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*	ZONING COMMISSIONER
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*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
*	Case No. 2009-0166-SPHA
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### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed by Two Farms, Inc., legal owner of the subject property, by and through its attorney David H. Karceski, Esquire with Venable LLP. The zoning relief in this case relates to a rollover car wash building on the property and a proposed sign for the car wash that operates in combination with a Royal Farms fuel service station and convenience store. By way of the petition for special hearing, Petitioner requests an amendment to the Order and site plan previously approved in Case No. 01-316-XA and to remove Restriction No. 3 of the Order, which limits the hours of operation for the car wash facility to 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven (7) days per week. In addition, Petitioner requests variance relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), pursuant to Section 450.4.5.f, to allow a freestanding order board enterprise sign with a height of 7 feet, in lieu of the permitted 6 feet. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the two-page redlined site plan, which was submitted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1A-1B.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the relief requested were Jeffrey Bainbridge, Director of Real Estate for Royal Farms; Cindy Deken, Construction and Facilities

Leader for Royal Farms; Art Leonard and Steve Warfield, Professional Engineers with Matis Warfield, Inc., the consultants who prepared the site plan for this property, and David Singer with Clean Edge, the company that services Royal Farms' rollover car wash at this location. David H. Karceski, Esquire and Arnold E. Jablon, Esquire appeared as counsel for Petitioner. There were no Protestants or other interested persons in attendance at the hearing.

Testimony and evidence reveals that the subject property is presently improved with a Royal Farms fuel service station in combination with a convenience store and rollover car wash building. By way of brief history, all of the site's improvements were approved by two (2) prior zoning cases, Case Nos. 96-272-XA (the 1996 Case) and 01-316-XA (the 2001 Case). In the 1996 case, the then Deputy Zoning Commissioner granted the original special exception for the fuel service station in combination with a convenience store on .486+ acres of land zoned B.R.-A.S. This portion of the site includes the existing convenience store building and the fuel pump island located at the corner of the site where Middleborough and Back River Neck Roads intersect. In Case No. 01-316-XA, the then Zoning Commissioner approved an expansion of the fuel service station, increasing the site's total special exception area to 1.404± acres. The expanded portion of the site, which was the subject of the 2001 case, is located immediately southeast of the convenience store building. As a result of the 2001 special exception, an additional fuel station pump island and the rollover car wash were approved. Certain restrictions were imposed in Case No. 01-316-XA, including a condition that relates to the hours of operation for the car wash. Restriction No. 3 of this Order provides that "[t]he hours of operation of the proposed car wash facility shall be limited to from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days per week." It is the rollover car wash and proposed freestanding sign, which will serve as an order (or menu) board for the car wash that is the subject of petitions filed in the instant case.

Petitioner requests, by its special hearing petition, permission to operate its rollover car wash twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days per week. This request, if approved, would allow the car wash to operate consistent with the hours of operation for the fuel service station and the convenience store, which are also twenty-four (24) hours per day operations. A review of Petitioner's site plan indicates that certain single-family dwellings are located east of the site along Middleborough Road. The closest of these residences, with an address of 1609 Middleborough Road, is owned by Ms. Eugenia Colvin. Petitioner's Exhibit 2, an aerial photograph/zoning map obtained from the Office of Planning's website, confirms that Ms. Colvin's property is indeed the closest residential property and is adjacent to the site's eastern boundary line. Other single-family dwellings in the vicinity of the site are, at a minimum, twice as far away from the Petitioner's car wash structure in comparison to Ms. Colvin's property. They are also either on the opposite side of Middleborough Road - a four (4) lane roadway from the site or on the other (or east) side of Ms. Colvin's property from the Royal Farms Store.

Certain restrictions were imposed in the 2001 case for the benefit of Ms. Colvin. These restrictions related to installation of a buffer between Ms. Colvin's property and the Royal Farms site, maintenance of a drainage ditch near the property line Royal Farms shares with Ms. Colvin, and, of course, the hours of operation of the car wash. Following the 2001 case, Petitioner constructed and is now operating the car wash, subject to the 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. hours of operation restriction. The location of the car wash is as shown and indicated on Petitioner's Exhibit 1A-1B. Prior to the public hearing in the instant case, Petitioner met with Ms. Colvin to discuss the car wash and its current operation. After this meeting, Ms. Colvin confirmed for Petitioner by an e-mail dated December 9, 2008 (Petitioner's Exhibit 3), that the car wash "has no impact on [her] home-property" and that she has "no objection" to the car wash being open

twenty-four (24) hours per day. While Ms. Colvin was able to confirm that the car wash, now operating, is no longer a concern for her, she also mentioned that she is appreciative that Royal Farms has relocated its trash enclosure to the northwestern end of the site. Additionally, the only other concern she noted in her December 2008 e-mail was the continued maintenance of the drainage ditch. While these two (2) concerns do not relate specifically to the requests regarding the car wash, Royal Farms' site plan filed in this case does show the trash enclosure location Ms. Colvin prefers and, as Petitioner confirmed, the drainage ditch is in good condition.

In addition to Ms. Colvin's position that there is no need to limit the car wash hours of operation, Mr. Warfield, Petitioner's professional engineer, provided expert testimony regarding removal of the car wash restriction. He visited the site recently to observe the car wash and indicated that he is familiar with the location of the car wash building and how the single bay car wash operates. It was Mr. Warfield's expert opinion that allowing the car wash to operate twenty-four (24) hours per day would have no adverse impact on the surrounding area and that application of the criteria required by Section 502.1 of the Zoning Regulations supports removal of the restriction imposed in the 2001 case. In addition, the testimony and evidence presented by Petitioner in support of removing the subject restriction, the reviewing County agencies did not issue any Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments in opposition to the removal of the restriction, and no interested citizens attended the public hearing in opposition.

The requested variance relief relates to an *order board sign* proposed by Petitioner, a sign detail for which was accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 4. Clearly, this sign would operate as a sign for ordering purposes and, as shown on Exhibit 4, provide a menu of options for patrons as similar signs do in connection with restaurant uses and their drive-through lanes. Specifically, in order to identify the different choices of car washes offered to Royal Farms

patrons that they may select, Petitioner proposes to install one (1) 7-foot tall freestanding sign, in lieu of the permitted height of 6 feet, in the vicinity of the stacking space area for the car wash. Petitioner explained that the primary purpose of this sign (as evidenced by its proposed size and intended location approximately 100 feet from the site's nearest road frontage) is not for off-site advertising but rather to make customers already on-site aware of the car wash entry point and multiple types of washes available. Notwithstanding the fact that the requested sign requires a height variance, Petitioner was careful to note two (2) distinguishing facts that are relevant here: (1) this sign will not exceed the total sign face area permitted by the regulations; and (2) Petitioner does not propose any additional signs on the car wash building to identify the use.

It is clear that the specific need for the variance is generated by the unique physical characteristics of the site. Testimony and evidence offered by Petitioner regarding the proposed sign disclosed that the subject property has an unusual, elongated shape defined by its irregular road frontages. Vehicular access points exist along these road frontages at six (6) different locations, all of which serve the site's multiple uses. These site features justify a single freestanding order board sign, one foot taller than permitted by right (7 feet), for the benefit of patrons on-site for other purposes and approaching the car wash from other points on the property in their vehicles. Petitioner further explained that strict application of the B.C.Z.R. to the subject property would result in a practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship. Requiring Petitioner to adhere to the height limitation in the B.C.Z.R. (6 feet) would make it difficult for Petitioner to adequately identify the car wash options available to patrons already on-site for other purposes. With regard to any adverse impact, Petitioner asserts that the desired sign with a height of 7 feet, at the location shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 1A-1B, is appropriate and will have no off-site impacts. Petitioner also noted that the Office of Planning and the other reviewing

agencies that make up the Zoning Advisory Committee offered no objections to the requested sign relief.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that both petitions for special hearing and variance should be granted. With regard to the special hearing relief to remove the car wash restriction from the 2001 case, I find that allowing the car wash to operate twenty-four (24) hours per day will not have any adverse impact on the surrounding area and that application of the elements contained in Section 502.1 of the Zoning Regulations confirm that removal of the restriction is appropriate in the instant case. I also find that Petitioner has satisfied its burden of proof for the requested sign variance, contained in Section 307.1 of the regulations. The subject site is clearly unique with regard to this request and, based on the distinctive features of the site, requiring Petitioner to adhere strictly to the requirements of the B.C.Z.R. would cause a practical difficulty. Additionally, a review of the sign detail for the proposed sign (Petitioner's Exhibit 4) and the location intended for the sign, shown on Petitioner's Exhibit 1B, confirms that the sign will not have an adverse impact on the surrounding properties in the vicinity of the site.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing held on these Petitions, and for the reasons set forth above, the relief requested shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 25 day of February 2009, that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve an amendment to the Order and site plan previously granted in Case No. 01-316-XA and to authorize the removal of Restriction No. 3 of the Order, which limits the hours of operation for the car wash facility to 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven (7) days per week, be and is hereby GRANTED;



IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 450.4.5.f of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a freestanding order board enterprise sign with a height of 7 feet, in lieu of the permitted 6 feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1A-1B, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

1. The Petitioner may apply for its building permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, the Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

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for Baltimore County



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

Zoning Commissioner

February 25, 2009

David H. Karceski, Esquire Arnold E. Jablon, Esquire Venable, LLP 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204

IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE
SE Corner Middleborough Road and Back River Neck Road
(1601 Middleborough Road)
15<sup>th</sup> Election District - 5<sup>th</sup> Election District
Two Farms, Inc. - Petitioner
Case No. 2009-0166-SPHA

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance have been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

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

WILLIAM WISHMA Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

WJW:dlw Enclosure

c: Jeffrey Bainbridge, Director, Real Estate, Royal Farms, 3611 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21211

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David Singer, Clean Edge Co. (via e-mail: dsinger@cleanedgeco.com)

People's Counsel; DEPRM; File



# **Petition for Special Hearing**

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 1601 Middleborough Road which is presently zoned BL-AS

(This petition must be filed in person, in the zoning office, in triplicate, with original signatures.)

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 (This box to be completed by planner)

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.

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### **Petition for Special Hearing**

1601 Middleborough Road

To amend the Order and site plan previously approved in Case No. 01-316-XA and to remove Restriction No. 3 of the Order, which limits the hours of operation for the car wash facility to 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days per week.





### **Petition for Variance**

# to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 1601 Middleborough Road which is presently zoned BL-AS

Deed Reference: 11136 / 189 Tax Account # 1507410560

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

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

To be determined 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.

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# **Petition for Variance** 1601 Middleborough Road

1. Variance from BCZR Section 450.4.5.f to allow a free-standing order board enterprise sign with a height of 7 feet, in lieu of the permitted 6 feet.



December 8, 2008

#### ZONING DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on the east side of Back River Neck Road, which is 60' wide at the distance of 55.8'± southeast of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street, Middleborough Road, which is of variable width. Thence the following courses and distances:



North 31° 12' 55" East 25.39', to the south side of Middleborough Road, thence running and binding on the said south side Middleborough Road the following courses, South 58° 47' 05" East 55.00', North 31° 12' 55" East 7.68', South 58° 18' 45" East 96.66', South 69°50'18" East 78.07', North 85°56'27" East 55.99', North 85°55'59" East 50.00', North 77°29'02" East 50.30' thence leaving the south side of Middleborough Road for the following courses, South 09°07'45" East 217.55', South 80°52'15" West 168.70' to the east side of Back River Neck Road and binding on said east side of Back River Neck Road by a curve to the left with a Radius of 5759.58' for a length of 83.71', North 38° 56' 29" West 302.87' to the place of beginning as recorded in Deed Liber 7446, Folio 515 and Deed Liber 11136, Folio 189.

Being parts of Lots 67 and Lot 68 in the subdivision of Hilltop Park, as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book 8 Folio 32 containing 61,180 S.F. or 1.404 acres of land more or less and subject to Baltimore County right-of-way agreement #85-224-1.

Also known as 1601 Middleborough Road and 311 Back River Neck Road and located in the 15<sup>th</sup> Election District.

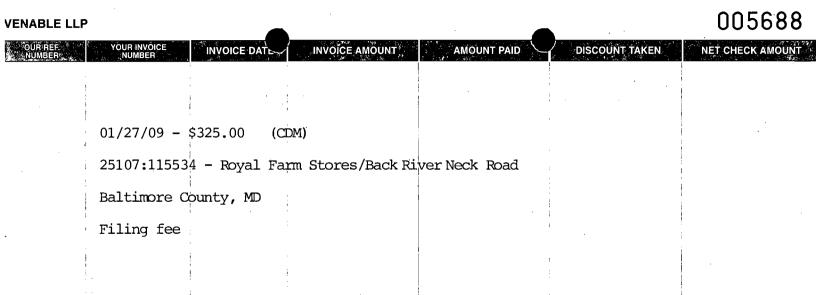
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#### NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING.

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: #2009-0166-SPH

1601 Middleborough Road 1.

E/side of Back River Neck Road, 55.8 feet +/- s/east of center line of Middleborough Road

15th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District

Legal Owner(s): Two Farms, Inc.

Special Hearing: to amend the order and site plan previously approved in case 01-316-XA and to remove restriction no. 3 of the order, which limits the hours of operation for the car wash facility to 8:00 p.m., seven days per week. Variance: to allow a freestanding order board enterprise sign with a height of 7 feet, in lieu of the permitted 6 feet.

In lieu of the permitted 6 feet. Hearing: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 104, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

#### WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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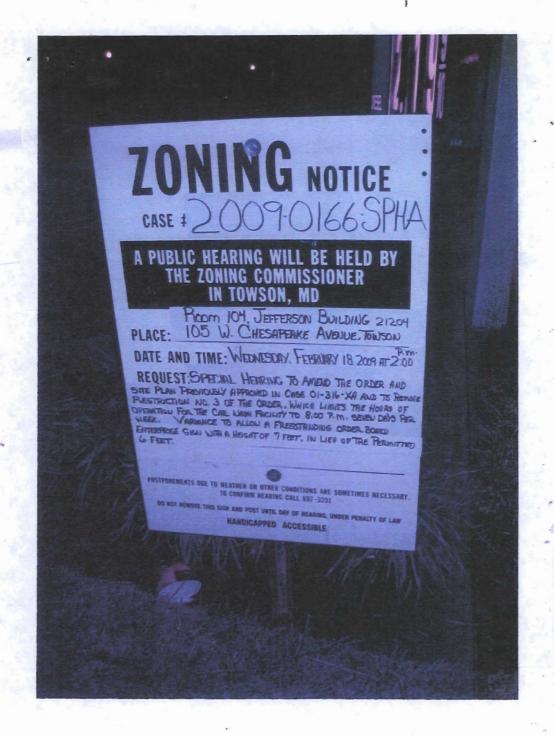
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# **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

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- NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009.
  - (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
  - (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.

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C: David Karceski, 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson 21204 Two Farms, John Kemp, 3611 Roland Avenue, Baltimore 21211

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

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Tuesday, February 3, 2009 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

Amy Dontell-Matte 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204 410-494-6244

### CORRECTED 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 NUMBER: 2009-0166-SPHA

1601 Middleborough Road

E/side of Back River Neck Road, 55.8 feet +/- s/east of centerline of Middleborough Road 15<sup>th</sup> Election District – 5<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Two Farms, Inc.

<u>Special Hearing</u> to amend the order and site plan previously approved in case 01-316-XA and to remove restriction no. 3 of the order, which limits the hours of operation for the car wash facility to 8:00 p.m., seven days per week. <u>Variance</u> to allow a freestanding order board enterprise sign with a height of 7 feet, in lieu of the permitted 6 feet.

Hearing: Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 104, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue. Towson 21204

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III
ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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# DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

### ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

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

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

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and
Development Management
February 12, 2009

David H. Karceski Venable, LLP 210 Allegheny Ave. Towson, MD 21204

Dear: David H. Karceski

RE: Case Number 2009-0166-SPHA, 1601 Middleborough Rd.

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on January 28, 2009. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from several approval agencies, has reviewed the plans that were submitted with your petition. All comments submitted thus far from the members of the ZAC are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to ensure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. All comments will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency.

Very truly yours,

U. Cal Rihal D

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:lnw

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

Two Farms, INC.; 3611 Roland Ave.; Baltimore, MD, 21211



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 February 2,2009

ATTENTION: Zoning Review Planners

Distribution Meeting Of: February 2, 2009

Item Numbers 0166,0190,0191,0192,0193,0194,0195,0196

Pursuant to your request, the referenced plan(s) have been reviewed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

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

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

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### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

**DATE:** December 18, 2008

Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For December 22, 2008

Item Nos. 2009-0153, 0158, 0159, 0160, 0161, 0162, 0163, 0164, 0165, and 0166,

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

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ZAC-122208 -NO COMMENTS

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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

**DATE:** January 22, 2009

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FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

**ZONING COMMISSIONER** 

**SUBJECT:** 

Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 09-166- Special Hearing

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

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

Prepared By:

**Division Chief:** 

CM/LL

### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

**DATE:** February 4, 2009

Department of Permits and

Development Management

**RECEIVED** 

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

FEB 05 2009

**ZONING COMMISSIONER** 

**SUBJECT:** 

Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 09-166- Additional Petition for Variance

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

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

**Division Chief:** 

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### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

IO:	Timothy M. K	Lotroco
FROM:	Dave Lykens,	DEPRM - Development Coordination
DATE:	1/21/09	
SUBJECT:	Zoning Item Address	# 09-166-SPH 1601 Middleborough Raoad (Two Farms, Inc.)
Zoning	g Advisory Coi	mmittee Meeting of December 15, 2008.
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<u>X</u>	Critical Area	of this property must comply with the Chesapeake Bay Regulations (Sections 33-2-101 through 33-2-1004, and s, of the Baltimore County Code).
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### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

DATE: February 4, 2009

Department of Permits &

**Development Management** 

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

**Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting** 

For February 9, 2009

Item Nos. 2009-0166, 0191, 0192, 0193, and 0194

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

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ZAC-02092009 -NO COMMENTS



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

JOHN J. HOHMAN, Chief
Fire Department

December 16, 2008

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

ATTENTION: Zoning Review planners

Distribution Meeting of: December 15,2008

Item No.: 2009-0135-A, 2009-0153-X, 2009-0158-SPHAXA, 2009-0159-A,

2009-0160-A, 2009-0161-SPHXA, 2009-0162-A, 2009-0163-A,

2009-0165-A, AND 2009-0166-SPH.

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.

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

Don W. Muddiman, Acting Lieutenant Fire Marshal's Office (Office)410-887-4880 MS-1102F

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

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

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: 12/16 /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 2009-6166-5PH 1601 MIDDLE BORDHAH RD Two FARMS INC

Dear Ms. Matthews:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the above captioned. We have determined that the subject property does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects. Therefore, based upon available information this office has no objection to Baltimore County Zoning Advisory Committee approval of Item No. 2099-0166-9PH

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

Very truly yours,

Fon Steven D. Foster, Chief Engineering Access Permits

Division

SDF/MB





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

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: FEB. 6,2009

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

RE: Baltimore County

Item No 2009-0166-SPHA

1601 MIDDLEBOROLGH RD

Two FARMS INC

TWO FARMS, INC. SPECIAL HEARING

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Very truly yours,

Fold Steven D. Foster, Chief

**Engineering Access Permits** 

Division

SDF/MB

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

BEFORE THE

1601 Middleborough Road; 55.8' SE Middleborough Rd & Back River Neck Road 15<sup>th</sup> Election & 5<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic Districts

ZONING COMMISSIONER

Legal Owner(s): Two Farms Inc

**FOR** 

Petitioner(s) \*

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

09-166-SPH

### ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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

Peter Max Zummerman

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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 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to David Karceski, Esquire, Venable, LLP, 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Pater Max Zummerman.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel for Baltimore County



t 410.494.6365 f 410.821.0147 cdmudd@venable.com

January 27, 2009

### HAND-DELIVERED

W. Carl Richards, Zoning Supervisor Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: REQUEST FOR RECIRCULATION OF PLANS

Royal Farms – 1601 Middleborough Road Case No. 2009-0166-SPH 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District, 15<sup>th</sup> Election District

Dear Mr. Richards:

This firm represents Two Farms, Inc., legal owner of the above-referenced property and petitioner in the above-referenced case. Following our filing of Case No. 2009-0166-SPH, it has been determined that our client requires a variance for a proposed sign on the subject property. I have enclosed 3 copies of a petition for variance, 2 copies of a revised site plan showing the proposed sign, and a \$325.00 check for the variance request. I ask that your office please replace the plans and petitions currently in the case file with the enclosed revised plans and petitions, re-circulate the plans to the appropriate County agencies, and update the case number to reflect the addition of the variance (2009-0166-SPHA).

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Christopher D. Mudd

**CDM** 

cc: David H. Karceski, Esquire

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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

SE Corner Middleborough Road and
Back River Neck Road

(1601 Middleborough Road)

\* OF

15<sup>th</sup> Election District

5<sup>th</sup> Council District

Two Farms, Inc.
Petitioner

\* Case No. 2009-0127-A

### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by Two Farms, Inc., legal owner of the subject property, by and through its attorney David H. Karceski, Esquire with Venable LLP. Petitioner requests variance relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) for certain signage proposed for the Royal Farms Store use on the property, as follows: from Section 450.4.5.a to allow ten (10) wall-mounted enterprise signs on a building with a total of five (5) of these on one wall, in lieu of the permitted three (3) signs on a building with two (2) on one wall, respectively; and from Section 450.4.5.b to allow a free-standing enterprise sign with a height of 29 feet in lieu of the permitted 25 feet. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on a four-page redlined site plan submitted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1A – 1D.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the relief requested were Jeffrey Bainbridge, Director of Real Estate for Royal Farms; Art Leonard and Steve Warfield, Professional Engineers with Matis Warfield, Inc., the consultants who prepared the site plan for this property. David H. Karceski, Esquire and Christopher Mudd, Esquire appeared as counsel for Petitioner. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

### Carl Richards - Plans

From: "I

"Mudd, Christopher D." < CDMudd@Venable.com>

To:

"Carl Richards" < CRichards@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date:

12/8/2008 3:43 PM

Subject: Plans

Carl,

I just left with Rose a set of plans and descriptions for the Royal Farms/Middleborough Rd. site. That is the one that we filed as a Variance & Special Hearing, and I gave you a letter last week requesting that we split them nto two separate cases (the variance to keep the current number, and the special nearing to get a new number). You asked me for plans & descriptions for the special hearing case to complete the new file (the petitions are in the existing file). And that is what I have delivered.

Please let me know if you need any additional information. I will check back later

his week for the new case #.

Thanks,

Chris

Christopher D. Mudd | Associate | Venable LLP

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Debra Wiley

To:

cmudd@venable.com; Karceski, David

Date:

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Subject:

Case No. 2009-0166-SPHA - 2/18 @ 2 PM

Good Morning Gentlemen,

When Chris stopped in last Wednesday, he brought to our attention that a petition for variance was added to the above case. In my reviewing the case file, the paperwork correctly refects this for the sign posting; however, a copy of the Revised Jeffersonian advertisement is missing that includes the variance portion.

By copy of this e-mail to both Kristen and LaShenda, I am hoping that perhaps the Jeffersonian copy just came in late and it will find its way here by tomorrow's hearing.

Thanks to all for your usual cooperation.

Debbie Wiley
Legal Administrative Secretary
Office of the Zoning Commissioner
105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103
Towson, Md. 21204
410-887-3868
410-887-3468 (fax)
dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov

CC:

Matthews, Kristen; Williams, LaShenda

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### Exhibit Sheet

### Petitioner/Developer

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### **Cindy Deken**

From:

Jean Colvin [indianacrepoodles@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, December 09, 2008 6:22 PM

To:

cdeken@royalfarms.com

Subject: RE: Catching up...

### Hi Cindy:

In regards to the car wash being open 24 hours, I have no objection. If it remains as it is at present, there is no impact on my home-property. The relocated trash enclosure has solved the noise problem and I sincerely request it remain where it is.

The only request I have is that the storm drain be maintained in such condition to provide the drainage it now has. My only concern that in future years that it is maintained. .

> Eugenia Colvin **Property Owner**

### --- On Tue, 12/2/08, Cindy Deken <cdeken@royalfarms.com> wrote:

From: Cindy Deken <cdeken@royalfarms.com>

Subject: RE: Catching up...

To: cdeken@royalfarms.com, indianacrepoodles@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2008, 9:16 AM

Cindy Deken

Construction & Facilities Leader

#### Royal Farms

3611 Roland Ave

Baltimore, MD 21211

cdeken@royalfarms.com

cell-410.371.9580

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From: Cindy Deken [mailto:cdeken@royalfarms.com] Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 3:39 PM

To: 'indianacrepoodles@yahoo.com'

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It was good to see you Friday. I was glad to find you safe and sound. Thanks again for your time.

I wanted to circle back with you about the car wash hours of operation. Are you OK with 24/7 operation of the car wash? Does the car wash operation have a negative impact on your home/property? We at Royal Farms are working to obtain longer hours of operation along with the relocated trash enclosure and some additional signage. It's important to us to know we'll not be inconveniencing you with these changes.

Thanks again for your patience through the years of this process.

Talk to you soon,

Cindy

Cindy Deken

Construction & Facilities Leader

### Royal Farms

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