IN RE:	<b>PETITIONS FOR</b>	<b>SPECIAL</b>	<b>HEARING</b>
	AND VARIANCE		

NE/S Reisterstown Road (MD Rte. 140), 1,740' NW Greenspring Valley Road (9727 Reisterstown Road)

3<sup>rd</sup> Election District 2<sup>nd</sup> Council District

R & H Motor Cars, Ltd. Petitioner

BEFORE THE

**ZONING COMMISSIONER** 

OF

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

Case No. 2010-0113-SPHA

### 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 R & H Motor Cars, Ltd., by Robert Russel, President, through their attorney, Deborah C. Dopkin, Esquire. The Petitioner requests a special hearing to modify the site plan approved in Case No. 99-213-A and affirm the relief granted therein. Variance relief is requested from Sections 235.1 and 303.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front yard setback of 45 feet in lieu of the required 220 feet, and from B.C.Z.R. Sections 301.1 and 303.2 to approve an open projection with a setback of 38 feet in lieu of the permitted 165 feet. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan(s) submitted, which were accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibits 1A and 1B, respectively.<sup>1</sup>

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the requests were David Russel, on behalf of R & H Motor Cars, Ltd., the property owner; Kenneth J. Colbert, P.E., of Colbert, Matz, Rosenfelt, Inc., the consulting firm who prepared the site plans, and Petitioner's attorney,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exhibit 1A – the variance site plan and Exhibit 1B – the plan accompanying the petition for special hearing were amended prior to the hearing by redrafting General Note 12 to state: No modifications are proposed to the existing freestanding sign. All building signage will be within the limits of the relief granted in Case No. 99-213-A.

Deborah C. Dopkin, Esquire.

Testimony and evidence offered establishes that the specific need for the variance is generated by the uniqueness of the property. The uncontroverted exhibits presented revealed that the subject property is an irregularly shaped parcel consisting of approximately 2.903 acres, zoned B.M., located on the east side of Reisterstown Road, not far from its intersection with Greenspring Valley Road, at the northern end of Owings Mills. The property is the site of the R & H Motors Mercedes-Benz Dealership, which has existed at this location for over 33 years. Specifically, the lot has been improved with a two-story masonry showroom/office building situated on the front portion of the site and a large one-story service building with 21 service bays positioned behind the showroom. These improvements and a vehicle prep building located 349 feet off of Reisterstown Road at the far northeastern corner of dealership property adjacent to the Garrison Forest School complex, ball fields, stables and riding facilities are well illustrated on Petitioner's aerial photograph exhibit (Exhibit 2). The subject petition concerns the setbacks for the two-story showroom and office building located on the front portion of the site. The building is diamond-shaped with the front point of the diamond 45 feet from Reisterstown Road. R & H Motor Cars, in an effort to satisfy requirements imposed by Mercedes-Benz, desires to modify the current showroom building to conform with the new business model.

To maintain its valued connection between the Mercedes-Benz manufacturer and the Petitioner, the architect, Lessard Group, Inc., has designed a 500 square foot addition that will present a new image by filling in the existing 5-fcot space between the present showroom windows and the masonry overhang surrounding the diamond shaped building and visible to traffic traveling northbound and southbound on Reisterstown Road. A new 5-foot overhang will be added as an amenity covering the walkway and enrance doorways. The building footprint is not being expanded nor is it coming closer to Reisterstown Road but glass is being moved out —

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by reviewing Petitioner's Exhibit 4 (existing conditions – photographs) and contrast those photographs with the architectural renderings submitted as Petitioner's 5A (north view) and 5B (south view).

At first glance, one may find this to be a difficult request to grant. The Petitioner's proposed variance is some 4 times greater than the regulations allow. As illustrated, however, on the aerial photo setback exhibit (Petitioner's Exhibit 6), many, if not all, of the existing commercial buildings as shown and identified on both sides of Reisterstown Road are setback as close as 9 feet to 50 feet. It is not unusual in this corridor to have buildings that are setback significantly less than what would be required of this Petitioner, for the renovations proposed, if the regulations were to be strictly imposed. The variances in this case are driven due to the adjoining commercial uses having changed over the years, and the buildings that had previously existed at the time the Petitioner's showroom/office building was built, have been subsequently removed. By way of example, the Golden Plough Restaurant located just north of the site was built with a 30-foot setback from Reisterstown Road. See Petitioner's Exhibit 7 – a Petition for Reclassification with accompanying site plan filed by Golden Plough in 1968. As noted above, when that building was razed it created a huge setlack of 349 feet. Thus, the requested variances are necessary.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the relief. It is clear that the use proposed is appropriate for this site and consistent with the area. The requested relief will allow modernization of a building that his existed at this location for over three

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> B.C.Z.R. Section 303.2 pursuant to Section 235.1 of the regulations, requires front yard averaging in the B.M. zone. As shown on Exhibit 1A, a 220-foot setback average is derived from the 349 feet from Reisterstown Road to the vehicle prep building (north side) and 91 feet from Reisterstown Road to the existing automotive sales building (south side). 349' + 91' + 2 = 220'. As earlier noted, both of these buildings are owned by and used by the Petitioner but positioned on different parcels.

Date 12-2-09

decades. The variances are warranted in view of the unique configuration of the lot and dynamic changes brought about by the adjoining uses and removal of those buildings that had previously existed on those properties. There were no adverse Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments submitted by any County reviewing agency. Thus, it is clear that the requested relief can be granted without detrimental impact to the health, safety, or general welfare of the surrounding locale. I specifically find that the Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. as it relates to special hearing relief and Section 307 as it relates to the requested zoning variances. To do otherwise would cause an exceptional hardship to R & H Motor Cars that has operated at this site for many years without objection.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this

day of December 2009 that the Petitorn for Special Hearing seeking approval,

pursuant to Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to modify the

site plan previously approved in Case No. 99-213-A and re-affirm the relief granted therein, in

accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1B, be and is hereby GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance requesting relief from Sections 235.1 and 303.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a front yard setback of 45 feet in lieu of the required 220 feet, and from B.C.Z.R. Sections 301.1 and 303.2 to approve an open projection with a setback of 38 feet in lieu of the permitted 1655 feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1A, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The Petitioner shall provide an updated landscape plan to the Office of Planning and/or the County's landscape architect, Avery Harden, for review and approval prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- 2. The Petitioner may apply for its permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at

Date 12-2-09

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.

- 3. No display of vehicles may be located within the public right-of-way or landscape setback areas.
- 4. When applying for any permits, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

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

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

WJW:dlw



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

Zoning Commissioner

December 2, 2009

Deborah C. Dopkin, Esquire 409 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING AND WARIANCE
NE/S Reisterstown Road, 1,740' NW Greenspring Valley Road
(9727 Reisterstown Road)
3<sup>rd</sup> Election District - 2<sup>nd</sup> Council District
R & H Motor Cars, Ltd. - Petitioner
Case No. 2010-0113-SPHA

Dear Ms. Dopkin:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance have been granted with conditions, 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 he Department of Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

very truly yours

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

WJW:dlw Enclosure

c: David Russel, R & H Motor Cars, Ltd., 9727 Resterstown Road,
 Owings Mills, MD 21117
 Kenneth J. Colbert, P.E., Colbert, Matz, Rosenfelt, Inc., 2835 Smith Avenue,
 Suite G, Baltimore, MD 21209
 People's Counsel; Office of Planning; Avery Hade n, DPDM; File



# Petition for Variance

### to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 9727 Reisterstown Road which is presently zoned BMTax Account # 1700004023 668

Is the subject of this Petition.

UNAVAILABLE FOR HEARING

Reviewed By \_\_\_\_\_\_ NF

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

Deed Reference 6670

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 of thereof, 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)

Reasons to be presented at the hearing.

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

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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.

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Legal Owner(s): Robert Place R & H Motor Cars, Ltd Name - Type or Print Name - Type or Print Signature Signature MUSSE OBERT Name - Type or Print Address. Telephone No. City Zip Code Signature Attorney For Petitioner: 9727 Reisterstown Road 410-363-3900 Address. Telephone No. Deborah C. Dopkin, Esq. Owings Mills MD 21117 Name - Type or Print City State Zip Code Representative to be Contacted: Law Offices of Deborah C. Dopkin, P.A. Kenneth J. Colbert, P.E. Company COLBERT MATZ ROSENFELT, INC 409 Washington Avenue, Suite 1000 410-821-0200 2835 Smith Avenue, Suite G 410-653-3838 Address Telephone No. Address Telephone No. Towson MD 21204 Baltimore MD 21209 City State Zip Code City State Zip Code OFFICE USE ONLY Case No. 2010-0113-SPHA ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING

Petition for Variance

To approve a front yard setback of 45' in lieu of the require 220' pursuant to BCZR §§ 235.1 and 303.2



## **Petition for Special Hearing**

which is presently zoned \_\_BM

for the property located at: 9727 Reisterstown Road

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal

Deed Reference 6670 / 668

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

Tax Account # 1700004023

owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and whi made a part of thereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing determine whether or not the Zoning Commission should appr	under 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of	
. See Attached		
Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning r l, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing, advertising zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted purs	g, posting, etc and further agree to and are to be uant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.	
	I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the subject of this Petition.	
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:	Legal Owner(s):	
	Robert Russel	
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Signature	Signature Bobert Russel, Pro	es
Address. Telephone No.	Name – Type or Print	
City State Zip Code	Signature	
Attorney For Petitioner:	9727 Reisterstown Road	410-363-3900
	Address.	Telephone No.
Deborah C. Dopkin, Esq.	Owings Mills	MD 21117
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Petition for Special Hearing

To modify the site plan approved in Case No. 99-213 A and affirm the relief granted therein;

### Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc.

Civil Engineers • Surveyors • Planners



#### **ZONING DESCRIPTION – 9727 REISTERSTOWN ROAD**

Beginning at a point on the east side of Reisterstown Road, which is 66 feet wide, at a distance of 1740 ft., more or less, north of Greenspring Valley Road, which is of varying width. Thence the following courses and distances:

N 48°38'18" W, 196.88 ft.; N 47°37'52" E, 13.80 ft.; N 41°21'22"E, 440.82 ft.; S 35°06'24" E, 375.37 ft.; S 40°32'35" W, 226.74 ft.; N 48°38'18" W, 172.96 ft., thence S 41°17'09" W, 140.00 ft., to the Point of Beginning.

As recorded in Deed Liber 6670, folio 668 and containing 2.903 acres, more or less. Also known as 9727 Reisterstown Road and located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Election District, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District.



# 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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Petitioner: R&H Motor Cars, LTD "
Address or Location: 9727 Reisters town Road.
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TC
Name: Kenneth J. Colbert
Address Colbert Matz ROSENFELT, INC.
2835 Smith Ave
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Telephone Number: 410 653 - 3838

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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:

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N/east side of Reisterstown Road, 1740 feet n/west of Greenspring Valley Road 3rd Election District — 2nd Councilmanic District Legal Owners: R & H Motor Cars, Ltd., Robert Russel, Pres. Special Hearing: to modify the site plan approved in case no. 99-123-A and confirm the relief granted therein. Variance: to approve a front yard averaged setback of 45 feet in lieu of the required 220 feet. To approve a projection averaged with a setback of 28 feet in lieu of the required 165 feet.

Hearing: Monday, November 23, 2009 at 10:00 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 Commis-

sioner's Office at (410) 887-4386.
(2) For Information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391. 220168 11/058 November 5

### CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

11/5/ ,2009
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 11/5 2009.
The Jeffersonian
☐ Arbutus Times
☐ Catonsville Times
☐ Towson Times
Owings Mills Times
□ NE Booster/Reporter
☐ North County News
☐ NE Booster/Reporter

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### **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

**ATTENTION: KRISTEN MATHHEWS** 

DATE: 11/10/09

Case Number: 2010-0113-SPHA

Petitioner / Developer: <u>DEBORAH DOPKIN</u>, <u>ESQ.~ROBERT RUSSEL</u>, R & H MOTORS~KENNETH COLBERT, <u>COLBERT</u>, <u>MATZ & ROSENFELT</u>

Date of Hearing (Closing): NOVEMBER 23, 2009

This is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at: 9727 REISTERSTOWN ROAD

The sign(s) were posted on: NOVEMBER 7, 2009



(Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030 (City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

410 - 666 - 5366

(Telephone Number of Sign Poster)



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director
Department of Permits and
Development Management
October 26, 2009

#### NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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CASE NUMBER: 2010-0113-SPHA

9727 Reisterstown Road

N/east side of Reisterstown Road, 1740 feet n/west of Greenspring Valley Road

3<sup>rd</sup> Election District – 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: R & H Motor Cars, Ltd., Robert Russel, Pres.

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C: Deborah Dopkin, Washington Avenue, Ste. 1000, Towson 21204
Robert Russel, R & H Motors, 9727 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills 21117
Kenneth Colbert, Colbert, Matz & Rosenfelt, 2835 Smith Ave., Ste. G, Baltimore 21209

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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.

TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Thursday, November 5, 2009 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

Kenneth Colbert Colbert, Matz & Rosenfelt 2835 Smith Avenue, Ste. G Baltimore, MD 21209 410-653-3838

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WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

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

November 17, 2009

Deborah C. Dopkin Law Office of Deborah Dopkin, P.A. 409 Washington Ave. Ste. 1000 Towson, MD 21204

Dear: Deborah C. Dopkin

RE: Case Number 2010-0113-SPHA, 9727 Reisterstown Rd.

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on September 30, 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,

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:lnw

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel Robert Russel: R&H Motor Cars, Ltd.; 9727 Reisterstown Rd.; Owings Mills, MD 21117 Kenneth J. Colbert; Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, INC; 2835 Smith Ave. Ste. G; Baltimore, MD 21209

### **BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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



TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco

FROM:

Dave Lykens, DEPRM - Development Coordination

DATE:

November 3, 2009

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item # 10-113-SPHA

Address

9727 Reisterstown Road

(R&H Motor Cars, LTD)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 5, 2009

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

Reviewer:

Glenn Shaffer

Date: October 16, 2009

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**ZONING COMMISSIONER** 

### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: October 9, 2009

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For October 19, 2009

Item Nos. 10-006, 034, 096, 097, 098, 099, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 113 and 115

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

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cc: File

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#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: October 13, 2009

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

9727 Reisterstown Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

10-113

Petitioner:

R& H Motor Cars Ltd.

Zoning:

BM

Requested Action:

Special Hearing and Variance

The petitioner requests a special hearing to amend the plan approved in Case No 99-213AX, and a setback variance of 45 feet in lieu of 220 feet and an open projection with a setback of 38 feet in lieu of 165 feet. If granted this will allow for a minor addition of 512 square feet to the front of the existing Mercedes Benz showroom. The foundation planting consisting largely of grasses and perennials and some evergreen shrubs. It will need to be removed in order to construct the addition.

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

The Office of Planning does not object to the requested relief provided an updated landscape plan is submitted for review and approval prior to issuance of a building permit and that no display of vehicles be located within the public right-of-way or landscape setback area.

For further information concerning the matters stated here in, please contact Diana Itter at 410-887-3480.

Prepared by

**Division Chief:** 

AFK/LL: CM

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DEPT. OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT



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 October 8, 2009

ATTENTION: Zoning Review Planners

Distribution Meeting Of: October 5. 2009

ItemNumbers 0006,0034,0088,0096,0097,0098,0099,0100,0102,0103,0104,0106,0107,0108,0109,0 111,0113 and 0115

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

cc: File



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: OCTOBER 7,2009

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

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 2010-0113-5PHA
MD 140
9727REISTERSTOWN RD
R&H MOTOR CARS, LTD.
VARIANCE-

Dear Ms. Matthews:

We have reviewed the site plan to accompany petition for variance on the subject of the above captioned, which was received on 10/06/09. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto 10/10/16 consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for 9727 Research DC Case

Number 2010-0113-9944.

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 email him at (mbailey@sha.state.md.us). Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

Engineering Access Rermits

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SDF/MB

Cc: Mr. David Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

Mr. Michael Pasquariello, Utility Engineer, SHA

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

AND VARIANCE

9727 Reisterstown Road; NE/S Resiterstown \* Road, 1740' NW Greenspring Valley Road

3<sup>rd</sup> Election & 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic Districts Legal Owner(s): R&H Motor Cars, Ltd.

Petitioner(s) \*

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

10-113-SPHA

### ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Pursuant to Baltimore County Charter § 524.1, please enter the appearance of People's Counsel for Baltimore County as an interested party in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent and all documentation filed in the case.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 14th day of October, 2009, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Kenneth Colbert, P.E., Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc, 2835 Smith Avenue, Suite G, Baltimore, MD 21209 and Deborah C. Dopkin, Esquire, 409 Washington Avenue, St 1000, Towson, MD, 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zummerman

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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### PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

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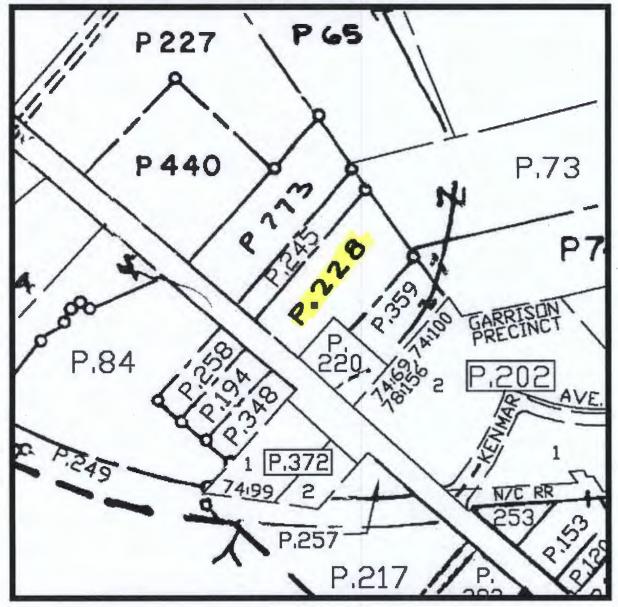
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		As Of 01/01/2007	As Of 07/01/2009	07/01/	As Of				
Land	951,300	951,300	07/01/2009	()//01/	2010				
Improvements:	1,714,400	1,714,400							
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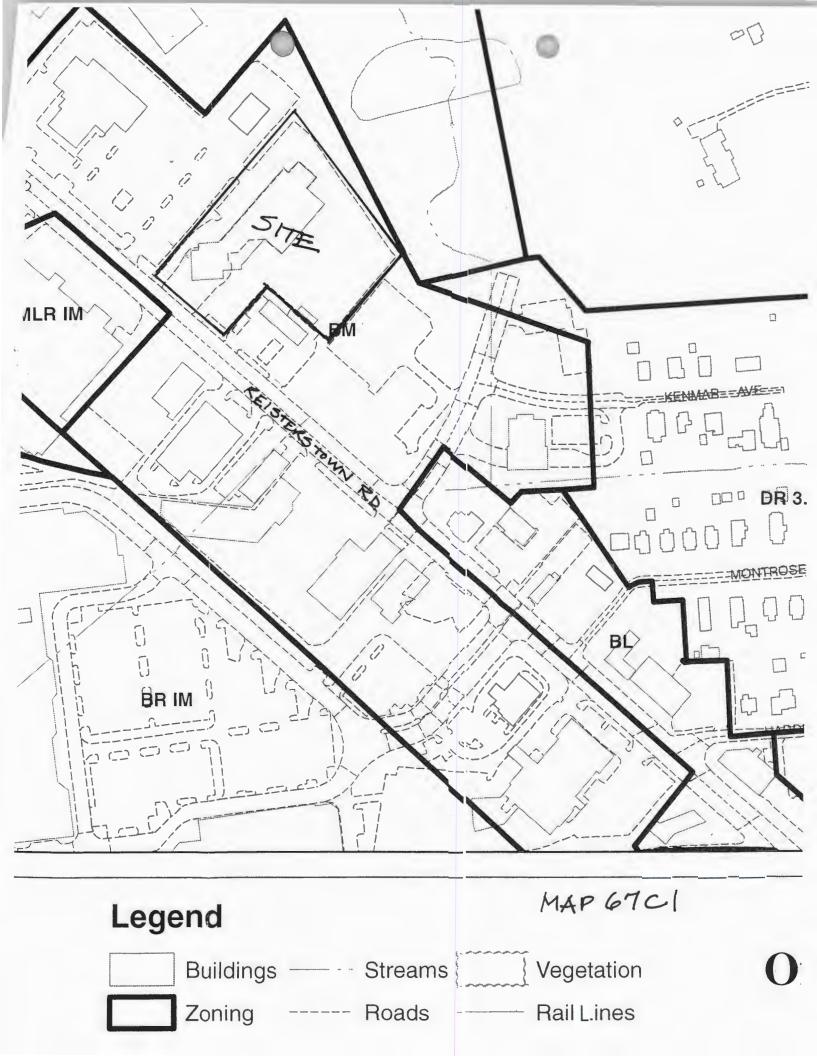
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\*\* Case No.: 2010 - 0113 - SPHA 9727 Rantenform Rd.

### **Exhibit Sheet**

### Petitioner/Developer

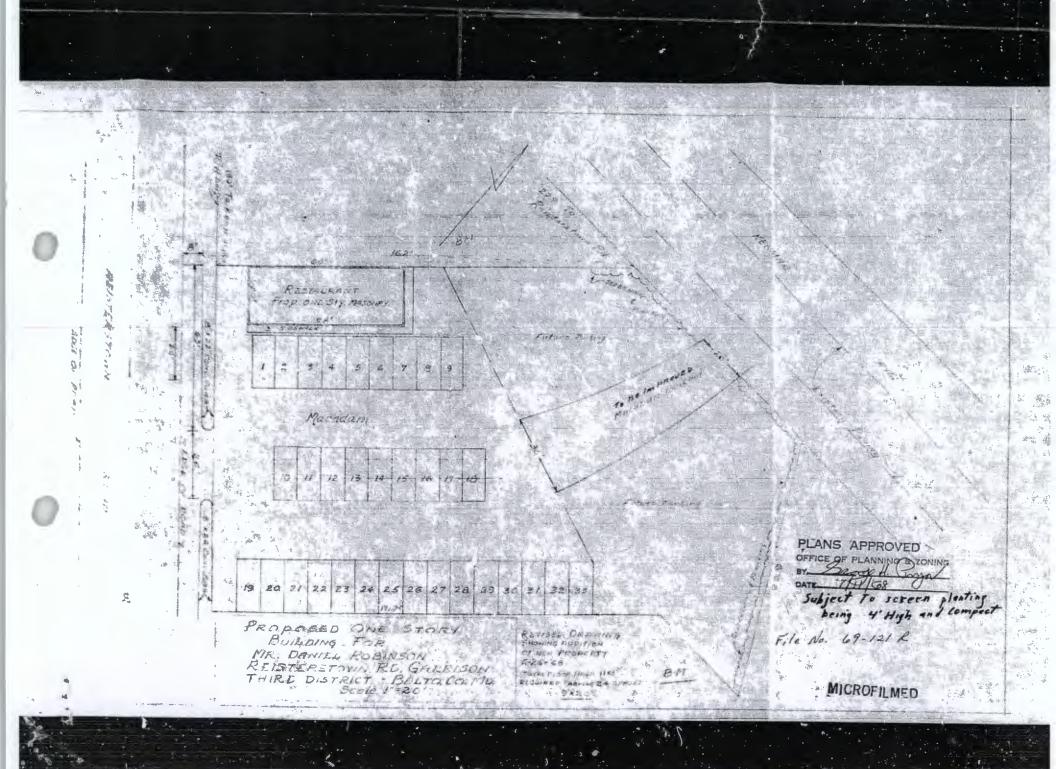
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No. 1	Red LINED SITE PLANS  IA - Variance  IB - Special Hearing
No. 2	AREA PHOTO EXHIBIT
No. 3	aerial THIBIT OF Neuborhood - Heavy Commercial
No. 4	PHOTO'S - Existing CONDITIONS
No. 5	PROPOSED BLDG IMPROVEMENTS  5A - NORTH Elevation  5B - South Elevation
No. 6	Alrial Photo ExHIBIT NOTING SETBACKS ON MD RTE 140
No. 7	REZONING CASE 69-121-R - Golden Plow REST.
No. 8	
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69-121 -R	NE/S Reisterstown Rd. 1190' N of Montrose Ave. 3rd
11/6/68	Petition for Reclassificaton from R-10 to B.L. for Golden Plough of Baltimore, Inc. 98.25 cost paid.
11/6/68	Hearing date set for 10:00 A.M. 12/9/68
11/21/68	Certificate of publication filed
11/22/68	Certificate of posting filed
12/10/68	Order for the reclassification granted by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner.

PETITIONER'S
EXHIBIT NO.

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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
NE/S Reisterstown Road, 1700' NW of
the c/l Greenspring Valley Road
(9727 Reisterstown Road)

3rd Election District

3<sup>rd</sup> Election District
3<sup>rd</sup> Councilmanic District

R & H Motor Cars, Ltd. Petitioners \* BEFORE THE

\* ZONING COMMISSIONER

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

\* Case No. 99-213-A

### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, R & H Motor Cars, Ltd., by Robert Russel, President, through their attorney, Leslie M. Pittler, Esquire. The Petitioners seek relief from Section 450.4.5.d of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit replacement of existing channel letter signage on two sides of the building facade with a sign 57'7" x 4'3", or 244.73 sq.ft., in lieu of the maximum permitted 150 sq. ft., pursuant to Section 450.4 of the B.C.Z.R. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petition were Jeffrey Greenberg for R & H Motor Cars, Ltd., Jeffrey N. Pritzker, Corporate Counsel for that entity, and Leslie M. Pittler, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioners. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

An examination of the site plan shows that the subject property is an irregularly shaped parcel consisting of approximately 4.0 acres, zoned B.M., located on the northeast side of Reisterstown Road, not far from its intersection with Greenspring Valley Road in Owings Mills. The property is the site of the R & H Motors Mercedes Benz dealership, which has existed at this

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 2 day of January, 1999 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 450.4.5.d of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit replacement of existing channel letter signage on two sides of the building facade with a sign 57'7" x 4'3", or 244.73 sq.ft., in lieu of the maximum permitted 150 sq. ft., pursuant to Section 450.4 of the B.C.Z.R., in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

1) The Petitioners may apply for their sign permit 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 an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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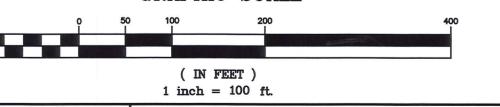
PETITIONER'S

EXHIBIT NO. 2

AREA PHOTO EXHIBIT

## R & H MOTOR CARS, LTD.

9727 REISTERSTOWN ROAD
2ND COUNCIL DISTRICT— 3RD ELECTION DISTRICT
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
GRAPHIC SCALE



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LESSARD GROUP INC.

8521 LEESBURG PIKE, SUITE 700 VIENNA, VA 22182

**PERSPECTIVE** 

NORTH VIEW

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R&H MERCEDES-BENZ

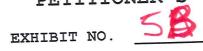
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LESSARD GROUP INC. 8521 LEESBURG PIKE, SUITE 700 VIENNA, VA 22182 **PERSPECTIVE** SOUTH VIEW

**R&H MERCEDES-BENZ** OWINGS MILLS, MD

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