# IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND VARIANCE

N side of Nine Mile Circle, 121 feet NE of Frederick Road

1<sup>st</sup> Election District

1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District

(2804-2828 Nine Mile Circle)

- BEFORE THE
- DEPUTY ZONING
- \* COMMISSIONER
- \* FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

# Condominium Mill Homes at Nine Mile Circle Petitioner

\* Case No. 2009-0213-SPHA

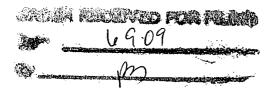
### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before this Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed by Brian Dolan, president of the Council of the Unit Owners of the Condominium Mill Homes at Nine Mile Circle, the legal owner of the subject property. The Petitions as filed seek Special Hearing relief in accordance with Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") as follows:

- To determine that altering a condominium regime into fee simple lots does not qualify as a subdivision under the Baltimore County Code; and
- To approve allowing the existing units to continue to utilize the parking layout as shown on the plan.

Variance relief is also requested as follows:

- From Section 1B01.2.C.1.b of the B.C.Z.R. to allow a minimum front building setback to right-of-way or property line of 16 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet; and
- From Section 1B01.2.C.1.b of the B.C.Z.R. to allow a minimum side building face setback to tract boundary line of 0 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet; and
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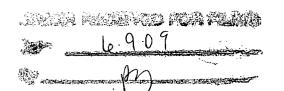


• From Sections 1B01.2.C.1.b and 301.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to allow a minimum of 8 feet in lieu of 25 feet, and 18 feet 9 inches for open porches to right-of-way setback as indicated.

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

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the requested relief was Brian P. Dolan, owner of a dwelling known as 2810 Nine Mile Circle and president of the Condo at Nine Mile Condominium Association. Also present were two other owners/residents at the subject property; namely, Joseph D'Addo and Susan A. Allen (hereinafter "Petitioners"). Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire of Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, represented Petitioners. Also appearing and testifying in support of the Petitions was David S. Thaler, principal of D.S. Thaler and Associates, Inc., the engineering and architectural firm that prepared the site plan. Also present on behalf of Baltimore County was Donald Rascoe, Deputy Director of the Department of Permits and Development Management. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present at the hearing.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is an irregular-shaped property located adjacent to Frederick Road (MD Route 144), near the Baltimore County/Howard County line (Pataspco River) in southwestern Baltimore County. The property is near the historic mill community known as Oella. The property is approximately 4.67 acres, split-zoned D.R.1 and D.R.3.5. The predominant zoning of the property is D.R.3.5. The property is presently improved with 11 single-family dwellings. As shown on the site plan, these dwellings are grouped near the front portion of the site, immediately adjacent to Nine Mile Circle, a public road that provides vehicular access to this community. Nine Mile Circle essentially serves as a semi-circular driveway, in that it enters into the property from Frederick Road to the east, runs across the front of the dwellings, then reconnects to Frederick Road to the west. The topography of the property is

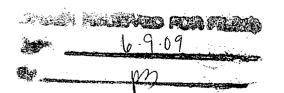


significant, in that the grade significantly rises from the front adjacent to Nine Mile Circle. The rear of the property is at a higher elevation and is nearly entirely wooded and not developed. The grade and environmental features of the rear of the property make it unsuitable for development.

The history of the property is also significant. As is the case with many old mill towns in Baltimore County, the subject property was developed as housing for mill workers during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. A textile mill known as Grey's Mill was located nearby. As mentioned above, there are 11 single-family dwellings on the subject property. Some are single-family detached structures and others are side-by-side attached units. Many years ago, these houses were typically occupied by workers at the textile mill.

In 1999, after the mill had long since closed, the entire tract was acquired and proposed for redevelopment. Given the historic character of the site and constraints associated with the property, this redevelopment was approved as a condominium regime. Significantly, the redevelopment of the property was not subject to the development review regulations for Baltimore County contained in B.C.C. Article 32, Title 4. Nonetheless, a plat was recorded in the Land Records for Baltimore County on April 8, 1999 at Liber 22, Foilo 76 establishing the condominium regime for these 11 units. As Mr. Thaler explained at the hearing, this redevelopment was actually a "landominium," in that the individual residents own not only their individual building unit, but a small area of real property surrounding each unit as well.

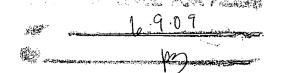
Following this approval, the houses were ultimately individually sold and occupied. The current residents formed a homeowners' association and through the instant petitions are seeking approval to allow the dissolution of the condominium regime and the creation of a community made of in-fee lots. As indicated by Petitioners present at the hearing, apparently issues related to the acquisition and pricing of homeowners' insurance and other complications have necessitated



this request. In order to accommodate this conversion of the property from a condominium regime to a single-family, in-fee community, the instant Petitions were filed.

Considering first the Petition for Special Hearing, Petitioners' counsel, Mr. Schmidt, moved for an amendment of that Petition in open hearing. Specifically, that portion of the Special Hearing requesting a finding that the alteration of the condominium regime does not qualify as a subdivision under the Baltimore County Code was withdrawn. In lieu thereof, Mr. Schmidt indicated that Petitioners would seek a waiver of the application of the development review regulations and process, pursuant to B.C.C. Section 32-4-107(b). Pursuant thereto, the Director of the Department of Permits and Development Management (rather than the Zoning Commissioner) has the authority to waive the application of the development regulations in certain instances. A waiver request is to be made with Director Timothy Kotroco under the authority provided by this section of the B.C.C.

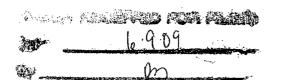
Although the authority to grant that waiver ultimately rests with Director Kotroco, in my view, the waiver appears appropriate and I recommend that it be granted. There is no new development, per se, in that no new construction or building is proposed. Rather, as explained above, Petitioners only seek to convert the existing community into an in-fee community. Requiring the members of this community to bear the time and expense associated with, and delay in proceeding through, the development review process seems inappropriate. Nonetheless, in view of Petitioners' election to proceed via a waiver request under B.C.C. Section 32-4-107(b), I will approve the amendment of the Petition and decline to issue any ruling on that question as presented. In open hearing, Mr. Rascoe consented to proceeding in this fashion and indicated that this process was appropriate.



As to the other relief requested under the Petition for Special Hearing, Petitioner seeks approval to allow the existing units to continue to utilize the parking layout as shown on the site plan. In this regard, the semi-circular public road described above (Nine Mile Circle) provides access to the site from Frederick Road. This road accommodates parking for the units and essentially serves as a semi-circular driveway for the community. Although parking spaces are not specifically designated for the proposed in-fee lots, Nine Mile Circle provides appropriate access and apparently the arrangement has worked well for many years. Under the circumstances, I am persuaded to grant the Special Hearing relief requested, as it is most practical and appropriate to continue the current arrangement.

Turning next to the Petition for Variance, there are five variances requested. As is well settled, in order for variance relief to be approved, Petitioner must establish that the subject property is unique and that this unique factor drives the need for a variance request (See, Cromwell v. Ward 102 Md. App. 691 (1995) and People's Counsel v. Trinity Church 407 Md. 53, 962 A.2d 404 (2008)). There are a number of factors which support a finding of uniqueness in this case. First, the property's irregular shape is unique and unlike any property in the area. Moreover, the significant topography and environmental constraints (which limit the allowable building area) drive the need for the variances. Most significant is the historic character associated with the property. Several of the homes are 150 years old or more and as a historic mill town, the entire area has historic significance. For all of the above reasons, I find special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variance requests, and therefore, find the property to be unique in a zoning sense.

Insofar as the requirement for a finding of practical difficulty, it is to be noted that all of the variances seek relief for existing conditions. There is no new construction proposed and the



variances seek to legitimize the present location of the units. Generally, the variances seek relief for setback requirements from the front, side and rear property lines. Some of the units meet the setback requirements, while others do not provide the necessary setbacks. The details of each variance as applied to each unit are shown in detail on the site plan. Not every unit requires a variance; however, relief is requested for many. In short, the need for the variances is caused by the layout of the existing community, as well as the shape and topographical features of the subject site. Adherence to the setback regulations would necessitate razing some of the historic structures. As such, I am easily persuaded that the requested variance relief should be granted in this case.

In sum, I am persuaded that the Petition for Variance requests should be granted, and that the Special Hearing relief should be approved to accommodate the existing parking arrangement. I find that Petitioners have met the requirements contained in Sections 307 and 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R. It is also significant that the requested relief is without opposition. In this regard, Petitioners produced a letter of support from the nearest community association, and no one appeared in opposition. Mr. Dolan indicated that he had also spoken with the community group for the Greater Oella Community and that organization was supportive of his request. This is an umbrella group for community organizations in the area. A series of photographs were also presented at the hearing and confirm the historic character associated with this community, which supports the relief requested. Moreover, as noted above, Mr. Rascoe supports the procedural process suggested in this case.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing held, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered, I find that Petitioners' special hearing and variance requests should be granted.



THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2009 that Petitioners' Special Hearing request to determine that altering a condominium regime into fee simple lots does not qualify as a subdivision under the Baltimore County Code be and is hereby WITHDRAWN and thereby DISMISSED; and

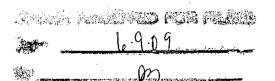
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioners' Special Hearing request to approve allowing the existing units to continue to utilize the parking layout as shown on the site plan accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 1 be and is hereby GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioners' Variance requests as follows:

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be and are hereby GRANTED, subject to the following:

- 1. Petitioners are advised that they may apply for any required building permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.
- 2. As per DEPRM Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment dated April 13, 2009, development of this property must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations (Sections 33-6-101 through 33-6-122 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



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

THOMAS H. BOSTWICK - Deputy Zoning Commissioner

June 9, 2009

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT, ESQUIRE GILDEA & SCHMIDT, LLC 600 WASHINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 200 TOWSON, MD 21204

Re: Petition for Special Hearing and Variance

Case No. 2009-0213-SPHA

Property: 2804-2828 Nine Mile Circle

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

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: David S. Thaler, D. S. Thaler & Associates, Inc., 7115 Ambassador Lane, P. O. Box 47428,
Baltimore, MD 21244
 Brian P. Dolan, 2810 Nine Mile Circle, Catonsville MD 21228
 Susan A. Allen, 2822 Nine Mile Circle, Catonsville MD 21228
 Donald Rascoe, Deputy Director of the Department of Permits and Development Management Councilman S.G. Samuel Moxley



# **Petition for Special Hearing**

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at	2804-2828 Nine Mile Circ	·le
which is	s presently zoned <u>D.R</u>	. 3.5, D.R. 1

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

- 1) Special Hearing from the Zoning Commissioner to determine that altering a condominium regime into fee simple lots does not qualify as a subdivision under the Baltimore County Code and;
- 2) To approve allowing the existing units to continue to utilize the parking layout as shown on the plan.

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): The Council of Unit Owners, Condominium Mill Homes at Nine Mile Circle Name - Type or Print Name - Type or Print See Attached Signature Signature Address Telephone No. Name - Type or Print City State Zip Code Signature 2810 Nine Mile Circle 410-203-1577 Attorney For Petitioner: Address Telephone No. Sebastian A. Cross Catonsville 21228 Name - Type or Print State Zip Code Representative to be Contacted: Signature Gildea & Schmidt, LLC Sebastian A. Cross, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 (410) 821-0070 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 (410) 821-0070 Address Telephone No. Address relephone No. Towson MD 21204 Towson MD 21204 City State Zip Code State Zip Code ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING Case No. 2009 0213 ASPH UNAVAILABLE FOR HEARING



# Petition for Variance

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which is presently zoned: D.R. 3.5, D.R. 1

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#### SEE ATTACHMENT

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

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## **Attachment to Petition for Variance**

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- 5. As per § 1B01.2C.1.b and 301.1 of the BCZR, to allow a minimum of 8 feet in lieu of 25' and 18'9" for open porches to right-of-way setback as indicated;

### September 16, 2008

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# PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (for Zoning Purposes Only)

#### NINE MILE HILL

Beginning for the same at a point on the north side of Nine Mile Circle, a variable width Baltimore County right-of-way, approximately 121 feet northeast of its intersection with the north side of Frederick Road, a variable width State right of way, thence running the following courses and distances:

1.	North 01° 30' 15" East	22.63 feet to a point thence;
2.	North 27° 03' 23" East	27.56 feet to a point thence;
3.	North 54° 39' 59" East	4.35 feet to a point thence;
4.	North 41° 39' 55" East	610.51 feet to a point thence;
5.	South 44° 30' 44" East	132.01 feet to a point thence;
6.	South 70° 25' 23" East	82.50 feet to a point thence;
7.	South 49° 25' 23" East	49.49 feet to a point thence;
8.	South 22° 04' 37" West	292.88 feet to a point thence;
9.	South 57° 25' 23" East	44.88 feet to a point thence;
10.	North 35° 34' 37" East	8.25 feet to a point thence;
11.	South 58° 28' 06" East	63.11 feet to a point thence;
12.	South 40° 28' 54" West	128.67 feet to a point thence;
13.	North 56° 39' 56" West	24.16 feet to a point thence;

14.	North 58° 18' 30" West	42.59 feet to a point thence;
15.	North 64° 02' 34" West	51.10 feet to a point thence;
16.	North 73° 53' 41" West	25.15 feet to a point thence;
17.	North 81° 38' 18 " West	39.90 feet to a point thence;
18.	North 87° 57' 40" West	26.54 feet to a point thence;
19.	South 89° 30' 02" West	43.87 feet to a point thence;
20.	South 84° 35' 59" West	44.61 feet to a point thence;
21.	South 89° 38' 28" West	46.53 feet to a point thence;
22.	South 89° 59' 22" West	44.77 feet to a point thence;
23.	South 89° 53' 08" West	41.76 feet to a point thence;
24.	North 89° 25' 41" West	12.55 feet to a point thence;
25.	South 89° 25' 29" West	29.92 feet to a point thence;
26.	South 88° 49' 07" West	41.43 feet to a point thence;
27.	North 88° 22' 54" West	35.44 feet to the point of beginning.
	Containing 4.3 acres more	or less.

Located within the First Election District and First Councilmanic District of

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2804-2828 Nine Mile Circle

N/side of Nine Mile Circle, 121 feet n/east of Frederick Road 1st Election District — 1st Councilmanic District

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Hearing: Friday, April 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue,

Towson 21204.

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III

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.

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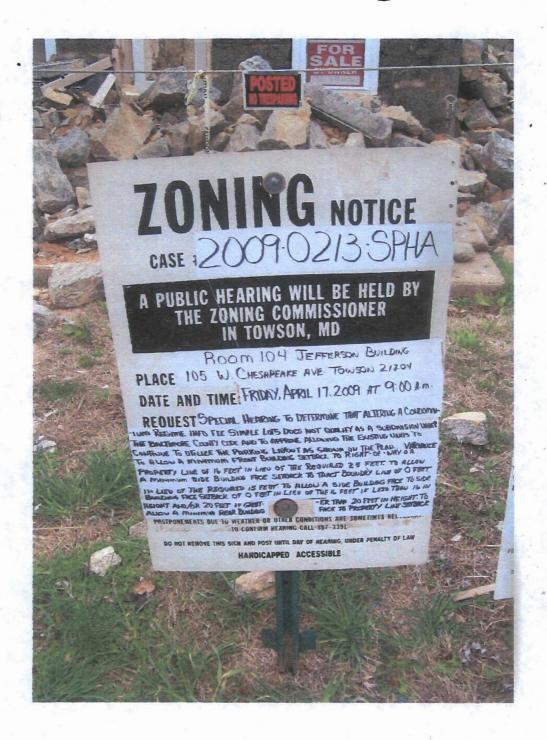
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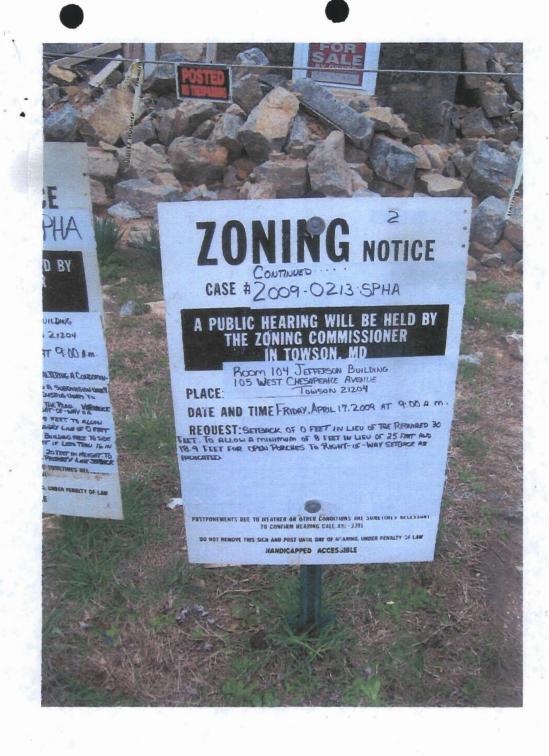
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LEGAL ADVERTISING

# **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

follows:

March 9, 2009
TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director
Department of Permits and
Development Management

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105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

Timothy Kotroco

Director

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C: Sebastian Cross, Gildea & Schmidt, 600 Washington Ave., Ste. 200, Towson 21204 Condo Mill Homes, 2810 Nine Mile Circle, Catonsville 21228

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ZONING COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT 410-887-4386.
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410-821-0070

#### 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: 2009-0213-SPHA

2804-2828 Nine Mile Circle N/side of Nine Mile Circle, 121 feet n/east of Frederick Road 1<sup>st</sup> Election District – 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District Legal Owners: Condominium Mill Homes at Nine Mile Circle

Special Hearing to determine that altering a condominium regime info fee simple lots does not qualify as a subdivision under the Baltimore County Code and to approve allowing the existing units to continue to utilize the parking layout as shown on the plan. Variance to allow a minimum front building setback to right-of-way or property line of 16 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet. To allow a minimum side building face setback to tract boundary line of 0 feet in lieu of the required 15 feet. To allow a side building face to side building face setback of 0 feet in lieu of the 16 feet if less than 16 in height and/or 20 feet if greater than 20 feet in height. To allow a minimum rear building face to property line setback of 0 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet. To allow a minimum of 8 feet in lieu of 25 feet and 18.9 feet for open porches to right-of-way setback as indicated.

Hearing: Friday, April 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104, Jefferson Building,

105 West Chesapeake Avenue, 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.

# DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

### ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

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

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

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

For Newspaper Advertising:
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Address or Location: 2804-2828 Nine Mile Circle
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: Gilden + Schnidt LCC
Address: 600 Washington Ave, Suite 200
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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director Department of Permits and Development Management April 9, 2009

Sebastian A. Cross Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Ave. Ste. 200 Towson, MD 21204

Dear: Sebastian A. Cross

RE: Case Number 2009-0213-SPHA, 2804-2828 Nine Mile Cir.

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

W Carl Richards Ir

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:Inw

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel
The Council of Unit Onwers, Condominium Mill Homes



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 March 9, 2009

ATTENTION: Zoning Review Planners

Distribution Meeting Of: March 2, 2009

Item Numbers 0211,0213,0219

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

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

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

cc: File

## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

### **INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

**DATE:** March 10, 2009

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 09-213- 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 Dennis Wertz in the Office of Planning at 410-887-3480.

Prepared By

**Division Chief:** 

CM/LL



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

Maryland Department of Transportation

Date: MARCH 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 2009-0213-X

2804-2828 NINE MILE CIRCLE

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SPECIAL HEARING

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. 2009-02/3-x

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

Very truly yours,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

Engineering Access Permits

Division

SDF/MB



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

#### **Inter-Office Correspondence**

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**ZONING COMMISSIONER** 

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco

FROM:

Dave Lykens, DEPRM - Development Coordination

DATE:

April 13, 2009

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item

# 09-213-SPHA

Address

2804-2828 Nine Mile Circle

(Condominium Mill Homes at Nine Mile Circle)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of March 2, 2009

<u>X</u> The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:

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). (see additional comments)

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:**

If this property is subdivided it must comply with Forest Conservation Regulations (Sections 33-6-101 through 122 of the Baltimore County Code).

Reviewer:

J. Russo

Date: 4/13/09

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

#### **Inter-Office Correspondence**



TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco

FROM:

Dave Lykens, DEPRM - Development Coordination

DATE:

April 13, 2009

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item # 09-213-SPHA

# 03-213-3111A

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Reviewer:

J. Russo

Date: 4/13/09

## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

**DATE:** March 3, 2009

Department of Permits & Development

Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

**SUBJECT:** 

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For March 9, 2009

Item No. 2009-0213-SPHA

We have no objection to granting variances No. 1 through No. 5.

Regarding special hearing request No. 1, first, we do not believe that the Zoning Commissioner, when not acting as the Hearing Officer in a development case, has jurisdiction to interpret a development regulation.

Second, in the development regulations, 32-4-101(p) (2), "development" means the subdivision of property. Under 32-4-101 (yy), "subdivision" means the division of property into two or more lots.

Third, these are not lots of record as defined in 32-4-101 (z) because there was no approved development plan. As an aside, if these *were* lots of record, this special hearing request would not have been made.

Fourth, development regulation 32-4-271 (a) requires that a plat be prepared in accordance with the approved development plan for any subdivision. Conversely, recording a plat pursuant to an approved development plan creates lots of record.

Therefore, based on the foregoing, creating lots of record is subject to the development regulations.

Regarding the special hearing request #2, the parking spaces can remain as shown; however, they should be paved with the County's standard paving section.

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cc: File

ZAC-ITEM NO 2009-0213-SPHA-03092009

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING
AND VARIANCE
2804-2828 Nile Mile Circle; N/S Nine Mile
Circle, 121' NE of Frederick Road
1st Election & 1st Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Condominium Mill Homes
at Nine Mile Circle

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

° 09-213-SPHA

#### **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

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

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Sebastian A. Cross, Esquire, Gildea & Schmidt LLC, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Mar Zummerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Note to WCR and to file:

Mr. Cross, the filing attorney stated that this plan had been reviewed at the Director of PDM's level and it was understood that it was to be filed this way. These are condo units and there are multiple variances. The numbers requested are "as close as" variances. I am not going to argue with a filing plan/petition that the attorney assured me had TK's intake approval as presented.

John Lewis Planner II

## Hearing Officer,

Since the request as filed is non-specific as to how many buildings or which buildings need a specific relief, The zoning office requests that, if granted, the order would be specific, by building or lot, to eliminate any possible confusion, or involvement of the hearing officer in the permit process.

W. Carl Richards Jr. Zoning Supervisor

the community management specialists



## THE CONDOMINIUM MILL HOMES AT NINE MILE HILL, INC.

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to the Maryland Condominium Act and the Condominium By-Laws, notice is hereby given of a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNIT OWNERS OF THE CONDOMINIUM MILL HOMES AT NINE MILE HILL, **INC.** to be held on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 7:30, P.M., at 2810 Nine Mile Circle, Catonsville MD 21228.

The purpose of the Special Meeting will be to discuss and vote on the filing of:

- 1) a Petition for Variance; and
- 2) a Petition for a Special Hearing.

If approved, these Petitions will be filed with the appropriate authorities in Baltimore County to further the intended goal of terminating the condominium regime and converting the Units to fee simple Lots and the Common Elements to a Homeowners or Community Association property.

Copies of the proposed Petitions are attached hereto. The filing of these administrative proceedings must be approved by the Unit Owners by a majority vote, and if so approved, the appropriate officers of the Condominium Association will execute the documents in final form and cause them to be filed with the County with the Owners' consents. In the Consent Ballots, the Unit Owners are also requested to give their consent to allow the Condominium officers to represent the Unit Owners at any administrative hearings in this matter. In order to signify your approval, please complete both of the attached Proxy/Consent Ballots which will be filed with the Petitions.





## **PROXY**

## THE CONDOMINIUM MILL HOMES AT NINE MILE HILL, INC.

(1) (WE) Pamela Wright Earl Wrigh (Complete names of all owners)	\$
the owners of 2804 Nine Mile Virale Catonsville M (Address)	<u>D</u> , <b>_</b>
being member(s) in good standing of THE CONDOMINIUM MILL HOMES AT NINE MILE HIL	LL,
INC. do hereby grant (my) (our) proxy to Condominion Officers	_,
for purposes of establishing a quorum and to cast (my) (our) vote on business coming before	
the Special Meeting of the Association to be held on <u>Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup></u> , 2009, at <u>7:30</u> , P.M., at <u>2810 Nine Mile Circle, Catonsville MD 21228</u> . or at any adjournment there	of.
CONSENT BALLOT	
(I) (WE) expressly direct our Proxy to vote as follows on the Petition for Special Hearin	ıg:
(I) (WE) vote in favor of against the filing the Petition for Special Hearing and hereby authorize the appropriate Officers of the Condominium to cause such Petition to be filed and to act on my (our) behalf at any administrative or legal proceedings regarding same.	ıl
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has (have) executed this Proxy and Conse Ballot the	nt
Name Earl Wright	
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2804 Nine Mille Circle	e
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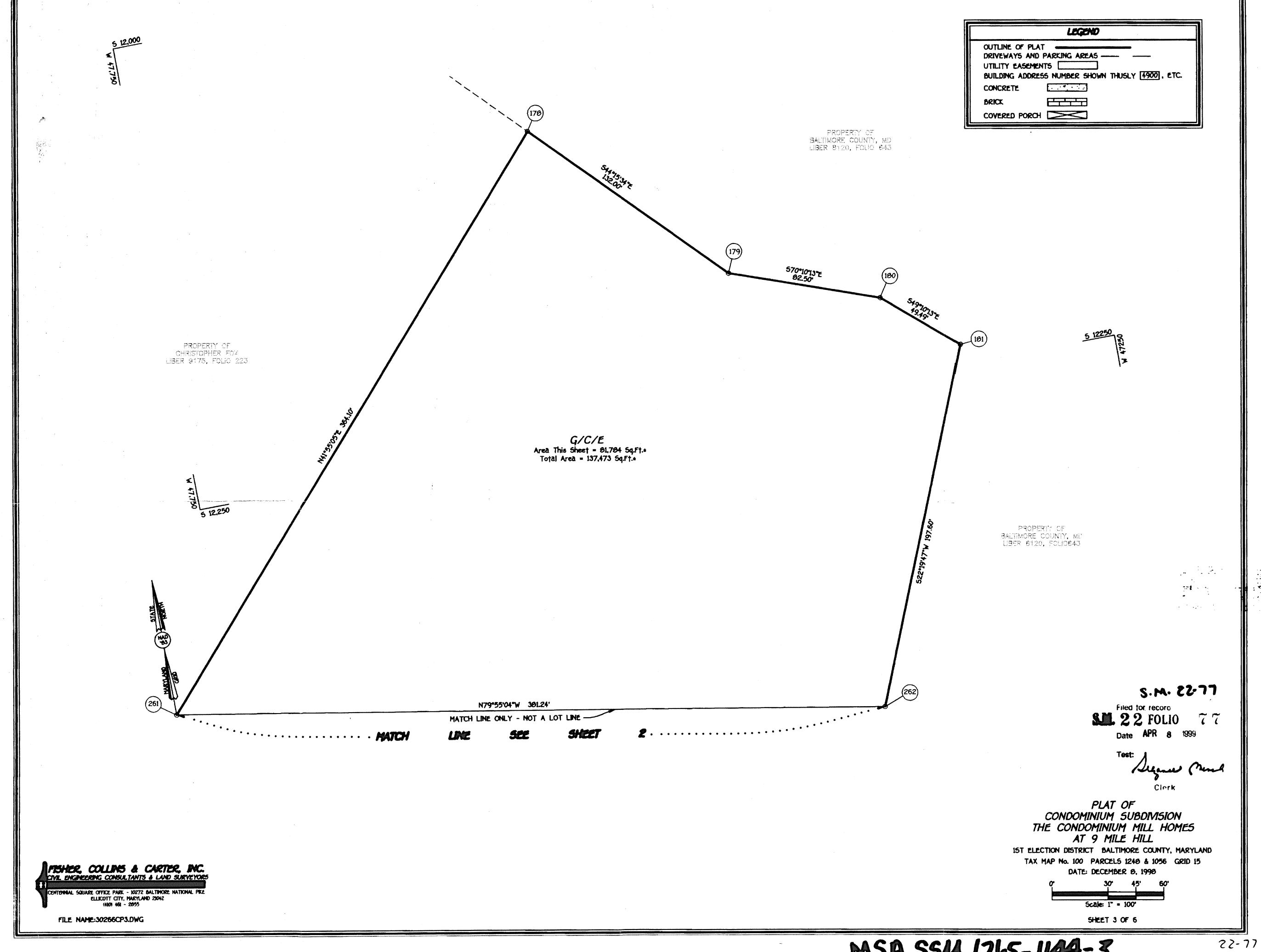
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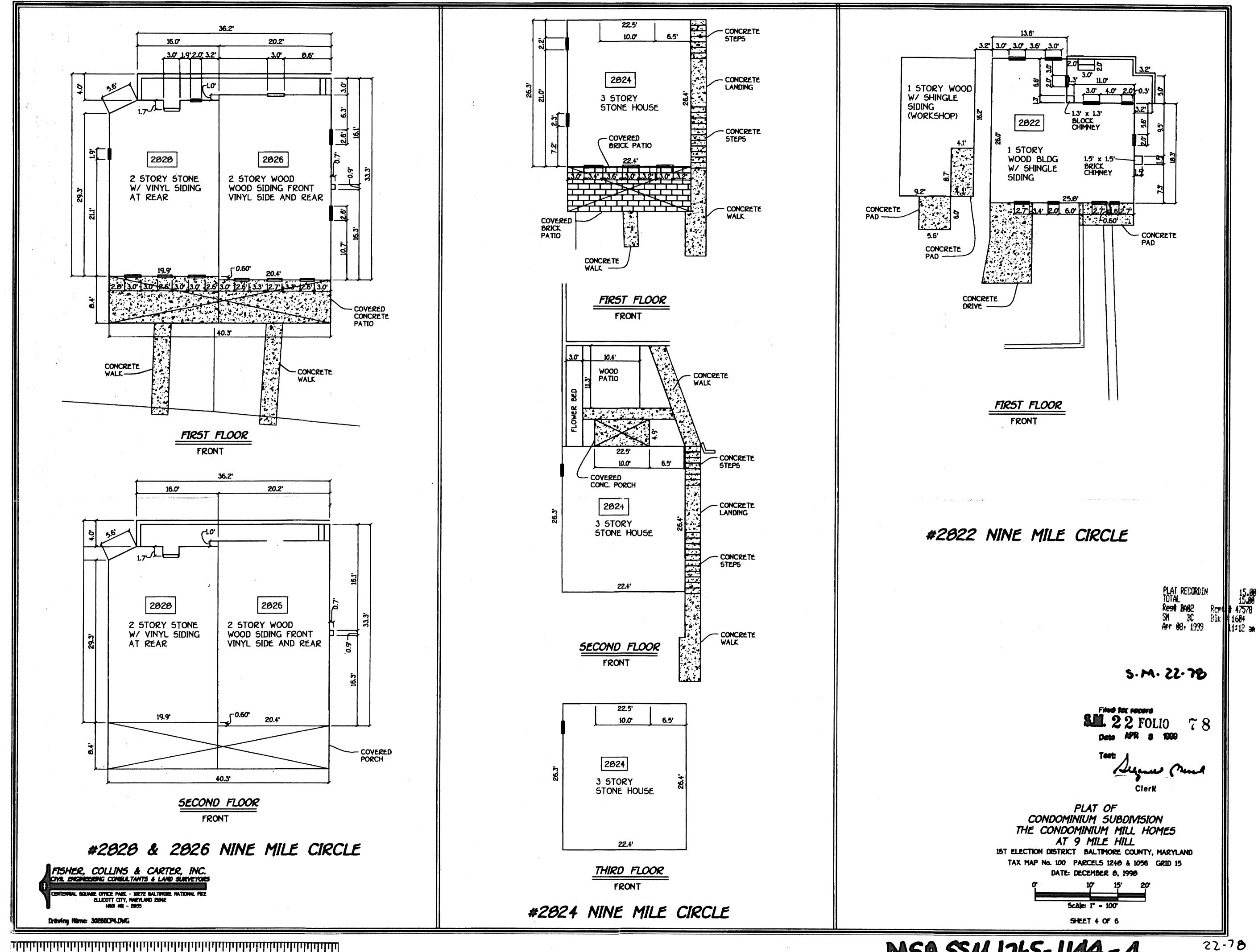
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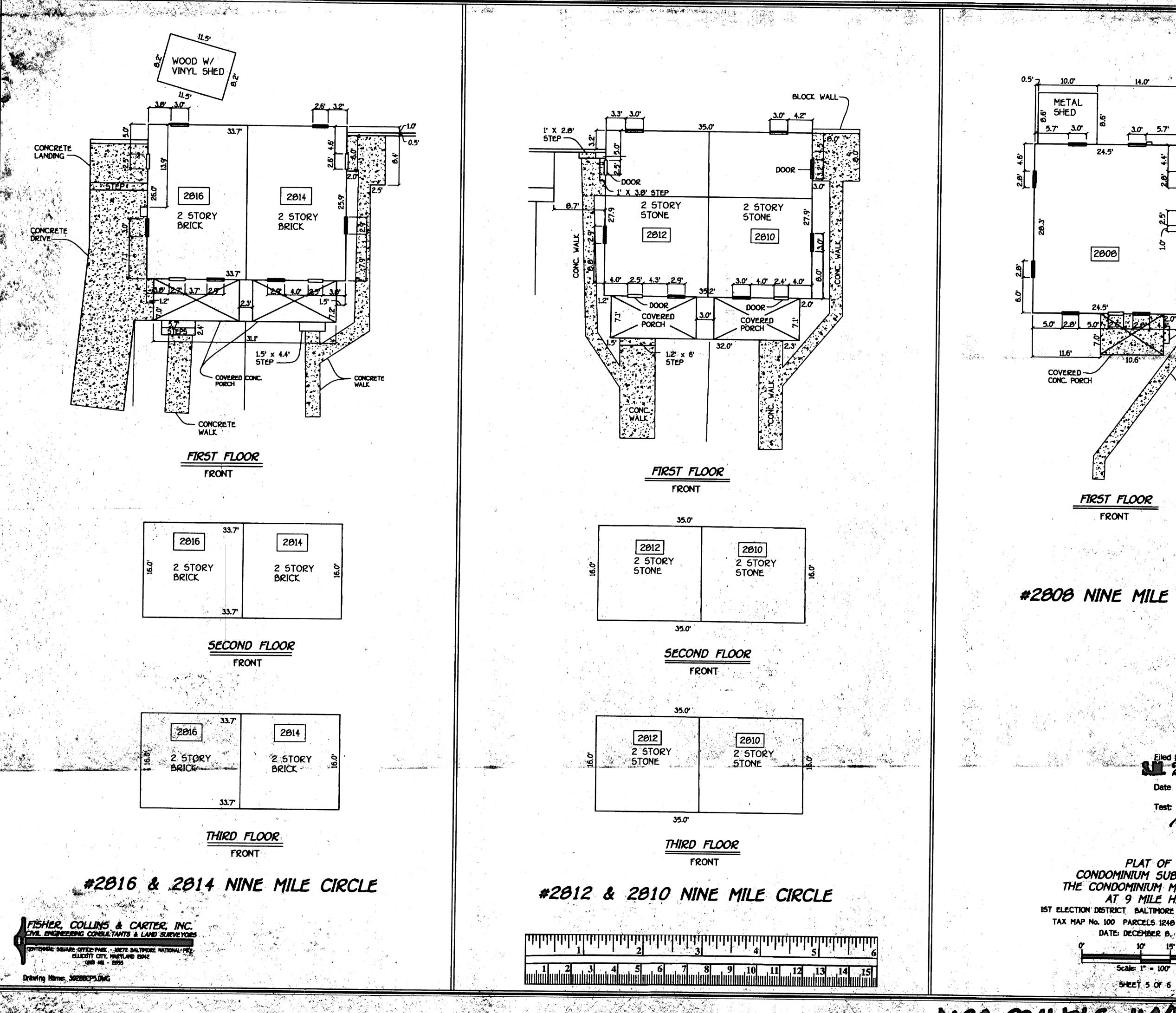
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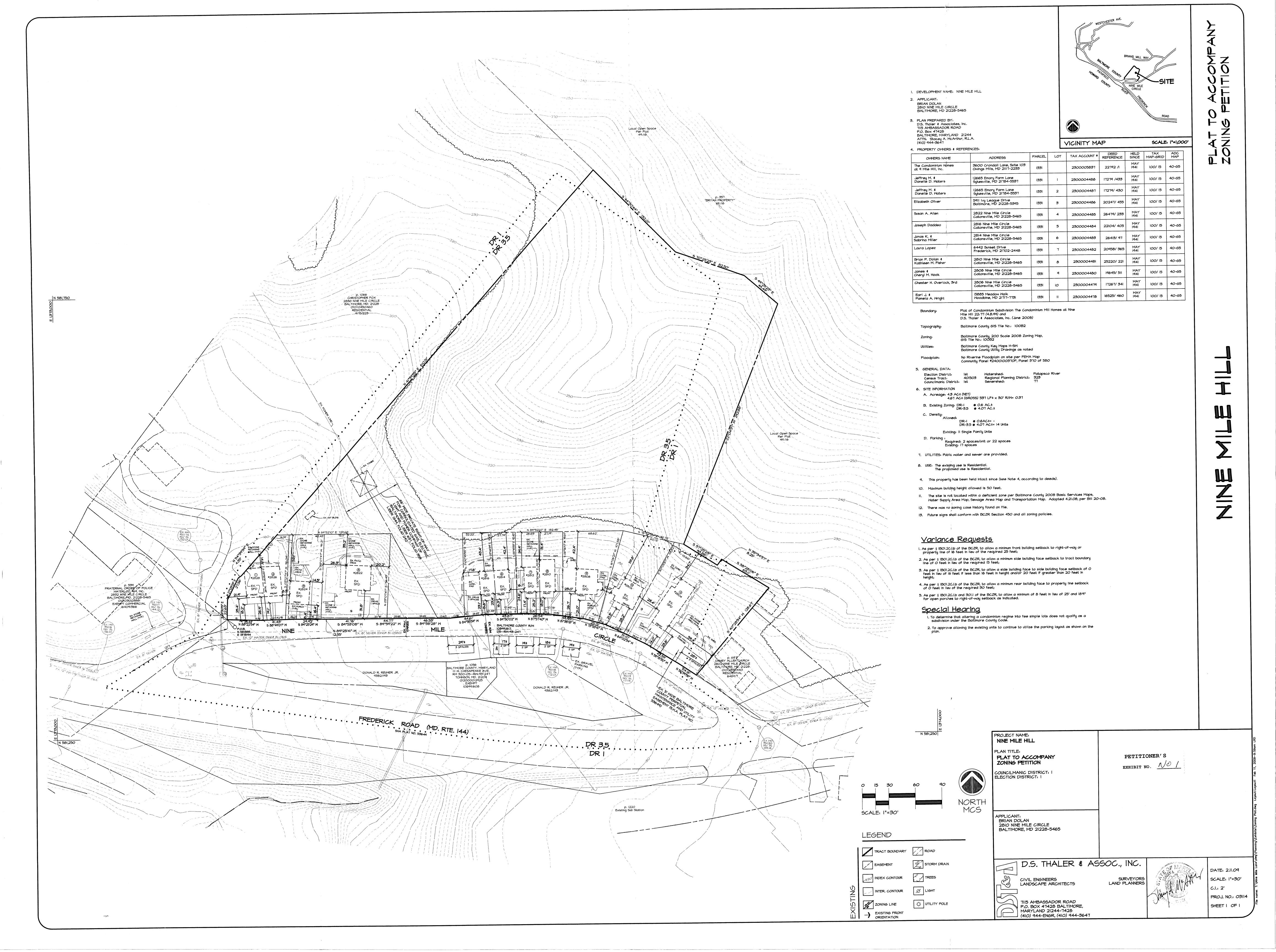


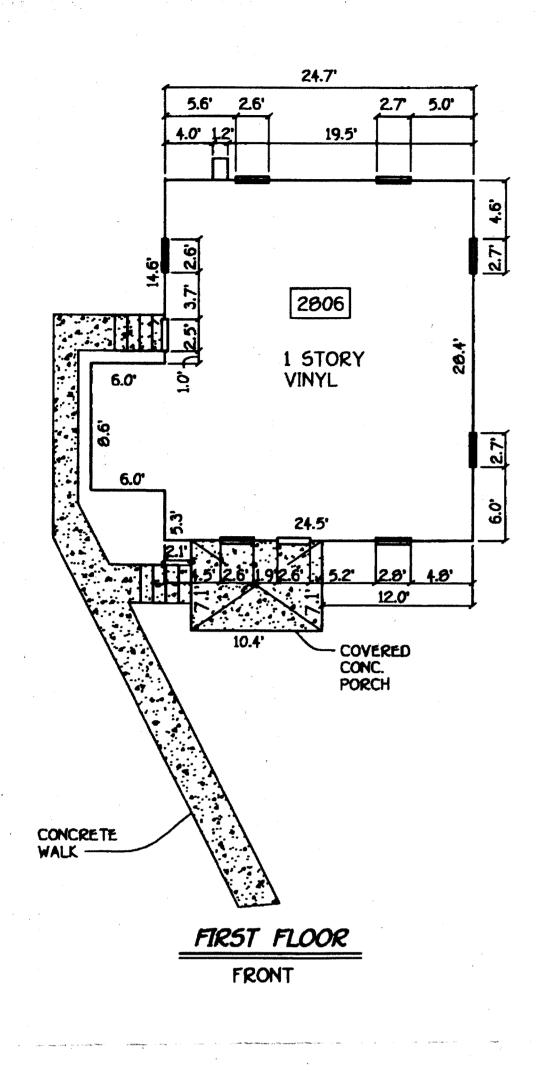
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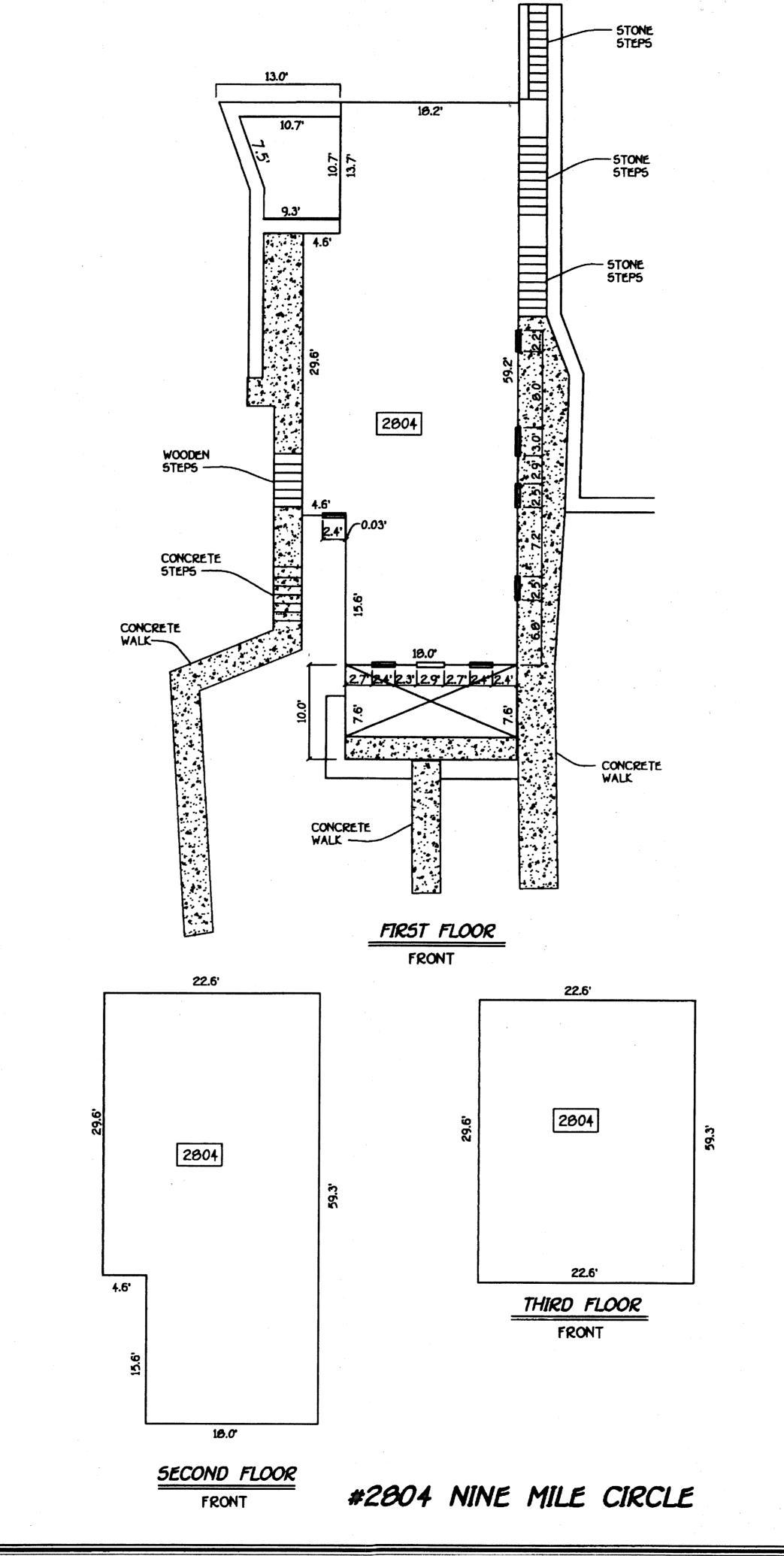
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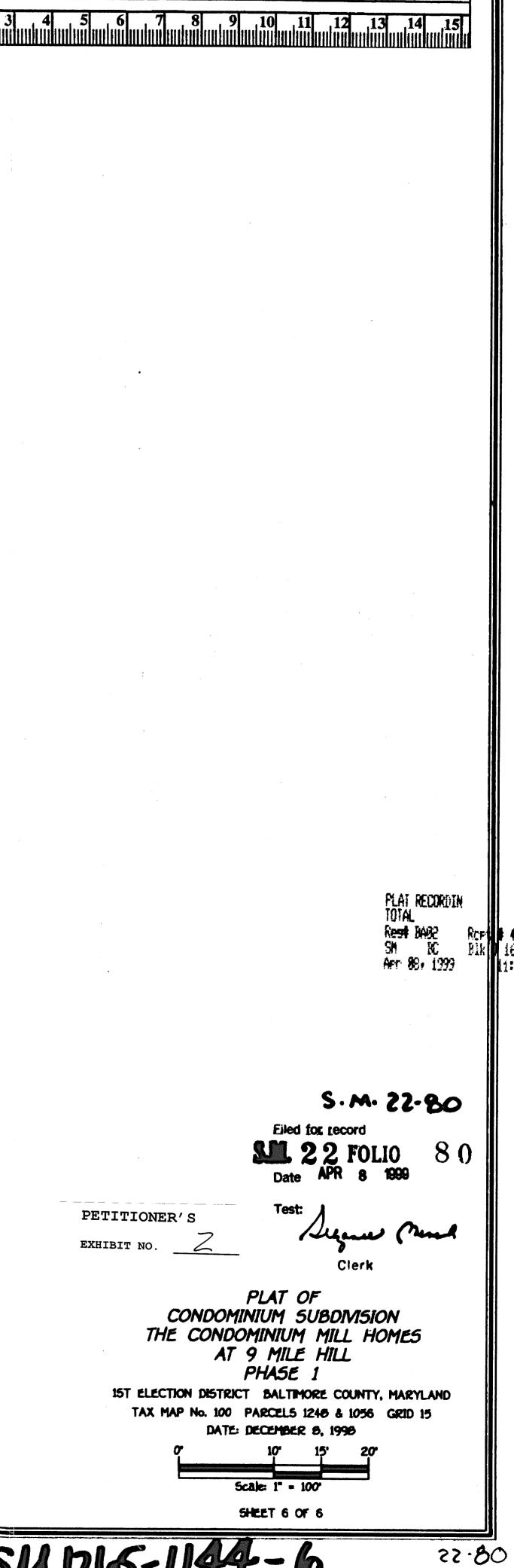




#2806 NINE MILE CIRCLE

FISHER, COLLINS & CARTER, INC.





Paradise Hill Association 4/11/09

## Paradise Hill Home Owners Association April 11, 2009

Officers

Dave Nelson

Brian Dolan 2810 Nine Mile Circle PETITIONER'S

Bill Doyle

Catonsville MD 21228

Clay Aler

Sheila Vidmar

Dear Brian,

**Nancy Cornnell** 

The Paradise Hill HOA boards of directors are supporting you in your effort to change your community's designation from that of 'condo' to a fee simple lot. We understand the financial hardship your community members have been under due to the condominium designation. We support your development and believe that it can only better the region.

If there is anything we can do to show our continued support for this change, please let me know.

Nancy Cornnell

Secretary

Paradise Hill Home Owners Association

136 Starhill Lane

Catonsville MD 21228

410-418-8187

