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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND

**VARIANCE** 

W side of Main Street, 225 feet N of c/l of East Chadsworth Avenue 4<sup>th</sup> Election District 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District (67 Main Street)

Elias Rizakos Legal Owner BEFORE THE

\* DEPUTY ZONING

\* COMMISSIONER

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2009-0051-SPHXA

### REMAND ORDER

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner on remand from the Baltimore County Board of Appeals ("Board") for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance ("Zoning Petitions") filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Elias Rizakos. On December 11, 2008, People's Counsel noted a timely appeal from a decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner dated November 25, 2008. The Board, on September 8, 2009, unanimously decided to remand the case back to the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Revised Plan to Accompany the Zoning Petitions, which purports to, among other things, change the existing signage and limit the Variance and Special Exception approval of the Class A animal boarding place use to the current operator or a future operator, so long as it remains consistent with the character, size and intensity of the current use.

On November 6, 2009, Jason T. Vettori, Esquire, on behalf of the Petitioner, and Peter Max Zimmerman, People's Counsel for Baltimore County, appeared before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of the revised relief requested under the Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance along with the Revised Plan to Accompany the Zoning Petitions (the "Plan"). The Plan, dated June 25, 2008, as revised on October 14, 2009, was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Remand Hearing Exhibit 1A.

No other interested persons have appeared in the proceedings. Accordingly, no additional notice of this remand hearing was required to be posted or advertised as is customary for public hearings. All parties of record were present at the remand hearing.

As indicated by the Board in its Ruling and Order on Joint Motion for Remand, the parties mutually agreed to remove the Existing Sign No.1, remove and replace Existing Sign No. 4 with a higher quality, smaller version, and limit the Special Exception approval regarding a Class A animal boarding place to the current user or a future operator whose use would be limited in character, size and intensity to the Adopt-A-Pet Center's use. This Deputy Zoning Commissioner, having already found that the property was unique, adopts and incorporates herein those findings to be applied to the revised requests to relief. Having described the process and rationale behind how this matter was remanded to this Deputy Zoning Commissioner for additional findings, it is perhaps most appropriate to discuss the specific changes and then the modifications to the relief requested and additional notes added to the Plan.

The Plan was redlined for several reasons. First of all, the Zoning Petitions and the original Plan to Accompany list Section 230.13 of the B.C.Z.R. as the section from which the Special Exception approval of a Class A animal boarding place as well as living quarters in a commercial building is being sought. However, there is no Section 230.13. Both of these uses are listed as uses permitted by Special Exception under Section 230.3 of the B.C.Z.R. As a result, the Plan was redlined to properly note the section of the B.C.Z.R. from which Special Exception approval was being requested.

Secondly, as evidenced by Petitioner's Remand Hearing Exhibit 1A, Existing Sign No. 1 is to be removed. Existing Sign No. 4 is also to be removed; however, Proposed Sign No. 4, as shown on Petitioner's Remand Exhibit 1A, is going to replace Existing Sign No. 4. While Existing Sign No. 4 currently stands 10 feet tall and 5 feet wide, Proposed Sign No. 4 will stand

6 feet tall and 4 feet wide (these figures include the posts and empty space which is not considered when calculating square footage of the face area of a sign -- see Section 450.3 of the B.C.Z.R. regarding the definition of "AREA."). In addition, higher quality materials will be used for the framing of Proposed Sign No. 4. In accordance with the modifications to the existing signage being proposed by Petitioner and agreed to by People's Counsel, the relief requested under the Petition for Variance has been revised. Variance Request No. 5 has been revised to reflect the fact that two freestanding enterprise signs (originally there were three requested) are being proposed in lieu of the maximum permitted one freestanding enterprise sign under Section 450.4.5(b)(vi) of the B.C.Z.R. Variance Request No. 6 has been deleted. Petitioner is no longer requesting relief from Section 450.4.5(b)(v), because no relief is needed regarding the face area for the two freestanding enterprise signs (Existing Sign No. 2 and Proposed Sign No. 4). The maximum permitted face area under Section 450.4.5(b)(v) is 75 square feet. Existing Sign No. 2 has 9 square feet of face area on each side. Proposed Sign No. 4 has 15 square feet of face area on each side. For this reason, Variance Request No. 6 is to be dismissed as moot. In addition, Variance Request No. 7, Petitioner's request for such other and further relief as may be deemed necessary by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, is also dismissed as moot as no additional relief is requested. Note Nos. 4, 5 and 6 have been added to the Revised Plan regarding the proposed signage. Those notes read as follows:

- 4. Original variance request No. 6 has been removed as it is moot. The requested relief is no longer needed as existing sign nos. 1 and 4 are to be removed and existing sign no. 2 and the proposed sign do not exceed the maximum permitted 75 feet of face area (BCZR § 450.4.5(b)(v)).
- 5. Original variance request No. 5 has been revised to request relief from BCZR § 450.4.5(b)(vi) to permit two freestanding enterprise signs in lieu of the maximum number permitted of one freestanding enterprise sign (as opposed to the three signs which were originally requested).

6. The removal of Existing Sign No. 1 is without prejudice to a future request for variance relief for another sign subject to BCZR § 450.

The location of Existing Sign No. 2, Existing Sign No. 3 and Proposed Sign No. 4 are more fully illustrated on the Revised Plan and described under each caption showing a picture of those signs.

Thirdly, as previously indicated, the Special Exception approval for the Class A animal boarding place use, under Section 230.3 of the B.C.Z.R., has been operating from this location for approximately ten years. Due to the fact that the use can be included within this broadly defined use, but is more of a niche within this defined use, is of a limited size and has limited hours of operation and lacks a dog run, Petitioner and People's Counsel felt it would be more appropriate to limit the Special Exception approval to the existing operator, or a future operator whose use would be limited in character, size and intensity to the Adopt-A-Pet Center's use. It should also be noted that the structure that houses the Adopt-A-Pet use has another tenant on a separate floor. As a result, the setback from the lease line is zero feet. Due to the Variance relief from Section 421.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit any part of a Class A animal boarding place within zero feet of the nearest property line or lease line in lieu of the minimum required 200 feet, Petitioner and People's Counsel felt it was appropriate to limit the Special Exception use to the instant operator or one similar in character, size and intensity. To reflect this limitation, Note I has been added to the Revised Plan. Note I reads as follows:

A Class A Animal Boarding Place is permitted by special exception in the B.L. zone, BCZR § 230.3. The Adopt A Pet Center lies in the B.L. zone. Class A Animal Boarding Places are further regulated by BCZR § 421, which subjects the instant use to setback requirements from which the Adopt A Pet Center necessitates a variance. As noted by the property owner and the Adopt A Pet Center, the request for variance relief from Section 421.2 of the BCZR to permit any part of a Class A Animal Boarding Place within zero feet of the nearest property line or lease line in lieu of minimum required 200 feet of the nearest property line or lease line is for the current operator or a future operator whose use would be limited in size and intensity to the Adopt A Pet Center's use. The

property owner leases to more than one tenant. As a result, the setback from the lease line is zero feet. Similarly, the special exception relief is being granted for the existing operator's use, so long as it remains consistent with the size and intensity of the current use, or a future operator whose use would be limited in size and intensity to the Adopt A Pet Center's use. Any material increase to the character, size and intensity of the current use of the site as an animal rescue would be subject to new petitions for variance and special hearing.

The limitation of the operator applies both to the Variance and to the Special Exception approval of the Class A animal boarding place use, under Sections 230.3 and 421.2 of the B.C.Z.R.

It should also be noted that Site Data Note 21 has been added to the revised Plan. Site Data Note 21 states "a request to change the current zoning from BL-CCC and DR 3.5 to BL-CCC was made in the 2008 CZMP (Issue No. 3-42). The request was denied." This note is for informational purposes only.

Adopting and incorporating the previous findings in regard to the variance request, I once again find special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the Variance requests. The property's irregular shape and split zoning, the extensive non-tidal wetlands adjacent to a Use III trout stream on site, as well as the property's listing on the National Historic Trust Inventory, renders the property unique in a zoning sense. In addition, with the CCC district overlay in this BL zone, I find that the requirements of the zoning regulations disproportionately impact the subject property compared with others in the district. Once again, I further find that strict compliance with the zoning regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. If the zoning relief were not granted, Petitioner would be denied use of the property that is otherwise permitted by the zoning regulations. Moreover, I agree with the Office of Planning that Petitioner is providing a reasonable service to the community and surrounding area that is beneficial to all without negatively affecting other businesses in the area or the nearby residential community. Finally, I find that the Variance request 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 Board's Ruling and Order on Joint Motion for Remand and the public hearing on a Revised Plan to Accompany a Petition for Special Exception, Special Hearing and Variance, I find that Petitioner's request for Special Exception and Special Hearing relief should be granted, and the request for Variance should be granted as well.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2009, that Petitioner's request for Special Exception pursuant to Sections 230.3 and 421 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) for a Class A animal boarding place, and pursuant to Section 230.3 of the B.C.Z.R. to allow living quarters in a commercial building, be and are hereby GRANTED, consistent with the Site Plan accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Remand Hearing Exhibit 1A and subject, as stated, to the following condition identified as Note 1 on the Revised site plan:

A Class A Animal Boarding Place is permitted by special exception in the B.L. zone, BCZR § 230.3. The Adopt A Pet Center lies in the B.L. zone. Class A Animal Boarding Places are further regulated by BCZR § 421, which subjects the instant use to setback requirements from which the Adopt A Pet Center necessitates a variance. As noted by the property owner and the Adopt A Pet Center, the request for variance relief from Section 421.2 of the BCZR to permit any part of a Class A Animal Boarding Place within zero feet of the nearest property line or lease line in lieu of minimum required 200 feet of the nearest property line or lease line is for the current operator or a future operator whose use would be limited in size and intensity to the Adopt A Pet Center's use. The property owner leases to more than one tenant. As a result, the setback from the lease line is zero feet. Similarly, the special exception relief is being granted for the existing operator's use, so long as it remains consistent with the size and intensity of the current use, or a future operator whose use would be limited in size and intensity to the Adopt A Pet Center's use. Any material increase to the character, size and intensity of the current use of the site as an animal rescue would be subject to new petitions for variance and special hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's request for Special Hearing relief in accordance with Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R. for a modified parking plan pursuant to Section 409.12 of the B.C.Z.R., consistent with the Revised site plan accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Remand Hearing Exhibit 1A, be and is hereby GRANTED; and

#### IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner's requests for Variance as follows:

- From Section 232A.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit an apartment to retain an existing setback for a window facing a property line other than a street line of three feet in lieu of the minimum required 25 feet; and
- From Section 232A.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a distance of 32.5 feet between windows of different apartments of the same lot which face one another in lieu of the minimum required distance of 50 feet; and
- From Section 421.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit any part of a Class A animal board place within zero feet of the nearest property line or lease line in lieu of minimum required 200 feet of the nearest property line or lease line; and
- From Section 232A.4 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a minimum amenity open space ratio of 0.02 in lieu of the required minimum permitted amenity open space ratio 0.20; and
- From Section 450.4.5(b)(vi) of the B.C.Z.R. to permit two freestanding enterprise signs in lieu of maximum number permitted of one freestanding enterprise sign

be and are hereby GRANTED, consistent with the Revised site plan accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Remand Hearing Exhibit 1A and subject to the following conditions and provisions:

- 1. Petitioner and/or his lessee may apply for permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order, however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired.
- 2. The limitation of the operator in Condition 1 above applies to the Variance from § 421.2 as well to the Special Exception approval of the Class A animal boarding place use under BCZR §§ 230.3.
- 3. Original variance request No. 5 has been revised to request relief from BCZR § 450.4.5(b)(vi) to permit two freestanding enterprise signs in lieu of the maximum number permitted of one freestanding enterprise sign (as opposed to the three signs which were originally requested).

- 4. Original variance request No. 6 has been removed as it is moot. The requested relief is no longer needed as existing sign nos. 1 and 4 are to be removed and existing sign no. 2 and the proposed sign do not exceed the maximum permitted 75 feet of face area (BCZR § 450.4.5(b)(v).
- 5. The removal of Existing Sign No. 1 is without prejudice to a future request for Variance relief for another sign, subject to BCZR § 450.
- 6. Development of this property must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations (Sections 33-6-101 through 33-6-122 of the Baltimore County Code).
- 7. Development of this property must comply with the Regulations for Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains (Section 33-3-101 through 33-3-120 of the Baltimore County Code.

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

> MOMAS H. BOSTWICK Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

THB/pz



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

THOMAS H. BOSTWICK Deputy Zoning Commissioner

December 1, 2009

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Re: Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance

Remand Order

Case No. 2009-0051-SPHXA Property: 67 Main Street

Dear Mr. Vettori:

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. BOSTWICK
Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION OF
ELJAS.RIZAKOS
FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL
EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE ON
PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE W/S MAIN
STREET, 225' N OF C/L EAST CHADSWORTH AVE.
(67 MAIN STREET)

4<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION DISTRICT
3<sup>RD</sup> COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

- \* BEFORE THE
- \* BOARD OF APPEALS
- OF
  - **BALTIMORE COUNTY**
- CASE NO. 09-051-SPHXA

#### RULING AND ORDER ON JOINT MOTION FOR REMAND

This matter comes before this Board on appeal filed by Peter Max Zimmerman, People's Counsel for Baltimore County, and Carole S. Demilio, Deputy People's Counsel, from a decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner dated November 25, 2008, in which the subject request for relief was granted with conditions. On December 11, 2008, People's Counsel noted a timely appeal of the Order of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner to this Board.

This Board convened for public hearing on the scheduled date of September 8, 2009. Jason T. Vettori, Esquire, appeared on behalf of the Petitioner; Peter Max Zimmerman, People's Counsel for Baltimore County, appeared on behalf of that Office. At that time, and for reasons as stated on the record, People's Counsel and Counsel for Petitioner jointly moved for the matter to be remanded to the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a revised plan to accompany the zoning petitions which will change the existing signage and minimize the variances for same, in addition to limiting the special exception approval for a Class A Animal Boarding Place to the current operator, Adopt-a-Pet, or a similar operation (which is more akin to a dog rescue).

Public deliberation followed the hearing, at which time the Board made a unanimous decision to remand the case back to the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of the issues as

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Ruling and Order on Motion to Remand to the Zoning Commissioner

stated on the record. The Board notes no objection to this request. Further, the requested remand is required in the manifest interest of justice and would be without injury to any party and no other interested parties having come forth in these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, upon consideration of said Motion to Remand and after public hearing and deliberation, there being no opposition thereto, it is this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2009, by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

ORDERED that the Motion be, and it is hereby GRANTED; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the above captioned case is **REMANDED** to the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County for consideration of the revised plan.

BOARD OF APPEALS
OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Wendell H. Grier, Panel Chairman

Andrew M. Belt

Robert W. Witt



## County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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RE: In the Matter of: Elias Rizakos-Legal Owner/Petitioner Case No.: 09-051-SPHXA

#### Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Order of Dismissal issued this date by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the above subject matter.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the *Maryland Rules*, with a photocopy provided to this office concurrent with filing in Circuit Court. Please note that all Petitions for Judicial Review filed from this decision should be noted under the same civil action number. If no such petition is filed within 30 days from the date of the enclosed Order, the subject file will be closed.

Very truly yours,

Theresa R. Shelton
Administrator

TRS/klc Enclosure

Duplicate Cover letter

c: Elias Rizakos
Kenneth Wells
Valerie Shaffer
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11/25/08

### IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE

W side of Main Street, 225 feet N of c/l of East Chadsworth Avenue 4<sup>th</sup> Election District 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District (67 Main Street)

Elias Rizakos Legal Owner

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Case No. 2009-0051-SPHXA

### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

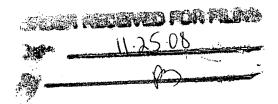
This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance filed by the legal owner of the subject property, Elias Rizakos.

The Petition for Special Exception requests relief pursuant to Sections 230.13 and 421 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") for a Class A animal boarding place, and pursuant to Section 230.13 of the B.C.Z.R. to allow living quarters in a commercial building.

The Petition for Special Hearing requests relief pursuant to Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R. for a modified parking plan in accordance with Section 409.12 of the B.C.Z.R.

The Petition for Variance requests relief as follows:

- From Section 232A.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit an apartment to retain an existing setback for a window facing a property line other than a street line of three feet in lieu of the minimum required 25 feet; and
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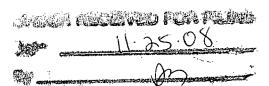


- From Section 232A.4 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a minimum amenity open space ratio of 0.02 in lieu of the required minimum permitted amenity open space ratio 0.20; and
- From Section 450.4.5(b)(vi) of the B.C.Z.R. to permit three existing freestanding enterprise signs in lieu of the maximum number permitted of one freestanding enterprise sign; and
- From Section 450.4.5(b)(v) of the B.C.Z.R. to permit 174 square feet of face area for the three existing freestanding enterprise signs in lieu of the maximum permitted 75 square feet of face area.

The subject property and requested relief are more fully described in 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 special exception, special hearing, and variance petitions was the lessee of the subject property, Petitioner Valerie Shaffer. Jason Vettori, Esquire appeared as the attorney representing Petitioner and Kenneth Wells with K. J. Wells, Inc., appeared as the property line surveyor who prepared the site plan. There were no Protestants or other interested persons in attendance at the hearing.

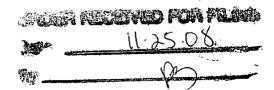
Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is an irregular-shaped property consisting of approximately 6.6915 gross acres, more or less, and split zoned B.L. with a C.C.C. (Commercial, Community Core) District overlay (1.2 acres), and D.R.3.5 (5.5 acres). The property is located on the east side of Main Street just north of Chatsworth Avenue and south of Butler Road in the historic Reisterstown area of Baltimore County. As shown on the site plan, the property is improved with several structures, including an existing two-story framed building with an apartment, and two side-by-side buildings, one a two-story framed building with an apartment, and the second a 2½-story brick building. There is also an existing snowball stand located at the southern end of the property near Main Street, as well as a number of accessory structures, including several sheds and a gazebo. The majority of the improvements are located toward the front of the property -- near Main Street -- on approximately half of the



1.2 acres zoned B.L.-C.C.C. The remaining acreage to the rear of the property is zoned D.R.3.5 and is taken up by amenity open space and existing woods. A stream also runs through the rear of the property.

Further evidence revealed that Petitioner Valerie Shaffer operates a non-profit rescue center for animals at the subject location known as the Association for Animal Rights, Inc.'s "Adopt a Pet" Center. Petitioner has operated the rescue center for approximately 20 years and has operated at the subject location for the last 10 years. Petitioner keeps mostly cats and dogs that have been abandoned or given away by their owners. The center keeps and cares for the animals as long as it takes for the animals to be adopted by an individual or family. There are usually between 20 and 30 animals at the center at any one time. In addition, the center operates on a limited schedule and is open from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM Thursdays and Fridays, 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM Saturdays, and 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM Sundays.

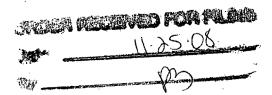
Petitioner's attorney, Mr. Vettori, pointed out that animal rescue centers like the one referenced in this case are regulated by Article 12 of the Baltimore County Code ("B.C.C.") entitled "Animals." Section 12-1-101(r) of the B.C.C. defines a "holding facility" to include ... "any animal shelter, commercial kennel, commercial stable, grooming parlor, humane animal shelter, or pet shop." In addition, Section 12-2-101, et seq. sets forth the provisions dealing with licenses and requires a person operating a holding facility to obtain a license from the Department of Permits and Development Management, and also requires the Department to refuse to issue a license to a person who is in violation of any provision of the B.C.Z.R. Presently, the conditions noted on the site plan are existing conditions, some of which may not be in strict compliance with the current zoning regulations. Petitioner was recently notified by the County's Animal Control Board that in order for its operating license to be renewed, the



center would have to apply for and obtain the necessary zoning relief to legitimize the existing conditions and uses associated with the property. Thus, the instant zoning petitions were filed.

The special exception petition requests approval of a Class A animal boarding place, which is specifically enumerated in Section 230.13 of the B.C.Z.R. Petitioner is also requesting approval of living quarters in a commercial building, which is also permitted in this section by special exception. In support of the requests, Petitioner's consultant, Mr. Wells, testified that the uses would not be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the locale, and would meet all the other criteria set forth in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Indeed, because the use of the property as a Class A animal boarding place has been ongoing for the last 10 years, and the apartments have existed in the buildings as well, one can look historically at the uses and see that there have been no negative or detrimental impacts. Petitioner is also requesting a modified parking plan pursuant to Section 409.12 of the B.C.Z.R. in order to re-stripe the parking and change the parking configuration slightly. As noted on the site plan, the parking calculation for the rescue center is 12 spaces, for the apartments six spaces, and for the snowball stand two spaces for a total of 20 spaces. Petitioner proposes 23 spaces as illustrated on the site plan. All of the parking is behind the buildings, toward the rear of the B.L.-C.C.C. zoned portion of the property, and is not within the entrance or driveway access area for the property.

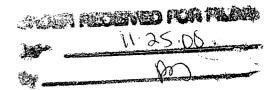
As to the variance requests, these all pertain to existing conditions related to setback requirements in the C.C.C. District, amenity open space ratio, and sign limitations. In support of the variance requests, Mr. Vettori referred to several unusual characteristics of the property that drive the need for the variances. First and foremost, the property is located in a National Historic District. This designation, as much as any other characteristics of the property, places limitations on the extent to which changes can be made to comply with the zoning regulations. The zoning



on the property also includes the C.C.C. District overlay, which places specific setback restrictions on apartments in the District, as well as floor area ratios and amenity open space ratios not present in the B.L. Zone by itself. In addition, Mr. Vettori proffered that the split zoning of the property, which leads into a residential zone, as well as its irregular shape, also makes the property unique in a zoning sense. Finally, the fact that the use and conditions, including the signage, on the property are existing and have been in place for years and have worked well within the commercial, but historic nature of the area is supportive to allow these conditions to continue unaltered. In particular, photographs of the signs are depicted on the site plan and show functional, descriptive signs that do not appear to be out of character with other commercial signs along Main Street, and which also do not appear to overcrowd the land.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments are made part of the record of this case and contain the following highlights: ZAC comments were received from the Office of Planning dated October 1, 2008 which indicate that office does not oppose Petitioner's request. The subject building and the use thereof is an existing condition and has been for quite some time. It is a reasonable service to the community and surrounding area. Comments were also received from the Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management dated September 30, 2008 and indicate that the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains, and must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations. There are extensive non-tidal wetlands adjacent to a Use III trout stream onsite. Any future development activities requiring development plan or permit approval will be subject to the above-referenced regulations.

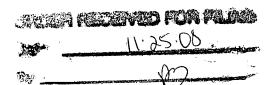
Based on the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the special exception, special hearing, and variance requests. It is obvious that the use of the property as a



Class A animal boarding place has been ongoing, and the structures shown on the site plan have existed for some time. It is also obvious that the use and the structures have not negatively impacted or been detrimental to the surrounding area. Hence, in my judgment, the requests for a Class A animal boarding place and for an apartment in a commercial building have met the special exception criteria contained in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R., and as interpreted in Schultz v. Pritts, 291 Md. 1 (1981). As to the special hearing for a modified parking plan, Petitioner plans to provide more parking space than is required by the applicable parking regulations. In addition, Petitioner is not proposing changes to the parking other than re-striping the spaces to make the most efficient use of the space. This minor change in the layout of the spaces is an appropriate use of the available parking space on the property, and hence, the special hearing shall be granted.

In regard to the variance requests, I find special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance requests. The property's irregular shape and split zoning, as well as the property's listing on the National Historic Trust inventory, renders the property unique in a zoning sense. In addition, with the C.C.C. District overlay in this B.L. Zone, I find that the requirements of the zoning regulations disproportionately impact the subject property compared with others in the district.

I further find that strict compliance with the Zoning Regulations for Baltimore County would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship. If the zoning relief were not granted, Petitioner would be denied use of the property that is otherwise permitted by the zoning regulations. Moreover, I agree with the Office of Planning that Petitioner is providing a reasonable service to the community and surrounding area that is beneficial to all without negatively affecting other businesses in the area or the nearby residential community.



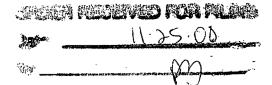
Finally, I find the variance requests can be granted in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of said regulations, and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered by Petitioner, I find that Petitioner's requests for special exception and special hearing should be granted, and the requests for variance should be granted as well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's request for Special Hearing relief pursuant to Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R. for a modified parking plan in accordance with Section 409.12 of the B.C.Z.R., consistent with the site plan accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's requests for Variance as follows:

- From Section 232A.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit an apartment to retain an existing setback for a window facing a property line other than a street line of three feet in lieu of the minimum required 25 feet; and
- From Section 232A.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a distance of 32.5 feet between windows of different apartments of the same lot which face one another in lieu of the minimum required distance of 50 feet; and
- From Section 421.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit any part of class A animal boarding place within zero feet of the nearest property line or lease line in lieu of the minimum required 200 feet of the nearest property line or lease line; and



- From Section 232A.4 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a minimum amenity open space ratio of 0.02 in lieu of the required minimum permitted amenity open space ratio 0.20; and
- From Section 450.4.5(b)(vi) of the B.C.Z.R. to permit three existing freestanding enterprise signs in lieu of the maximum number permitted of one freestanding enterprise sign; and
- From Section 450.4.5(b)(v) of the B.C.Z.R. to permit 174 square feet of face area for the three existing freestanding enterprise signs in lieu of the maximum permitted 75 square feet of face area

be and are hereby GRANTED, subject to the following:

- 1. Petitioner may apply for her permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at her 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.
- 2. Development of this property must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations (Sections 33-6-101 through 33-6-122 of the Baltimore County Code).
- 3. Development of the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains (Sections 33-3-101 through 33-3-120 of the Baltimore County Code).

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

THB:pz

11.25.08



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

THOMAS H. BOSTWICK Deputy Zoning Commissioner

November 25, 2008

JASON T. VETTORI, ESQUIRE GILDEA & SCHMIDT, LLC 600 WASHINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 200 TOWSON, MD 21204

Re: Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance

Case No. 2009-0051-SPHXA Property: 67 Main Street

Dear Mr. Vettori:

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. BOSTWICK
Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

THB:pz

Enclosure

c: Valerie Shaffer, 1540 Bennett Road, Eldersburg MD 21784 Kenneth Wells, KJ Wells, Inc., 7403 New Cut Road, Kingsville MD 21087 Elias Rizakos, 1011 Berrymans Lane, Reisterstown MD 21136



# **Petition for Special Hearing**

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 67 Main Street
which is presently zoned <u>BL-CCC</u>, D.R. \$\mathbb{S}\$ 3-5

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 Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

#### SEE ATTACHED

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

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing, 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.

#### Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Legal Owner(s): Elias Rizakos Name - Type or Print Name - Type or Print Signature Signature Address Telephone No. Name - Type or Print City Zip Code Signature 1011 Berrymans Lane 443-621-0296 Attorney For Petitioner: Address Telephone No. Reisterstown MD 21136 Jason T. Vettori State Zip Code Representative to be Contacted: Signature Jason T. Vettori, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC Gildea & Schmidt, LLC Name Company 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 (410) 821-0070 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 (410) 821-0070 Telephone No. Address Telephone No. Address Towson MD 21204 Towson MD 21204 City State Zip Code City State Zip Code OFFICE USE ONLY ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING Case No. 2009-0051-1044A UNAVAILABLE FOR HEARING REV 9/15/98

## **Attachment to Petition for Special Hearing**

67 Main Street

- 1. A modified parking plan, in accordance with Section 409.12 of the BCZR;
- 2. For such other and further relief as may be deemed necessary by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County.



## **Petition for Special Exception**

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

Legal Owner(s):

for the property located at 67 Main Street

which is presently zoned BL-CCC, D.R. 99 3.5

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

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.

> 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.

#### Contract Purchaser/Lessee:

#### Elias Rizakos Name - Type or Pho Name - Type or Print Signature Signature Address Telephone No. Name - Type or Print Zip Code Signature 1011 Berrymans Lane (443) 621-0296 Attorney For Petitioner: Address Telephone No. Jason T. Vettori Reisterstown 21136 Maryland Name - Type or Print City State Zip Code Representative to be Contacted: Signatur Gildea & Schmidt, LLC Jason T. Vettori, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC Company 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 (410) 821-0070 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 410-821-0070 Address Telephone No. Address Telephone No. MD 21204 Towson 21204 Towson Maryland State City Zip Code City Zip Code State OFFICE USE ONLY ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING Case No. 2009-0051-SPHYA UNAVAILABLE FOR HEARING \_ Date 8.22.08 REV 09/15/98

## **Attachment to Petition for Special Exception**

67 Main Street

- 1. A Class A Animal Boarding Place pursuant to Sections 230.13 and 421 of the BCZR
- 2. Living quarters in a commercial building, pursuant to section 230.13 of the BCZR; and
- 3. For such other and further relief as may be deemed necessary by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County.



# **Petition for Variance**

## to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at: 67 Main Street

which is presently zoned: BL-CCC, D.R. 39 3.5

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):

SEE ATTACHED

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

To be presented at hearing.

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.

#### Contract Purchaser/Lessee:

#### Legal Owner(s):

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### **Attachment to Petition for Variance**

67 Main Street

- 1. BCZR § 232A.2 to permit an apartment to retain an existing setback for a window facing a property line other than a street line of 3 feet in lieu of the minimum required 25 feet;
- 2. BCZR § 232A.2 to permit a distance of 32.5 feet between windows of different apartments on the same lot which face one another in lieu of the minimum required distance of 50 feet;
- 3. BCZR § 421.2 to permit any part of the Class A Animal Boarding Place within 0 feet of the nearest property line or lease line in lieu of the minimum required 200 feet of the nearest property line or lease line;
- 4. BCZR § 232A.4 to permit a minimum amenity open space ratio of 0.02 in lieu of the required minimum permitted amenity open space ratio of 0.2; and
- 5. BCZR § 450.4.5(b)(vi) to permit three (3) existing freestanding enterprise signs in lieu of the maximum number permitted of one (1) freestanding enterprise sign; and
- 6. BCZR § 450.4.5(b)(v) to permit 174 square feet of face area for the three existing freestanding enterprise signs in lieu of the maximum permitted 75 square feet of face area; and
- 7. For such other and further relief as may be deemed necessary by the Zoning Commissioner by Baltimore County.

## kiWellsInc

Land Surveying and Site Planning

Telephone: (410) 592-8800 Fax: (410) 817-4055

Email: kwells@kjwellsinc.com

7403 New Cut Road Kingsville, Md. 21087-1132

July 21, 2008

## **Zoning Description** 67 and 69 Main Street

Baltimore County Maryland 4<sup>th</sup> Election District 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District

Beginning at a point on the west side of Main Street (66 feet wide) at a distance of 225 feet north of the centerline of East Chadsworth Avenue (50 feet wide), thence the following courses and distances:

- 1) North 4 degrees 41 minutes 29 seconds West 183.75 feet
- 2) North 85 degrees 18 minutes 31 seconds East 379.97 feet
- 3) North 4 degrees 41 minutes 29 seconds West 34.50 feet
- 4) North 4 degrees 41 minutes 29 seconds West 34.50 feet
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- 11) South 86 degrees 36 minutes 01 seconds West 300.20 feet
- 12) South 84 degrees 03 minutes 31 seconds West 100,00 feet
- 13) South 86 degrees 00 minutes 01 seconds West 116.65 feet
- 14) South 41 degrees 53 minutes 01 seconds West 9.80 feet
- 15) South 87 degrees 10 minutes 01 seconds West 276.47 feet
- 16) South 87 degrees 10 minutes 01 seconds West 20.00 feet
- 17) South 4 degrees 41 minutes 29 seconds East 46.80 feet
- 18) South 84 degrees 41 minutes 31 seconds West 250.70 feet

to the place of beginning as recorded in Deed Liber 11556 folio 647. Containing 6.6915 acres or 291,482 square feet of land more or less.

#### 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: #2009-0051-SPHXA

67 Main Street

W/side of Main Street, 225 feet north of centerline of East-Chadsworth Avenue

4th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District

Legal Owner(s): Elias Rizakos

Special Hearing: for a modified parking in accordance with section 409.12 of the BCZR, for such other and further relief as may be deemed necessary by the Zoning Commissioner. Special Exception: for a class A Animal Boarding Place pursuant to Section 230.13 and 421 of BCZR; living quarters in a commercial building, pursuant to Section 230.13 of BCZR and for other further relief as may be deemed by the Zoning Commissioner. Varlanca: to permit an apartment to retain an existing setback for a window facing a property line other than a street line of 3' lieu of the minimum required 25'; to permit a distance of 32.5' between windows of different apartments of the same lot which face one another in lieu of the minimum required distance of 50'; to permit any part of class A Animal Boarding Place within 0' of the nearest property line or lease line in lieu of the minimum required 200 of the nearest property line or lease line; to permit' a minimum. amenity open space ration of 0.02 in lieu of the required minimum permitted 0.02; to permit 3 freestanding enterprise signs in lieu of the max: # of permitted of 1 freestanding enterprise sign: to permit 174 sq. ft. of face area for the 3 existing freestanding enterprise signs in lieu of the max, permitted 75 sq. ft. of face area; for such other relief deemed necessary by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County. Hearing: Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Room

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III

son 21204.

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County .

NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Zoning Commissioner's Office at, (410) 887-4386.

104, Jefferson Bullding, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Tow-

fice at (410) 887-4386.

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

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## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

9/25/, 2008
THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published
in the following weekly newspaper published in Baltimore County, Md.,
once in each ofsuccessive weeks, the first publication appearing
on 923,2008.
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☐ Arbutus Times
☐ Catonsville Times
☐ Towson Times
Owings Mills Times
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☐ North County News
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LEGAL ADVERTISING

## **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

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## BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

Requested: March 31, 2009

## APPEAL SIGN POSTING REQUEST

**CASE NO.: 09-051-SPHXA** 

67 Main Street

4th ELECTION DISTRICT

APPEALED: 12/11/08

ATTACHMENT – (Plan to accompany Petition – Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1)

### \*\*\*COMPLETE AND RETURN BELOW INFORMATION\*\*\*\*

## **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

TO: Baltimore County Board of Appeals
The Jefferson Building, Suite 203
102 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Attention:

Theresa Shelton

Administrator

**CASE NO.: 09-051-SPHXA** 

LEGAL OWNER: Elias Rizakos

This is to certify that the necessary appeal sign was posted conspicuously on the property located at:

67 MAIN STREET W/S MAIN STREET, 225' N OF C/L EAST CHADSWORTH AVENUE

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fairly and accurately depict the condition of the property that is the subject of the above-referenced citation/case number on the date set out above.

Enforcement Officer

## 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 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.

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

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Petitioner: ELIAS RIZAKOS					
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Tuesday, September 23, 2008 Issue - Jeffersonian

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67 Main Street

W/side of Main Street, 225 feet north of centerline of East Chadsworth Avenue

4<sup>th</sup> Election District – 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Elias Rizakos

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Hearing: Westersday, October 8, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104, Jefferson Building,

**Agapeake Ave**nue, Towson 21204

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY.

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.

(2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director
Department of Permits and
Development Management
September 16, 2008

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Hearing: Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

Timothy Kotroco

Director

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C: Jason Vettori, 600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200, Towson 21204 Elias Rizakos, 1011 Berrymans Lane, Reisterstown 21136

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

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JEFFERSON BUILDING SECOND FLOOR, SUITE 203 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND, 21204 410-887-3180 FAX: 410-887-3182

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue

February 26, 2009

#### **NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT**

CASE #: 09-051-SPHXA IN THE MATTER OF: Elias Rizakos / LO /Petitioner

67 Main Street

4<sup>th</sup> Election District; 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District

RE: SPH – Modified parking plan - Sec. 409\2B of the BCZR;

SPX - Class A Animal Boarding place - Sec. 230.13 and 421 BCZR;

Living quarters in a commercial building – Sec 230.13 BCZR

VAR – setbacks for windows, distance between windows; open space ratio; signs, etc.

11/25/08 -DZC decision that Petition for Special Exception GRANTED; Petition for Special Hearing - GRANTED; Petition for Variances - GRANTED with restrictions.

### ASSIGNED FOR: THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009, AT 10:00 A.M.

**NOTICE**: This appeal is an evidentiary hearing; therefore, parties should consider the advisability of retaining an attorney.

Please refer to the Board's Rules of Practice & Procedure, Appendix B, Baltimore County Code.

**IMPORTANT**: No postponements will be granted without sufficient reasons; said requests must be in writing and in compliance with Rule 2(b) of the Board's Rules. No postponements will be granted within 15 days of scheduled hearing date unless in full compliance with Rule 2(c).

If you have a disability requiring special accommodations, please contact this office at least one week prior to hearing date.

Theresa R. Shelton, Administrator

c: Appellants

: Peter Max Zimmerman

Carole S. Demilio

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Counsel for Petitioner/Legal Owner

: Jason T. Vettori, Esquire

Petitioner/Legal Owner

: Elias Rizakos

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BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

April 20, 2009

Via Hand Delivery

Theresa R. Shelton County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County The Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 203 Towson, MD 21204

Re:

Adopt-a-Pet/67 Main Street

Case No.: 09-051-SPHXA

Dear Ms. Shelton:

In accordance with Rule 2(b) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Baltimore County Board of Appeals, please accept this letter as a formal request for postponement of the hearing scheduled for the appeal of the Zoning Commissioner's decision in the above referenced matter. The undersigned has spoken with Peter Max Zimmerman, People's Counsel, regarding the resolution of the appeal by way of a revised plan that will be to the satisfaction of all parties. Additional time is needed to resolve these issues to the mutual satisfaction of both parties. Mr. Zimmerman has no objection to the instant request for postponement.

Copies of this request for a postponement, as indicated herein, have been given to every attorney and party of record, in accordance with Section 500.11 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. Furthermore, this request for a postponement is not being requested within 15 days of the scheduled hearing date. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this most important matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire, People's Counsel for Baltimore County
Thomas H. Bostwick, Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Jessie Bialek, Office of Planning

Valerie Shaffer, Association for Animal Rights, Inc.

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JEFFERSON BUILDING SECOND FLOOR, SUITE 203 105 WEST CHESAPEAKE AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND, 21204 410-887-3180 FAX: 410-887-3182

April 21, 2009

Jason T. Vettori, Esquire GILDEA & SCHMIDT LLC 600 Washington Avenue Suite 200 Towson, MD 21204

Re: In the Matter of: Elias Rizakos / LO
Case No. 09-051-SPHXA

Dear Mr. Vettori:

This letter will acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated April 20, 2009 in which you request a postponement of the subject case scheduled for hearing on May 7, 2009 due to a possible resolution of this matter.

Your request will be granted and the matter has been reassigned for hearing to Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., which will allow the additional time you have requested.

A copy of the Notice of Postponement and Reassignment is enclosed. Should you have any questions, please call me at 410-887-3180.

Very truly yours,

Theresa R. Shelton

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Administrator

Enclosure

People's Counsel for Baltimore County



# Baltimore County, Maryland

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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel

June 25, 2009

Maureen E. Murphy, Chair County Board of Appeals 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 203 Towson, MD 21204

Re:

Elias Rizakos – Petitioner

09-051-SPHXA

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BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

Dear Ms. Murphy:

I am writing to request a postponement of the hearing set for July 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. This case involves, in part, a sign variance issue. The parties have been constructively working towards the goal of an agreed proposed resolution of the controversy. We would then be in a position to present the proposal for review by the Board at an efficient hearing.

The file reflects an earlier request for postponement by Jason Vettori, attorney for petitioner, with which I concurred. While we are making progress, there is still work to be done to flesh out the specifics of the hoped-for revised proposal. Therefore, we are requesting another postponement.

It does not appear that a postponement would be prejudicial to petitioner or to the public interest. I have spoken with Mr. Vettori, and it is my understanding that he is in agreement.

If things go as hoped, we would be able to present a proposal at a relatively expedited 9 A.M. hearing, the usual practice for an agreed proposal. In order to keep the parties' feet somewhat to the fire, I ask that the matter not be postponed indefinitely, be rather be put in for a one-hour hearing at a 9 A.M. in September (after Labor Day, and some time before September 22, because of my schedule, and also convenient to petitioner).

Respectfully,

Peter Max Zimmerman

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Jason T. Vettori Esquire

cc:



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Hearing Room #2, Second Floor Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue

April 21, 2009

# 9/t of the least NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT AND RE-ASSIGNMENT

CASE #: 09-051-SPHXA

IN THE MATTER OF: Elias Rizakos / LO /Petitioner

67 Main Street

4<sup>th</sup> Election District; 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District

RE: SPH – Modified parking plan - Sec. 409.12B of the BCZR;

SPX - Class A Animal Boarding place - Sec. 230.13 and 421 BCXR;

Living quarters in a commercial building – Sec 230.13 BCZR

VAR - setbacks for windows, distance between windows; open space ratio; signs, etc.

11/25/08 -DZC decision that Petition for Special Exception GRANTED; Petition for Special Hearing -GRANTED: Petition for Variances – GRANTED with restrictions.

This matter was scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2007 and a postponement has been granted by agreement between the parties. The matter has been reassigned for the following:

#### RE-ASSIGNED FOR: TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009, AT 10:00, A.M.

**NOTICE**: This appeal is an evidentiary hearing; therefore, parties should consider the advisability of retaining an attorney.

Please refer to the Board's Rules of Practice & Procedure, Appendix B, Baltimore County Code.

**IMPORTANT**: No postponements will be granted without sufficient reasons; said requests must be in writing and in compliance with Rule 2(b) of the Board's Rules. No postponements will be granted within 15 days of scheduled hearing date unless in full compliance with Rule 2(c).

If you have a disability requiring special accommodations, please contact this office at least one week prior to hearing date.

Theresa R. Shelton, Administrator

Appellants c:

: Peter Max Zimmerman Carole S. Demilio People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Counsel for Petitioner/Legal Owner

: Jason T. Vettori, Esquire

Petitioner/Legal Owner

: Elias Rizakos

Valerie Shaffer Kenneth Wells William Wiseman, III, Zoning Commissioner Timothy Kotroco, Director/PDM



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July 1, 2009

Peter Max Zimmerman People's Counsel for Baltimore County Suite 204, Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> Re: In the Matter of: Elias Rizakos / LO Case No. 09-051-SPHXA

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your letter dated June 25, 2009 requesting a postponement of the above referenced case. Your request has been reviewed by the Board and has been granted.

The hearing scheduled on July 28, 2009 has been postponed and re-assigned in consideration with the timeframe requested in your letter. The re-assigned date is September 8, 2009. The hearing will be an expedited hearing to present a proposed resolution to the Board. The hearing will convene promptly at 9:00 a.m.

A copy of the Notice of Postponement and Reassignment is enclosed. Should you have any questions, please call me at 410-887-3180.

Very truly yours,

Theresa R. Shelton Administrator

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Encl.: Postponement and Re-Assignment Notice

c(w/Encl.): Jason T. Vettori, Esquire Elias Rizakos



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Hearing Room #2, Second Floor Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue

July 1, 2009

#### SECOND NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT AND RE-ASSIGNMENT

CASE #: 09-051-SPHXA

IN THE MATTER OF: Elias Rizakos / LO /Petitioner

67 Main Street

4<sup>th</sup> Election District; 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District

RE: SPH – Modified parking plan - Sec. 409.12B of the BCZR;

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11/25/08 –DZC decision that Petition for Special Exception GRANTED; Petition for Special Hearing – GRANTED; Petition for Variances – GRANTED with restrictions.

This matter was scheduled for July 28, 2009 and a postponement has been granted by agreement between the parties. The matter has been reassigned for for an expedited hearing to present a proposed resolution to the following date and time:

#### RE-ASSIGNED FOR: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009, AT 9:00 A.M.

**NOTICE**: This appeal is an evidentiary hearing; therefore, parties should consider the advisability of retaining an attorney.

Please refer to the Board's Rules of Practice & Procedure, Appendix B, Baltimore County Code.

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Theresa R. Shelton, Administrator

c: Appellants

: Peter Max Zimmerman
Carole S. Demilio
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Counsel for Petitioner/Legal Owner

: Jason T. Vettori, Esquire

Petitioner/Legal Owner

: Elias Rizakos

Valerie Shaffer Kenneth Wells William Wiseman, III, Zoning Commissioner Timothy Kotroco, Director/PDM



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

October 1, 2008

Jason T. Vettori Gildea& Schmidt,LLC 600 Washington Ave. # 200 Towson, MD 21204

Dear: Jason T. Vettori

RE: Case Number 2009-0051-SPHXA, 67 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 August 22, 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,

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c:

People's Counsel Elias Rizakos, 1011 Berrymans Ln., Reisterstown, MD 21136

## 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:** October 1, 2008

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SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 09-051- Special Hearing, Special Exception, Variance

The Office of Planning has reviewed the above referenced case(s) and does not oppose the petitioner's request as it will not:

- Be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the locality involved.
- Create congestion in roads, streets or alleys therein
- Create potential hazard from fire panic or other danger
- Tend to overcrowd land and cause undue concentration of population
- Tend to overcrowd schools, parks, water, sewerage transportation or other public requirement, conveniences or improvement.
- Be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of these Zoning Regulations;

The subject building and use thereof is an existing condition and has been for quite some time. It is a reasonable service to the community and surrounding area.

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

Prepared By

**Division Chief:** 

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#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco

FROM:

Dave Lykens, DEPRM - Development Coordination

DATE:

September 30, 2008

SUBJECT:

Case Number: 09-051-SPHXA

Address

67 Main Street

(Rizakos Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of September 2, 2008

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has no comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

- X The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:
  - X Development of the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains (Sections 33-3-101 through 33-3-120 of the Baltimore County Code).
  - X Development of this property must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations (Sections 33-6-101 through 33-6-122 of the Baltimore County Code).

Development of this property must comply with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Regulations (Sections 33-2-101 through 33-2-1004, and other Sections, of the Baltimore County Code).

#### Additional Comments:

There are extensive non-tidal wetlands adjacent to a Use III trout stream onsite. Any future development activities requiring development plan or permit approval will be subject to the above referenced regulations.

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Reviewer: Glenn Shaffer

Date: August 29, 2008

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#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

**DATE:** August 28, 2008

Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

**SUBJECT:** 

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For September 9, 2008

Item Nos 709 005 1,0052, 0053, 0054,

0055, 0056, 0057

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

DAK:CEN:lrk cc: File ZAC-08282008-NO COMMENTS



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor John D. Porcari, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: SEPT. 8, 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. 2009-0051-9PHXA

67MNN STREET

MD 140

RIZAKOS PROPERTY

VARIANCE, SPECIAL HEARING

SPECIAL EXCEPTION

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 9/5. A field inspection and internal review reveals that the existing entrance onto MDIAD is consistent with current State Highway Administration requirements. Therefore, this office has no objection to 2009-0051-50100. Case Number 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 (<a href="mailey@sha.state.md.us">mbailey@sha.state.md.us</a>). 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

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING SPECIAL EXCEPTION & VARIANCE 67 Main Street; W/S Main Street, 225' N of c/line E Chadsworth Avenue 4<sup>th</sup> Election & 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): Elias Rizakos

Petitioner(s)

\* BEFORE THE

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

\* FOR

etitioner(s) \* BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* 09-051-SPHXA

#### **ENTRY OF APPEARANCE**

Please enter the appearance of People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent/documentation filed in the case.

Peter Mar Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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CAROLE S. DEMILIO

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Jason T. Vettori Esquire, Gildea & Schmidt LLC, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director February Examined of Permits and Development Management

Jason Vettori, Esq. Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200 Towson, MD 21204

Dear Mr. Vettori:

RE: Case 2009-0051-SPHXA, 67 Main Street

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this office on December 11, 2008 by the Office of People's Counsel. All materials relative to the case have been forwarded to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals (Board).

If you are the person or party taking the appeal, you should notify other similarly interested parties or persons known to you of the appeal. If you are an attorney of record, it is your responsibility to notify your client.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call the Board at 410-887-3180.

Singerely

Timothy Kotroco Director

TK:klm

c: William J. Wiseman III, Zoning Commissioner Timothy Kotroco, Director of PDM People's Counsel Valerie Shaffer, 1540 Bennett Road, Eldersburg 21784 Kenneth Wells, KJ Wells, Inc., 7403 New Cut Road, Kingsville 21087 Elias Rizakos, 1011 Berrymans Lane, Reisterstown 21136

# Baltimore County, Maryland



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PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel

December 11, 2008

CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel

Timothy Kotroco, Director Department of Permits and Development Management 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

#### Hand-delivered

Re:

PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL

EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE

W/S Main Street, 225' N of c/l of East Chadsworth Avenue

(67 Main Street)

4<sup>th</sup> Election District; 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District

Elias Rizakos- Petitioner Case No.: 09-051-SPHXA

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

Please enter an appeal by the People's Counsel for Baltimore County to the County Board of Appeals from the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law dated November 25, 2008 by the Baltimore County Deputy Zoning Commissioner in the above-entitled case

Please forward copies of any papers pertinent to the appeal as necessary and appropriate.

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John John

Very truly yours,

Peter Max Zimmerman

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Carole S. Demilio

Deputy People's Counsel

PMZ/CSD/rmw

cc: Jason T. Vettori Esquire

#### **APPEAL**

Petition for Special Hearing, Special Exception & Variance 67 Main Street W/S Main Street, 225' N of c/l East Chadsworth Avenue 4<sup>th</sup> Election District — 3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District Legal Owners: Elias Rizakos

Case No.: 2009-0051-SPHXA

Petition for Special Hearing & Special Exception & Variance (August 22, 2008)

Zoning Description of Property

Notice of Zoning Hearing (September 16, 2008)

Certification of Publication (The Jeffersonian – September 23, 2008)

Certificate of Posting (September 23, 2008) by Robert Black

Entry of Appearance by People's Counsel (September 9, 2008)

Petitioner(s) Sign-In Sheet – One Sheet

Protestant(s) Sign-In Sheet - None

Citizen(s) Sign-In Sheet - None

**Zoning Advisory Committee Comments** 

Petitioners' Exhibit

Site Plan

Protestants' Exhibits - None

Miscellaneous (Not Marked as Exhibit)

1. Maryland Historical Trust (Isaac Dickinson House)

Deputy Zoning Commissioner's Order (GRANTED - November 25, 2008)

Notice of Appeal received on December 11, 2008 from People's Counsel

c: People's Counsel of Baltimore County, MS #2010
Deputy Zoning Commissioner
Timothy Kotroco, Director of PDM
See Attached Letter

date sent February 5, 2009, klm

# BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY MINUTES OF DELIBERATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Elias Rizakos

09-051-SPHXA .

DATE:

September 8, 2009

**BOARD/PANEL:** 

Wendell Grier Andrew Belt

Robert Witt

RECORDED BY:

Sunny Cannington/Legal Secretary

<u>Background:</u> This matter comes before the Board on appeal of filed by Office of People's Counsel, from a decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner dated November 25, 2008, in which the subject request for relief was granted with conditions.

<u>ISSUE:</u> Jason Vettori, Esquire, on behalf of Petitioner, and Peter M. Zimmerman, Esquire, on behalf of Office of People's Counsel, presented a Joint Motion for Remand to the Board on the record at the September 8, 2009, hearing.

Action: The Board discussed the law, facts, testimony and evidence presented in this matter. The Board discussed Counsel's Motion for Remand. Counsel indicated that there are changes that need to be made to the plan. These changes may satisfy the appeal of the Office of People's Counsel. Counsel is optimistic that they can come to a reasonable agreement that can be guided by the Zoning Commissioner.

<u>Vote:</u> The Board unanimously determined that it is in the best interests of judicial economy to remand this matter to the Zoning Commissioner for further proceedings.

**FINAL DECISION:** After thorough review of the facts, testimony, and law in the matter, the Board unanimously agreed to GRANT the Joint Motion for Remand and REMAND this matter to the Zoning Commissioner.

NOTE: These minutes, which will become part of the case file, are intended to indicate for the record that a public deliberation took place on the above date regarding this matter. The Board's final decision and the facts and findings thereto will be set out in the written Opinion and Order to be issued by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sunny Camington

#### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Interoffice Correspondence

DATE:

January 26, 2010

**TO:** '

Timothy Kotroco, Director

Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Sunny Cannington, Legal Secretary

Board of Appeals -

SUBJECT:

**CLOSED APPEAL CASE FILES/CASES DISMISSED** 

The following is a list of cases that are closed as of today.

Case Number

Name

Address

09-051-SPHXA

Elias Rizakos

67 Main Street

Please be advised that the Board Remanded this matter to the Zoning Commissioner. The Zoning Commissioner's Order on Remand was issued on December 1, 2009 and no further appeals have been taken in this matter. This file is, therefore, being returned to you for storage.

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67-69 MAIN STREET together comprises one of the earliest and one of the most sophisticated and visible historic structures in Reisterstown. 67 MAIN STREET, the northerly section, corresponds to a log structure identified in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax. Structures this old are rare; rarer still are log structures. 69 MAIN STREET is of traditional form but its great depth, matched brick facade, its great number of large windows and its entrance feature with carved consoles marks it as a structure of substance and sophistication. With a large parking lot for the commercial structure to the south, 69 MAIN STREET has become one of the most visible of Relaterstown's historic structures.

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67-69 MAIN STREET is a structure of two distinct sections, two distinct periods. The interior was not accessible for inspection.

67 MAIN STREET is the elder; it is of log and/or frame, two storeys in height, three bays in length and it appears to date from the late eighteenth century, corresponding to the structure recorded in the 1798 Direct Federal Tax as a two storey log structure, 24 by 16. The width of this structure, across the west front, facing the street, is 24 feet; its present depth is 41 feet, obviously the result of additions, indicated by the sesymetrical roof profile and chimney placement. The rear or easterly slope of the roof extends to an eave but one and one-half low storeys high; an internal end chimney is approximately midway down that slope. Another internal end chimney is just forward or west of the ridge. Assuming the front chimney to mark the original ridge of a synetrical roof, the depth of this structure would be 16 feet, corresponding to the 1798 Tax record.

The principal entrance is in the middle bay; it is surrounded by a wide architrave having an applied backband and it is topped by a frieze and cornice, possibly early. First storey windows are considerably taller than second storey windows and all have architrave surrounds with applied backbands. The 2/2 mash date from the late 19th century. The weatherboards are of random widths.

69 MAIN STREET is a taller two storeys in height, three bays in length, of brick, dating from ca. 1850-1865. Bricks of the all-atretcher west or street-front facade are matched for uniformity in size and color, laid with very tight joints. Bricks of the end and rear are slightly more random in size and color, Cauged jack arches above the front windows are greater than four courses in height and have an exaggerated eplay. Jack arches above side and rear windows are typical unbonded jack arches three courses in height. The principal entrance is in the northerly bay; it consists of a door with transon and sidelights, a wide plain surround having carved consoles supporting a cornice; dentile are in the bedmoulding between the consoles. The door jambs, between the door leaf and the sidelights, are square columns supporting an architrave functioning as the transom bar. Windows are 4/4 with lowered blinds; first storey windows are somehust taller than seasond storey windows.

A pair of flush chimneys rises above the south gable and windows flank each chimney in the first and second storeys. In the attic storey is a pair of small windows between the chimneys aligned above the middle windows of the lower two storeys.

A one-storey hipped-roof porch extends across the rear facade and the rear or east facade is expressed as two bays, an antrance being in the northerly.

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#### 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Part of this building, the frame part was standing as of 1797 when it was occupied by John Parrish, nephew of John Reister II. Parrish had purchased the land Lots #119 and 137 from Richard Clark and Jacob Medairy (BC Deeds WG No. XX:377 and 319) in 1796, the same year that he married Elizabeth Tohn.(1) (Marks. op. cit., p. 171)

The Parrishos sold the house and screage almost immediately to Major Isaac Dickson whose descendants kept the house well into the 20th century. (WG 58:381) Major Dickson was an officer in the Maryland Militia, appointed May 23, 1799 as side-de-camp to Brig. Gen. Charles Ridgely (Md. Militia Appointment Bk #1, 1794-1804, BC, p.4., RR). He bought the house and let around 1797, which the enlarged, establishing a store there during the War of 1812. He prospered; for he eventually owned considerable acreage in Baltimore County. Foderal Assessment of 1798 lists him as owner of 265 icres value \$670.002 as well as:

No. 3363, Isaac Dickson, Owner. Pt of Spring Garden 80 Perches... One hew'd Log Dwelling House two story, 24 x 16...

As an upstanding citizen he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Boltimore County. He built a handsome brick addition to the Parrish log building c 1812. He had 10 children. He died in 1840 and his obituary was carried in the Sun May 27, 1840. ( Marke. p. 146 and 208)

Two sons of the Major became doctors in Reisterstown: Dr. Louis Larsh Dickson who practiced in the town until 1852 and died a year later. Then Isaac Newton Dickson, who efter the death of his first wife, returned from a practice in Talbot County and subsequently practiced in the town from 1852-1894. He was "a man and physician of quiet habits and tastes who had a wide acquaintance with medical men in the state and was highly respected by them all" (Dickson, Forward). His office was at 57 Main. In 1857, Isaac Dickson eventually acquired for \$1610 the "property commonly known as the residence or homestead of the late Dr. Louis Dickson containing 6 acros of land with the improvement of a two story dwelling and one stone house theren" (HMF 19/545) (Marks. op.cit., p. 146-147)

Mrs. Marks notes in her book, that it is upon Dr. Dickson's manuscript "Early Days of Reisterstown and Vicinity" that more recent histories of the town have been based.

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Continuation Sheet

Isaac Dickson House 67-69 Main Street Reisterstown, Maryland Baltimore County

#### 8 Significance Continued

From 1869 to 1934, the Dickson property stayed more or loss in tact and Dickson descendants for the most part occupied the house. Blanche Ropkins Dickson 1863-1955 an unmarried daughter of the 2nd marriage lived there and a married daughter Fanny Virginia Thomas 1860-1883 also.

In 1934 Isauc Cockey Dickson, son of a third marriage and his sister Blanche Hopkins Dickson became the last Dickson hoirs to own the property. In 1956, the house and 6.729 acres were sold to Dr. D.D. Caples (GLB 3031/288) an appropriate occurance for Dr. Caples was as esteemed and loved by the citizenry of Reisterstown as was Dr. Isaac N. Dickson. Both served their community's health well and with great devotion.

Upon Dr.Caples death in 1975, the property remained in the hands of his widow.

67-69 Main together comprise one of the earliest and one of the most sophisticated and visible historic structures in Reisterstown, 67 Main, the northerly section, corresponds to a log structure identified in the 1798 Federal Direct Tax. Structures this old are rare; rarer atill are log structures, 69 Main is of a traditional form but its great depth, natched brick facade, its great number of large windows and its entrance feature with carved consoles marks it as a structure of substance and sophistication. With a large parking lot for the commercial structure to the south, 69 Main has become one of the most visible of Reistertown's historic structures.

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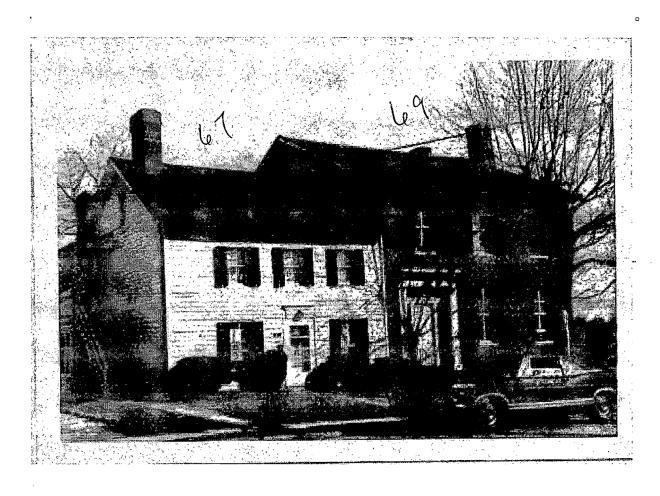
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