to offer this letter of support for the referenced case.

ROG is a support organization for the many local community organizations that represent the residents generally defined as living within the two primary zip codes (21117 and 21136) that define the geographical extent of the area served. The community organizations are wholly staffed by volunteers that attempt to track changes in zoning and permitting that would tend to reduce the value of the residential property. ROG has routinely argued for the protection of residential property against incursions or conversions by commercial entities. It has been difficult to watch almost all of the once residential properties on Main Street being converted to commercial uses, but at this time, the proposed use for chiropractic purposes would appear to be a reasonable option to help preserve the general character of the area. House sizes are relatively small and not readily suitable for residential use. Rental fees apparently do not generally provide the level of income to maintain these older homes, thus requiring the owners to seek uses that can generate the necessary income to preserve the exterior appearances.

Our organization has also noted with dismay that garish commercial signs are sometimes used to advertise businesses along Main Street. We would request that if a decision to approve this petition is granted, that the decision be conditioned with a statement requiring that the signage for this enterprise be in full conformity with Baltimore County Code requirements. No deviations or variances from code would be allowed, and that any lighting for the sign be shielded to avoid impacts on adjacent properties and the roadway. Further, we would request that the lighting for the sign be placed on a timer so that it will remain lit no later than 11:00 PM each evening.





### Reisterstown~Owings Mills~ Glyndon Coordinating Council

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ROG is not planning to provide oral testimony since it would require the officers of the organization to take time off from work. Oral testimony must be reserved for hearings of greater significance since none of the scheduled hearings before the Commissioner are held in the evening when volunteer organizations can attend without financial hardship.

For any matters relating to this letter, I may be reached by phone during the day at 410-537-3856 or at home at 410-429-6035.

Sincerely,

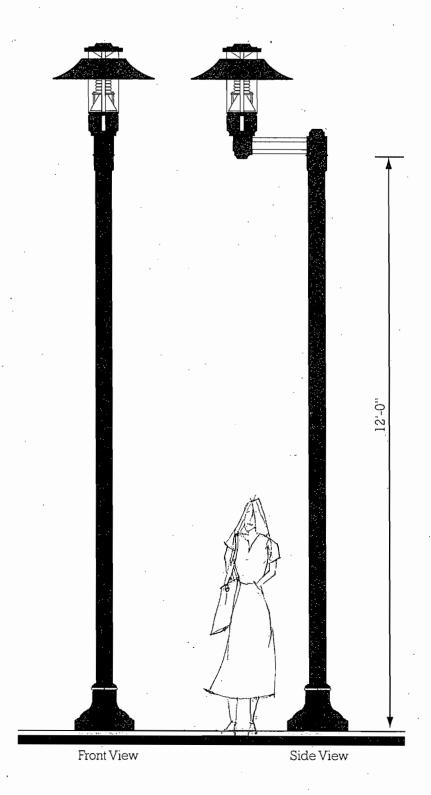
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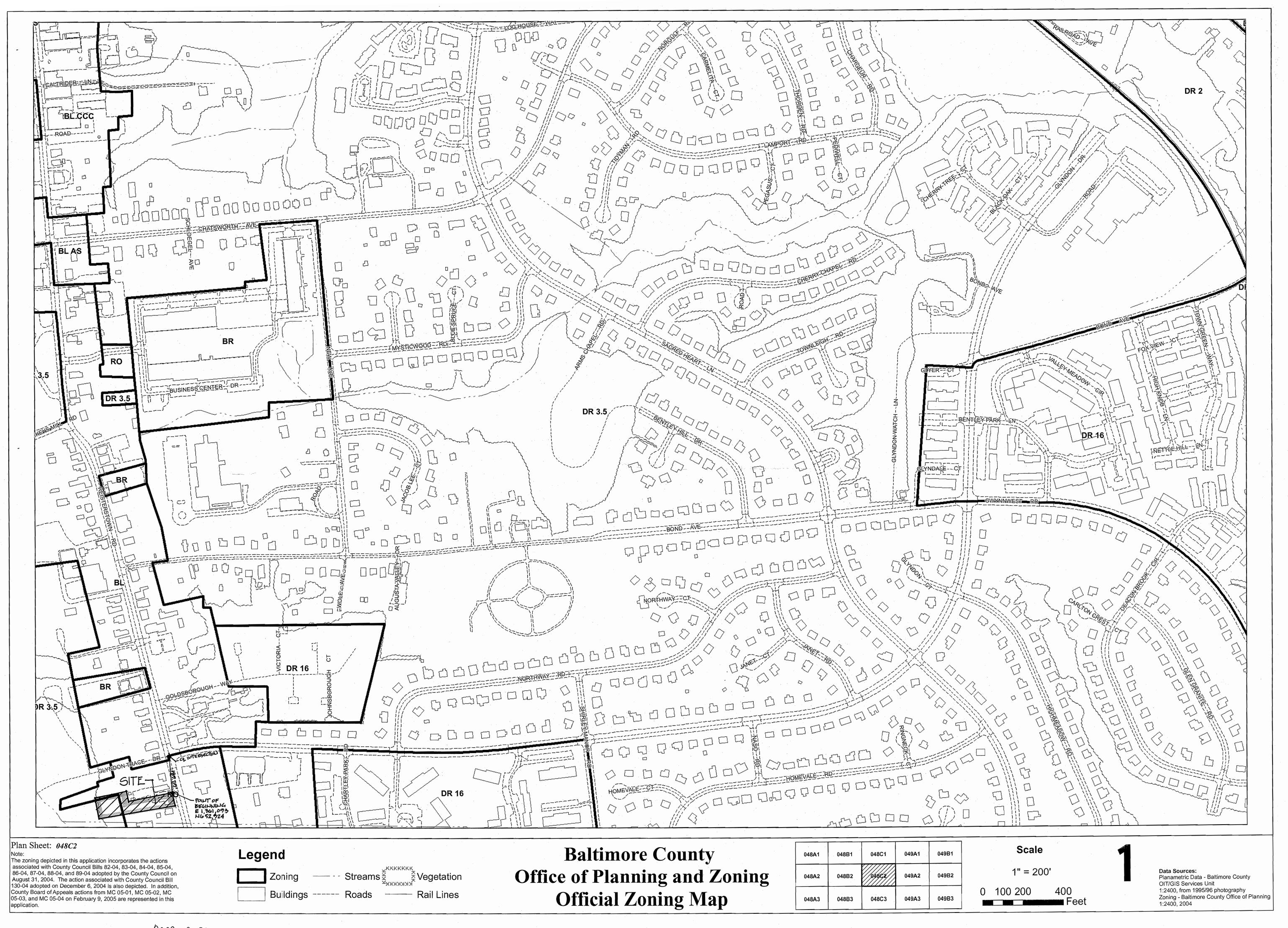
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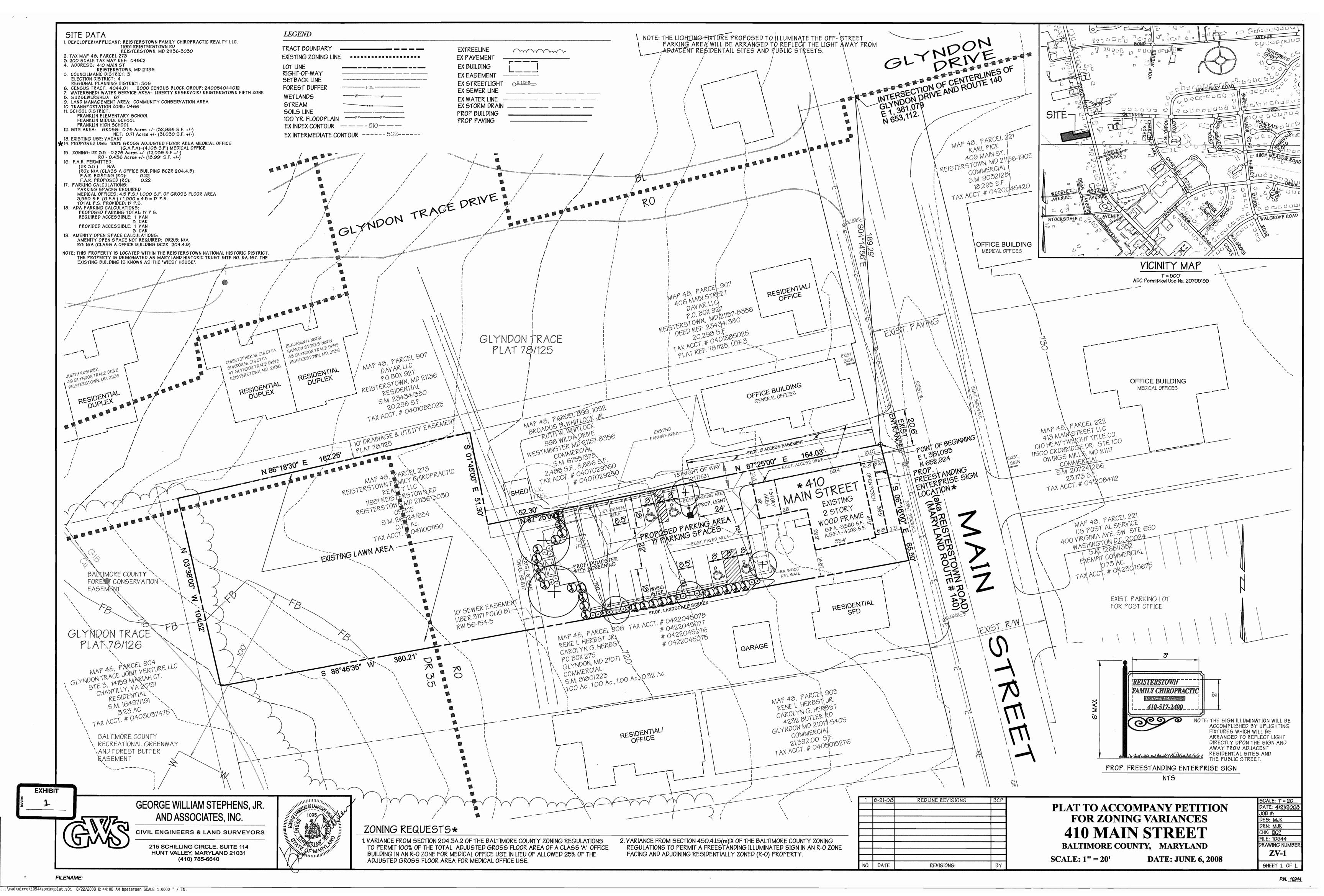
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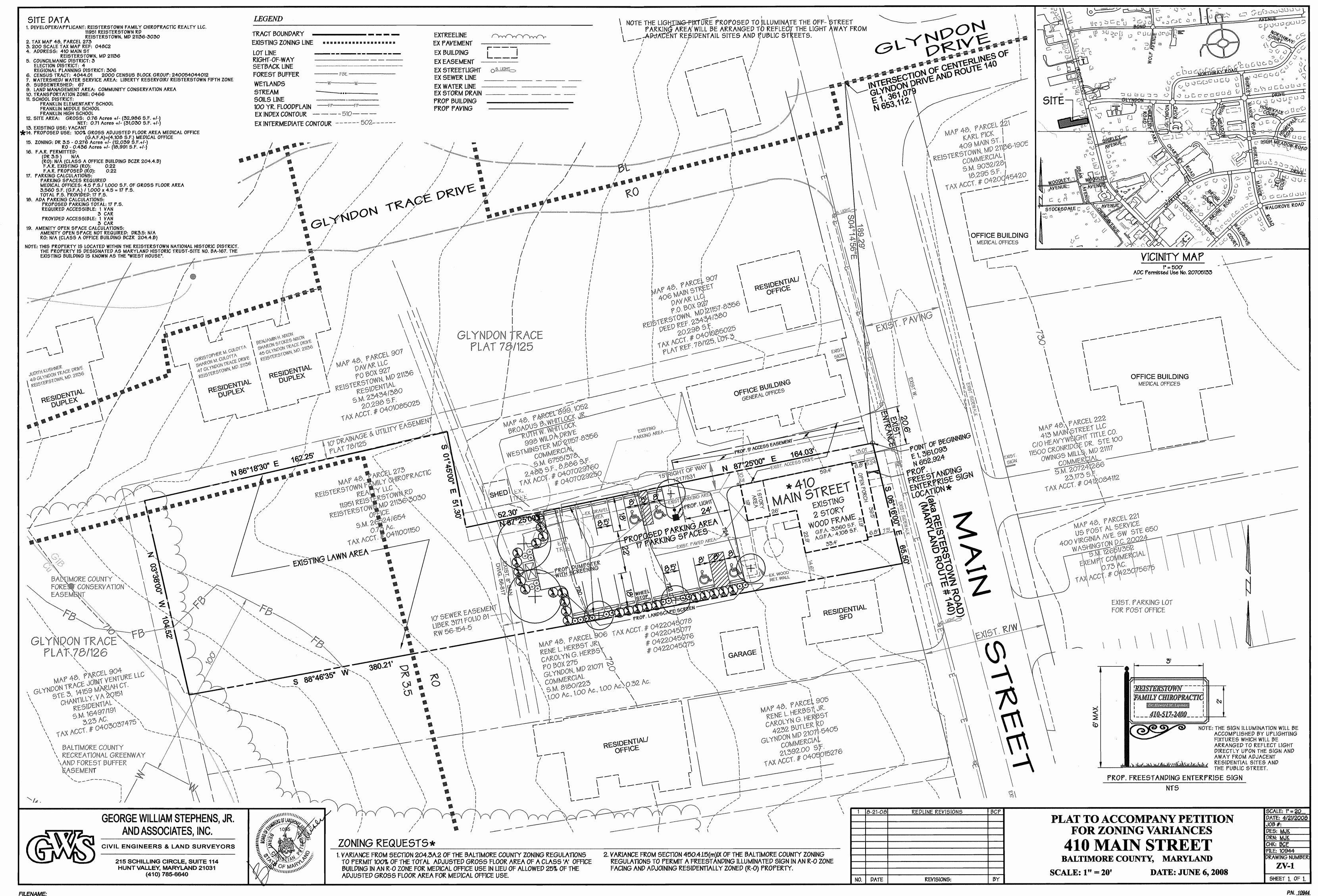
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