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IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION OF
16 SKIDMORE COURT, LLC LEGAL OWNER /
PETITIONER FOR SPECIAL HEARING ON
PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NE/SIDE
OF SKIDMORE CT; NE/CNTRLINE OF
RADCLIFFE ROAD

(16 SKIDMORE COURT)

9TH ELECTION DISTRICT 5TH COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT BEFORE THE

* BOARD OF APPEALS

* OF

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 10-133-SPH

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This matter comes to the Board of Appeals by way of an appeal filed by Edward J. Gilliss, Esquire as counsel for the Petitioner, 16 Skidmore Court, LLC, from a final decision of the Zoning Commissioner dated May 11, 2010, in which the requested zoning relief was denied.

WHEREAS, the Board is in receipt of a hand delivered letter of voluntary withdrawal of appeal filed on December 2, 2010, by Edward J. Gilliss, Esquire, as counsel for the Petitioner, 16 Skidmore Court, LLC, said Petitioner /Appellant (a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof); and

WHEREAS, said Petitioner /Appellant requests that the appeal taken in this matter be withdrawn and dismissed as of December 2, 2010,

IT IS ORDERED this ______ day of ______ day of _______ 2010 by the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County that the appeal taken in Case No. 10-133-SPH be and the same is hereby DISMISSED.

BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALLIMORE COUNTY

Lawrence M. Stahl, Chairman,

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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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RE: In the Matter of: 16 Skidmore Court, LLC – Legal Owner/Petitioner Case No.: 10-133-SPH

Dear Counsel:

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

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

Very truly yours,

Theresa Sheltox/KC

Theresa R. Shelton
Administrator

TRS/klc Enclosure

Duplicate Original Cover Letter

Cc: See attached

In the Matter of: 16 Skidmore Court, LLC – Legal Owner/Petitioner

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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Ms. Theresa Shelton County Board of Appeals Suite 203, Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re:

16 Skidmore Court, LLC Case No. 0210-0133-SPH

Dear Ms. Shelton:

Enclosed with this letter please find a copy of the Notice of Dismissal of the above-captioned matter.

If you require the Notice to be in some other form or in some other fashion, please advise.

I appreciate your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Gilliss

EJG/ges Enclosure

cc: Mr. Stephen B. Vetter (w/encls.)

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IN THE MATTER OF

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

16 SKIDMORE COURT, LLC (Before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County Case No. 2010-0133-SPH)

Case No.: 0210-0133-SPH

BOARD OF APPEALS

Petitioner

NOTICE OF DISMISSAL OF APPEAL

Petitioner, 16 Skidmore Court, LLC, by its undersigned counsel, pursuant to the Board of Appeals' Rules of Procedure, hereby gives notice of its dismissal of this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Gilliss

Royston, Mueller, McLean & Reid, LLP 102 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 Towson, Maryland 21204 410-823-1800 Attorneys for Petitioner

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the ______ day of December, 2010 a copy of the foregoing Notice of Dismissal of Appeal was mailed, via first class postage prepaid mail, to J. Carroll Holzer, Esquire, 508 Fairmount Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21286.

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Edward J. Gilliss

BALTIMUHE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS





JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

Edward Gillis Royston, Mueller, McLean & Reid 102 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Dear Mr. Gillis:

RE: Case: 2010-0133-SPH, 16 Skidmore Court

Please be advised that your appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this office on June 4, 2010. All materials relative to the case have been forwarded to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals (Board).

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

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

Sincerely,

Timothy Kotroco Director

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c: William J. Wiseman III, Zoning Commissioner Timothy Kotroco, Director of PDM People's Counsel Stephen Vetter, 1749 Broadlee Trail, Annapolis 21401 Emily Lashley, 21 Skidmore Court, Towson 21204 Edward Kilculler, Jr. GTCCA, 100 Maryland Avenue, Towson 21286 Andrea Dodge, 18 Skidmore Court, Towson 21204 Nancy Pivec, Towson Park Community Association, 934 Radcliffe Rd, Towson 21204 See attached list

APPEAL

Petition for Special Hearing 16 Skidmore Court

N/east side of Skidmore Ct., 335' +/- n/east of centerline of Radcliffe Rd.

9th Election District – 5th Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: 16 Skidmore Court, LLC

Case No.: 2010-0133-SPH

Petition for Special Hearing (October 14, 2009)

Zoning Description of Property

Notice of Zoning Hearing (February 4, 2010)

Certification of Publication (The Jeffersonian - February 16, 2010)

Certificate of Posting (February 12, 2010) by Bruce Doak

Entry of Appearance by People's Counsel (October 28, 2010)

Petitioner(s) Sign-In Sheet – 1 Sheet

Protestant(s) Sign-In Sheet - None

Citizen(s) Sign-In Sheet – 2 Sheets

Zoning Advisory Committee Comments

Petitioners' Exhibit

- 1. Petitioners Legal Memorandum
- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Rent Roll

Protestants' Exhibits:

- 1. Letters in opposition
- 2. Andrea Dodge (Assembly of emails, photos, correspondence)
- Sis. Evelyn Grudza's Historical Records

Miscellaneous (Not Marked as Exhibit)

- 1. Deed (9-27-07)
- Findings of Fact & Conclusion of Law Code Enforcement Hearing
- Amended Final Order Code Enforcement Hearing
- 4. Bill No 17-09
- Fiscal Note
- Email from John Beverungen to Bill Wiseman
- 7. Section 104.3 & 104.4 of County Code
- 8. Articles of Organization
- 9. Email from Nanci Barker to Bill Wiseman
- 10. Code Enforcement Violation Case Documents

Zoning Commissioner's Order (April 2, 2010- DENIED)

Motion for Reconsideration filed April 20, 2010 by Edward Gillis

Letter dated April 21, 2010 from Bill Wiseman acknowledging receipt of motion

Responses to Motion for Reconsideration

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Case No.: 10-133-SPH

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16 SKIDMORE COURT, LLC (Before the Zoning Commissioner

of Baltimore County

Case No. 2010-0133-SPH)

Case No.:

Petitioner

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Petitioner, 16 Skidmore Court, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company whose address is 1749 Broadlee Trail, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, by its undersigned counsel, pursuant to <u>Baltimore County Code</u> Section 32-3-401, notes an appeal to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals from the May 11, 2010 Order and Final Decision of Zoning Commissioner William J. Wiseman, III. For reasons therefor, the Petitioner says:

Background.

Petitioner requested a special hearing pursuant to Sections 500.7 and 104 of the E3altimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") for a determination that the rowhouse located at 16 Skidmore Court, Towson, Maryland 21204 (the "Property") is a lawful non-conforming use, and not a "boarding or rooming house," in accordance with B.C.Z.R. Section 101.1, as amended by Baltimore County Council Bill No. 17-09 (which changed the definition of a boarding house, effective April 19, 2009). A Special Hearing was held con March 4, 2010 before the Zoning Commissioner, William J. Wiseman, III. On April 2, 2010, the Zoning Commissioner denied Petitioner's request for approval of a lawful non-conforming use with respect to the Property. On May 11, 2010, the Zoning

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Commissioner, in response to Petitioner's Request for Reconsideration, reached a final decision in his denial of Petitioner's request for approval of a lawful non-conforming use.

Error committed.

The Zoning Commissioner committed error in his final Order denying Petitioner's request for approval as a lawful non-conforming use.

Relief sought by appeal.

The Petitioner, by its appeal, seeks a reversal of the Zoning Commissioner's denial of Petitioner's request for approval as a lawful non-conforming use. Specifically, Petitioner seeks a determination that County Council Bill 17-09 applies "prospectively" such that Petitioner, a limited liability company organized and operating prior to the effective date of Council Bill 17-09 (and which became the legal owner of the Property prior to the effective date of Council Bill 17-09), may continue to own, operate and manage the Property as a lawful nonconforming use.

4. Reasons why the relief sought should be granted.

- A. There was no express legislative intent that County Council Bill 17-09 be applied retroactively. Statutes are presumed to operate prospectively, absent a contrary legislative intent.
- B. Retroactive application of County Council Bill 17-09 is a violation of the due process clause, the takings clause and the contracts clause of the United States Constitution, as made applicable to Maryland.
- C. Retroactive application of County Council Bill 17-09 impairs the "vested rights" of Petitioner and its members and violates the prohibition against *ex post facto* laws.

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D. For such other additional reasons as may be raised at the hearing on this matter.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner notes this appeal to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals in order to appeal the May 11, 2010 Order and Final Decision of Zoning Commissioner William J. Wiseman, III.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Gilliss

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

None, pursuant to the requirements of BCZR, Section 500.11, and Rules of Practice and Procedure of the County Board of Appeals, Appendix B, Baltimore County Code, Rule 2(e).

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IN THE MATTER OF

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(Before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County
Case No. 2010-0133-SPH)

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NOTICE TO ENTER APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of Edward J. Gilliss as counsel for the Petitioner, 16 Skidmore Court, LLC

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Timothy M. Kotroco, Director Department of Permit and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Rm. 105 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re:

16 Skidmore Court, LLC

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

Enclosed with this letter please find the following:

- 1. Notice to Enter Appearance;
- 2. Notice of Appeal; and
- 3. My client's check in the amount of \$325.00 to satisfy the County's filing fee.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Gilliss

EJG/ges Enclosures

cc: Mr. Stephen B. Vetter (w/encls.)

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

Zoning Commissioner

May 11, 2010

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

NE/S Skidmore Court, 335' NE of c/line Radcliff Road (16 Skidmore Court)

9th Election District - 5th Council District
16 Skidmore Court, LLC - Petitioner

Case No. 2010-0133-SPH

Dear Mr. Gilliss:

This letter shall be considered an Order denying your Motion for Reconsideration. I have considered each of the three (3) arguments presented in your Memorandum and understand your position. Essentially, the overriding objective in creating 16 Skidmore Court, LLC was to provide a means for others to reside in the townhouse while affording a useful way to meet mortgage obligations. From September 21, 2007 through December 30, 2008, the evidence shows that four (4) individuals took up residency, although Stephen and Brian Vetter were the only LLC members meeting the B.C.Z.R. definition of "owner".

Name and Address of Taxpayer	Initial Cash Capital Contribution	Percentages
Stephen G. Vetter 1749 Broadlee Trail Annapolis, MD 21401	Contribution of 50% interest in property	50%
Brian Vetter 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	Contribution of 50% interest in property	50%

Next, the Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of December 30, 2008 admits Steve Plimack as a "Class B Member" with ownership interests in the LLC designated as follows:

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Name and Address of Taxpayer	Initial Cash Capital Contribution	Percentages
Stephen G. Vetter 1749 Broadlee Trail Annapolis, MD 21401	Contribution of 50% interest in property	37%
Brian Vetter 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	Contribution of 50% interest in property	37%
Steve Plimack 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	\$1.00	26%

At this point in time, Brian Vetter and Steve Plimack are persons who ... have more than a 25% interest ... residing at the property. Again, evidence would denote four (4) or five (5) Towson University students occupying the home.

After the effective date of the New Legislation – Council Bill 17-09 on April 19, 2009, comes another Amendment to Operating Agreement, dated May 14, 2009. This act was taken to admit Joe Wascavage as a "Class B Member" with revised ownership interests as follows:

Name and Address of Taxpayer	- Initial Cash Capital Contribution	Percentages
Stephen G. Vetter 1749 Broadlee Trail Annapolis, MD 21401	Contribution of 50% interest in property	24%
Brian Vetter 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	Contribution of 50% interest in property	24%
Steve Plimack 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	\$1.00	26%
Joe Wascavage 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	?	26%

Clearly, the Previous Legislation required more than ... a 25% legal or equitable interest in the property to be an owner. The most recent amendment has Plimack and Wascavage replacing the Vetters with two (2) new tenants, Messrs. Pastrick and Catalano, moving to the LLC property.

These repeated changes to the LLC's structure and membership cause me some concern. While I certainly appreciate the skilled advocacy on your client's behalf, I am also bound to interpret and apply the zoning regulations to achieve the laudable goals intended by the County Council. Here, the boarding house regulations were specifically amended to close a perceived loophole, and I am reluctant to issue an opinion which would be antithetical to that goal. Although I believe denying the Petition here is an equitable and just result, Maryland law also

Edward J. Gilliss, Esquire May 11, 2010 Page 3

provides support for the proposition that an entity's corporate structure can be disregarded to "enforce a paramount equity", in this case the surrounding community's welfare. Bart Arconti & Sons, Inc. v. Ames-Ennis, Inc., 275 Md. 295, 310 (1975) (in proper case courts will disregard corporate entity and deal with substance rather than form).

Aside from the above, there is one other troublesome aspect of your clients' position. The controlling zoning law at the heart of this controversy is not the definitional sections of the B.C.Z.R., but the Special Regulations applicable to boarding or rooming houses incorporated in Section 408B. That section (put into effect in 1993) preceded Council Bill 17-09 and states in pertinent part:

"Notwithstanding any provision in these regulations to the contrary, boarding - or rooming houses are permitted in D.R. zones, subject to the following provisions of this section."

Pertinent here, and set forth in my Order of April 2, 2010 is B.C.Z.R. Section 408B.1.B that clearly states:

"Boarding or rooming houses are permitted only in single-family detached dwellings". Emphasis Added.

This is the specific regulation that governs boarding or rooming house uses. It precludes a boarding house use at this location under any scenario. To achieve the status of a "nonconforming use" based solely upon the interpretation of the definitional section contained within the regulations, without giving deference to the "Special Regulations", would be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R. Based on these facts, I find 16 Skidmore Court, LLC did not achieve the status of a lawful non-conforming use prior to County Council Bill 17-09.

Any appeal from this decision must be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter/Order. I am sorry I cannot respond more favorably.

y yours.

WILLIAM WISEMAN, III Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

WJW:dlw

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

April 21, 2010

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

Zoning Commissioner

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

NE/S Skidmore Court, 335' NE of c/line Radcliff Road (16 Skidmore Court)
9th Election District - 5th Council District
16 Skidmore Court, LLC - Petitioner
Case No. 2010-0133-SPH

Dear Mr. Gilliss:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Motion for Reconsideration filed in this matter and received by my office on April 20, 2010. I hasten to inform you that copies of this Motion should have been sent to those persons who appeared in opposition to your request as well as Mr. Peter Max Zimmerman, People's Counsel for Baltimore County, since his appearance had been entered in the case. By copy of this letter, I am forwarding to those individuals copies of your Motion and the grounds contained in your correspondence dated April 20, 2010.

As you may know, Appendix G of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations contain the Rules of Practice and Procedure before the Zoning Commissioner and require pursuant to Rule 4K that the Zoning Commissioner shall rule on the Motion within thirty (30) days from the date which the Motion is accepted for filing. The filing of your Motion as set out in the Rules "shall stay all further proceedings in the matter, including the time limits/deadlines for the filing of an appeal". I wish to inform you that I am extending the courtesy to those individuals who attended the hearing some additional time to provide them with an opportunity to respond to me, in writing, prior to May 10, 2010, at which time the thirty (30) day period will begin to run and a decision will be rendered in your case.

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WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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In the Matter of 16 Skidmore Court LLC Re: 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204

- Before the Hearing Officer
- * Civil Citation No. FAO149449 / CO0066495

Special Hearing

* Matter No. 0210-0133-SPH

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

16 Skidmore Court, LLC (the "LLC"), Petitioner, by its undersigned counsel, pursuant to Maryland Rules of Procedure, submits this Request for Reconsideration, and as reasons therefor states as follows:

Introduction

Petitioner requested a special hearing pursuant to Sections 500.7 and 104 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") for a determination that the Baltimore County rowhouse located at 16 Skidmore Court, Towson, Maryland 21204 (the "Property") is a lawful non-conforming use for a "boarding or rooming house" pursuant to B.C.Z.R. Section 101.1. A Special Hearing was held on March 4, 2010 before the Zoning Commissioner. On April 2, 2010, the Zoning Commissioner denied Petitioner's request for approval of a lawful non-conforming use with respect to the Property. ¹

As reasons for his denial, the Zoning Commissioner proffered three main arguments: (1) that "Joe Wascavage and Steve Plimack were not properly admitted members of the LLC and could not be deemed owners under the plain meaning of Council Bill 17-09 on the effective date of the New Legislation;" (2) that "Joe Wascavage and Steve Plimack did not meet the definition of owner as set forth in the regulations as there is no evidence that the members shared in the profits and losses of the LLC, whose sole income is the rent paid by tenants;" and (3) "Even if

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¹ William J. Wiseman, III, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law (April 2, 2010).

Petitioner could demonstrate that the LLC had a lawful non-conforming use on April 19, 2009, the Second Amendment of the LLC's operating agreement unlawfully expanded the use of the property and abandoned the prior lawful non-conforming use on March 14, 2009." These three arguments are addressed below, and because the foundation for each is flawed, the Decision must be reconsidered.

Response to Commissioner's Argument

I. Joe Wascavage and Steve Plimack were not properly admitted members of the LLC and could not be deemed owners under the plain meaning of Council Bill 17-09 on the effective date of the New Legislation.

The above-quoted conclusion of the Zoning Commissioner is incorrect. There was no testimony or other evidence before the Zoning Commissioner that Messrs. Wascavage and Plimack were NOT properly admitted Members of the LLC. On the contrary, evidence was presented before the Zoning Commissioner that Mr. Plimack was a party to the LLC's Amended and Restated Operating Agreement, dated December 30, 2008. Because of a photocopying error, only the cover page and not the entire Amended and Restated Operating Agreement was previously submitted to the Zoning Commissioner. *See* Exhibit "G"; a complete copy of the LLC's Amended and Restated Operating Agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Contrary to the Zoning Commissioner's "inference" that the Amended and Restated Operating Agreement was "executed in contradiction of the Maryland Annotated Code," the Amended and Restated Operating Agreement was, in fact, executed by all Members of the LLC (i.e., unanimous consent) in accordance with Maryland Code Annotated, Corporations & Associations Article, Section 4A-601(b)(1). *See* Exhibit "A."

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² Id. at page 9.

Furthermore, pursuant to a May 14, 2009 Amendment to Operating Agreement (the "May 14 Amendment") (*See* original Exhibit "J"), Mr. Wascavage was properly admitted as a Member of the LLC, with a 26% Membership Interest. Therefore, the Zoning Commissioner is incorrect in his assertion that the May 14 Amendment "decreased Steve Plimack's purported ownership interests to 24%." On the contrary, Mr. Plimack's Membership Interest in the LLC remained at 26% after the execution of the May 14 Amendment; Stephen Vetter's and Brian Vetter's respective interests decreased to 24%.

Consistent with the law in force at the time of the LLC's creation, Messrs. Plimack and Wascavage are "owners" of the property, inasmuch as they each have more than a 25% legal or equitable interest in the LLC.

II. Joe Wascavage and Steve Plimack did not meet the definition of owner as set forth in the regulations as there is no evidence that the members shared in the profits and losses of the LLC, whose sole income is the rent paid by tenants.

The above-quoted conclusion of the Zoning Commissioner is incorrect. Again, there was no testimony or other evidence before the Zoning Commissioner that Messrs. Wascavage and Plimack did NOT share in the profits and losses of the LLC. Regardless, the December 30, 2003 Amended and Restated Operating Agreement (Exhibit "A") does address this issue. Under Section I of the Amended and Restated Operating Agreement, the term "Interest" is defined as "a Person's share of the Profits and Losses of, and the right to receive distributions from, the Company." The term "Interest Holder" is defined as "any Person who holds an Interest,

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³ Id. at page 10.

whether as a Member or as an unadmitted assignee of a Member." Furthermore, Section IV of the Amended and Restated Operating Agreement states:

- "4.1. Distributions of Cash Flow.
- 4.1.1. *Cash Flow*. For any taxable year of the Company, Cash Flow shall be distributed to the Interest Holders as follows:
- 4.1.1.1. first, to the Class A Members, in equal proportion, until the Class A Members' Capital Accounts have been reduced to zero; then
- 4.1.1.2. any Cash Flow remaining after distributions have been made pursuant to *Section* 4.1.1.1 shall be distributed to all of the Interest Holders in proportion to their respective Percentages.
- 4.2. Allocation of Profit or Loss. After giving effect to the special allocations set forth in Section 4.3, for any taxable year of the Company, Profit or Loss shall be allocated to the Interest Holders in proportion to their Percentages."

Accordingly, since Messrs. Plimack and Wascavage are Members of the LLC, and therefore, "Interest Holders," they do clearly share in the profits and losses of the LLC. The mere fact that inquiry was made at the March 4, 2010 hearing by an observer of the proceedings about "profit and loss" does not raise such issue to the evidentiary level of credible testimony which might contradict the uncontroverted evidence within the December 30, 2008 Amended and Restated Operating Agreement.

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III. Even if Petitioner could demonstrate that the LLC had a lawful nonconforming use on April 19, 2009, the Second Amendment of the LLC's operating agreement unlawfully expanded the use of the property and abandoned the prior lawful non-conforming use on March 14, 2009.

This argument, too, is incorrect. Much like a business deemed to be a valid nonconforming use in a residential neighborhood can continue when sold to a new owner, similarly this LLC's membership interests can be bought, sold and transferred, all while the LLC continues to operate as a residential dwelling. Here, the "owners" are defined by the greater than 25% standard in force when the LLC was created and became operational.

As was offered during the March 4, 2010 hearing, this LLC's continuing valid use can be paralleled to an ice cream store which operates in a location otherwise violative of zoning because the store existed before the zoning made it non-conforming. No one would ever argue that the ice cream store cannot be sold to a new owner and continue in operation.

Here, there has been no "expansion" of use. The LLC may have up to three "owners" possessing a greater than 25% interest. The LLC does have up to three "owners" possessing a greater than 25% interest.

Conclusion

As set forth in the December 30, 2008 Amended and Restated Operating Agreement and subsequent May 14 Amendment, Mr. Wascavage and Mr. Plimack were properly admitted as Members of the LLC and did share in the profits and losses of the LLC. The May 14 Amendment did not unlawfully expand the use of the Property or result in an abandonment of the prior lawful non-conforming use.

Because there is a general presumption that favors the prospective application of a statute and there is no statutory language or other evidence to rebut the presumption of prospective application of Council Bill 17-09, Council Bill 17-09 should be applied prospectively with respect to the LLC and the Property. Further, any attempted retroactive application of Council Bill 17-09 violates the United States Constitution, the Maryland Constitution and the Maryland

ROYSTON, MUELLER MCLEAN & REID, LLP SUITE 600 102 W PENN. AVE. TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4575 410-823-1800 Declaration of Rights. Accordingly, the LLC must be allowed to continue to operate and manage the Property as a lawful non-conforming use.⁴

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this <u>log</u> day of <u>APP</u>, 2010, a copy of the aforegoing Request for Reconsideration was mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to:

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⁴ It must also be noted that the issue involved in this proceeding is purely a legal and factual issue concerning only 16 Skidmore Court and the LLC. The presence of neighbors at the March 4, 2010 hearing and the vocal concern of some domino effect has no role in the evaluation of this LLC's entitlement to valid non-conforming use status.

Amended and Restated Operating Agreement

Of

16 Skidmore Court LLC,

A Maryland Limited Liability Company

Dated: December 30, 2008

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Exhibit A — List of Members, Capital, and Percentages

Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of 16 Skidmore Court, LLC, a Maryland Limited Liability Company

This Amended and Restated Operating Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into to be effective the 30th day of December, 2008, by and among Stephen G. Vetter ("Stephen") and Brian Vetter ("Brian"), Class A Members, and Steve ("Plimack"), Class B Member.

Explanatory Statement

WHEREAS, 16 Skidmore Court, LLC (the "Company) was formed by the filing of Articles of Organization with SDAT on September 11, 2007.

WHEREAS, Stephen and Brian have heretofore entered into an Operating Agreement effective September 21, 2007 (the "Original Operating Agreement") for the organization, operation and conduct of the Company.

WHEREAS, the parties desire to admit Plimack as a Class B Non-Voting Member upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth all in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement and to amend and restate the Original Operating Agreement with the intent that this Agreement shall supercede and replace in its entirety the Original Operating Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the parties, intending legally to be bound, agree as follows:

Section I Defined Terms

The following capitalized terms shall have the meanings specified in this Section I. Other terms are defined in the text of this Agreement; and, throughout this Agreement, those terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them.

"Act" means the Maryland Limited Liability Company Act, as amended from time to time.

"Adjusted Capital Account Deficit" means, with respect to any Interest Holder, the deficit balance, if any, in the Interest Holder's Capital Account as of the end of the relevant taxable year, after giving effect to the following adjustments:

(i) the deficit shall be decreased by the amounts which the Interest Holder is obligated to restore pursuant to Section 4.4.2 or is deemed obligated to restore pursuant to

Regulation Sections 1.704-2(g)(1) and (i)(5) (i.e., the Interest Holder's share of Minimum Gain and Member Minimum Gain); and

(ii) the deficit shall be increased by the items described in Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (5), and (6).

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any Member, any Person: (i) which owns more than 25% of the voting interests in the Member; or (ii) in which the Member owns more than 25% of the voting interests; or (iii) in which more than 25% of the voting interests are owned by a Person who has a relationship with the Member described in clause (i) or (ii) above.

"Agreement" means this Agreement, as amended from time to time.

"Capital Account" means the account maintained by the Company for each Interest Holder in accordance with the following provisions:

- (i) an Interest Holder's Capital Account shall be credited with the Interest Holder's Capital Contributions, the amount of any Company liabilities assumed by the Interest Holder (or which are secured by Company property distributed to the Interest Holder), the Interest Holder's allocable share of Profit and any item in the nature of income or gain specially allocated to such Interest Holder pursuant to the provisions of *Section IV* (other than *Section 4.3.3*); and
- (ii) an Interest Holder's Capital Account shall be debited with the amount of money and the fair market value of any Company property distributed to the Interest Holder, the Interest Holder's allocable share of Loss, and any item in the nature of expenses or losses specially allocated to the Interest Holder pursuant to the provisions of *Section IV* (other than *Section* 4.3.3).

If any Interest is transferred pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, the transferee shall succeed to the Capital Account of the transferor to the extent the Capital Account is attributable to the transferred Interest. If the book value of Company property is adjusted pursuant to Section 4.3.3, the Capital Account of each Interest Holder shall be adjusted to reflect the aggregate adjustment in the same manner as if the Company had recognized gain or loss equal to the amount of such aggregate adjustment. It is intended that the Capital Accounts of all Interest Holders shall be maintained in compliance with the provisions of Regulation Section 1.704-1(b), and all provisions of this Agreement relating to the maintenance of Capital Accounts shall be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with that Regulation.

"Capital Contribution" means the total amount of cash and the fair market value of any other assets contributed (or deemed contributed under Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(d)) to the Company by a Member, net of liabilities assumed or to which the assets are subject.

"Cash Flow" means all cash funds derived from operations of the Company (including interest received on reserves), without reduction for any noncash charges, but less cash funds used to pay current operating expenses and to pay or establish reasonable reserves for future

expenses, debt payments, capital improvements, and replacements as determined by the Class A Members. Cash Flow shall be increased by the reduction of any reserve previously established.

"Class A Member" means each Person signing this Agreement as a Class A Member and each Person who subsequently is admitted as a Class A Member. Class A Members shall possess voting rights.

"Class B Member" means each Person signing this Agreement as a Class B Member and each Person who subsequently is admitted as a Class B Member. Class B Members shall have no voting rights.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any corresponding provision of any succeeding law.

"Company" means the limited liability company organized in accordance with this Agreement.

"Company Property" means any real property owned by the Company.

"Interest" means a Person's share of the Profits and Losses of, and the right to receive distributions from, the Company.

"Interest Holder" means any Person who holds an Interest, whether as a Member or as an unadmitted assignee of a Member.

"Involuntary Withdrawal" means, with respect to any Member, the occurrence of any of the events set forth in Act Section 4A-606(3) through (9).

"Member" means each Person signing this Agreement and any Person who subsequently is admitted as a member of the Company.

"Member Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Regulation Section 1.704-2(i) for "partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain."

"Membership Rights" means all of the rights of a Member in the Company, including a Member's: (i) Interest, (ii) right to inspect the Company's books and records, (iii) right to participate in the management of and vote on matters coming before the Company, and (iv) unless this Agreement or the Articles of Organization provide to the contrary, right to act as an agent of the Company.

"Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Regulation Section 1.704-2(d). Minimum Gain shall be computed separately for each Interest Holder in a manner consistent with the Regulations under Code Section 704(b).

"Negative Capital Account" means a Capital Account with a balance of less than zero.

"Percentage" means, as to a Member, the percentage set forth after the Member's name on Exhibit A, as amended from time to time, and as to an Interest Holder who is not a Member, the Percentage of the Member whose Interest has been acquired by such Interest Holder, to the extent the Interest Holder has succeeded to that Member's Interest.

"Person" means and includes an individual, corporation, partnership, association, limited liability company, trust, estate, or other entity.

"Positive Capital Account" means a Capital Account with a balance greater than zero.

"Profit" and "Loss" means, for each taxable year of the Company (or other period for which Profit or Loss must be computed), the Company's taxable income or loss determined in accordance with Code Section 703(a), with the following adjustments:

- (i) all items of income, gain, loss, deduction, or credit required to be stated separately pursuant to Code Section 703(a)(1) shall be included in computing taxable income or loss;
- (ii) any tax-exempt income of the Company, not otherwise taken into account in computing Profit or Loss, shall be included in computing taxable income or loss;
- (iii) any expenditures of the Company described in Code Section 705(a)(2)(B) (or treated as such pursuant to Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(i)) and not otherwise taken into account in computing Profit or Loss, shall be subtracted from taxable income or loss;
- (iv) gain or loss resulting from any taxable disposition of Company property shall be computed by reference to the adjusted book value of the property disposed of, notwithstanding the fact that the adjusted book value differs from the adjusted basis of the property for federal income tax purposes;
- (v) in lieu of the depreciation, amortization, or cost recovery deductions allowable in computing taxable income or loss, there shall be taken into account the depreciation computed based upon the adjusted book value of the asset; and
- (vi) notwithstanding any other provision of this definition, any items which are specially allocated pursuant to *Section 4.3* hereof shall not be taken into account in computing Profit or Loss.

"Regulation" means the income tax regulations, including any temporary regulations, from time to time promulgated under the Code.

"SDAT" means the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland.

"Transfer" means, when used as a noun, any voluntary sale, hypothecation, pledge, assignment, attachment, or other transfer, and, when used as a verb, means voluntarily to sell, hypothecate, pledge, assign, or otherwise transfer.

"Voluntary Withdrawal" means a Member's dissociation with the Company by means other than a Transfer or an Involuntary Withdrawal.

Section II Formation and Name; Office; Purpose; Term

- 2.1. Organization. The parties hereby confirm the organization of a limited liability company pursuant to the Act and the provisions of this Agreement and, for that purpose, have caused Articles of Organization to be prepared, executed and filed with SDAT on September 11, 2007.
- 2.2. Name of the Company. The name of the Company shall be "16 Skidmore Court LLC." The Company may do business under that name and under any other name or names upon which the Class A Members agree. If the Company does business under a name other than that set forth in its Articles of Organization, then the Company shall file a trade name certificate as required by law.
- 2.3. Purpose. The Company is organized solely to purchase, acquire, buy, sell, own, trade in, hold, develop, lease, manage and subdivide and otherwise deal in and with the real property known as 16 Skidmore Court, Towson, Maryland 21204, and to do any and all things necessary, convenient or incidental to that purpose; and conduct business in any state for any lawful purpose to the fullest extent set forth in § 4A-201 of the Corporations and Associations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time (the "Code"), and to do any and all things necessary, convenient, or incidental to that purpose.
- 2.4. Term. The term of the Company began upon the execution of this Agreement and shall continue in existence until its existence is terminated pursuant to Section VII of this Agreement.
- 2.5. Principal Office. The principal office of the Company in the State of Maryland shall be located at 1749 Broadlee Trail, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 or at any other place within the State of Maryland upon which the Class A Members agree.
- 2.6. Resident Agent. The name and address of the Company's resident agent in the State of Maryland shall be Robert S. Handzo, 102 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600, Towson, Maryland 21204.
- 2.7. Members. The name, present mailing address and Percentage of each Member are set forth on Exhibit A.

Section III Members; Capital; Capital Accounts

3.1. Initial Capital Contributions. Upon the execution of the Original Operating Agreement, the Class A Members contributed to the Company the property respectively set forth on Exhibit A. The Class B Member shall contribute to the Company the cash in the amount set forth on Exhibit A.

- 3.2. No Other Capital Contributions Required. No Class A Member shall be required to contribute any additional capital to the Company, and except as set forth in the Act, no Class A Member shall have any personal liability for any obligations of the Company.
- 3.3. No Interest on Capital Contributions. Interest Holders shall not be paid interest on their Capital Contributions.
- 3.4. Return of Capital Contributions. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, no Interest Holder shall have the right to receive the return of any Capital Contribution.
- 3.5. Form of Return of Capital. If an Interest Holder is entitled to receive a return of a Capital Contribution, the Company may distribute cash, notes, property, or a combination thereof to the Interest Holder in return of the Capital Contribution.
- 3.6. Capital Accounts. A separate Capital Account shall be maintained for each Interest Holder.
- 3.7. Loans. Any Member may, at any time, make or cause a loan to be made to the Company in any amount and on those terms upon which the Company and the Member agree.

Section IV Profit, Loss, and Distributions

4.1. Distributions of Cash Flow.

- 4.1.1. Cash Flow. For any taxable year of the Company, Cash Flow shall be distributed to the Interest Holders as follows:
- 4.1.1.1. first, to the Class A Members, in equal proportion, until the Class A Members' Capital Accounts have been reduced to zero; then
- 4.1.1.2. any Cash Flow remaining after distributions have been made pursuant to Section 4.1.1.1 shall be distributed to all of the Interest Holders in proportion to their respective Percentages.
- 4.2. Allocation of Profit or Loss. After giving effect to the special allocations set forth in Section 4.3, for any taxable year of the Company, Profit or Loss shall be allocated to the Interest Holders in proportion to their Percentages.

4.3. Regulatory Allocations.

4.3.1. Qualified Income Offset. No Interest Holder shall be allocated Losses or deductions if the allocation causes an Interest Holder to have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit. If an Interest Holder receives (1) an allocation of Loss or deduction (or item thereof) or (2) any distribution which causes the Interest Holder to have an Adjusted Capital Account

Deficit at the end of any taxable year, then all items of income and gain of the Company (consisting of a pro rata portion of each item of Company income, including gross income and gain) for that taxable year shall be allocated to that Interest Holder before any other allocation is made of Company items for that taxable year, in the amount and in proportions required to eliminate the excess as quickly as possible. This *Section 4.3.1* is intended to comply with, and shall be interpreted consistently with, the "qualified income offset" provisions of the Regulations promulgated under Code Section 704(b).

- 4.3.2. Minimum Gain Chargeback. Except as set forth in Regulation Section 1.704-2(f)(2), (3), and (4), if, during any taxable year, there is a net decrease in Minimum Gain or Member Minimum Gain, each Interest Holder, prior to any other allocation pursuant to this Section IV, shall be specially allocated items of gross income and gain for such taxable year (and, if necessary, subsequent taxable years) in an amount equal to that Interest Holder's share of the net decrease of Minimum Gain or Member Minimum Gain. Allocations of gross income and gain pursuant to this Section 4.3.2 shall be made first from gain recognized from the disposition of Company assets subject to nonrecourse liabilities (within the meaning of the Regulations promulgated under Code Section 752), to the extent of the Minimum Gain or Member Minimum Gain attributable to those assets, and thereafter, from a pro rata portion of the Company's other items of income and gain for the taxable year. It is the intent of the parties hereto that any allocation pursuant to this Section 4.3.2 shall constitute a "minimum gain chargeback" under Regulation Sections 1.704-2(f) or 1.704-2(i)(4).
- 4.3.3. Contributed Property and Book-Ups. In accordance with Code Section 704(c) and the Regulations thereunder, as well as Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(d)(3), income, gain, loss, and deduction with respect to any property contributed (or deemed contributed) to the Company shall, solely for tax purposes, be allocated among the Interest Holders so as to take account of any variation between the adjusted basis of the property to the Company for federal income tax purposes and its fair market value at the date of contribution (or deemed contribution). If the adjusted book value of any Company asset is adjusted as provided herein, subsequent allocations of income, gain, loss, and deduction with respect to the asset shall take account of any variation between the adjusted basis of the asset for federal income tax purposes and its adjusted book value in the manner required under Code Section 704(c) using the "traditional method" described in Regulation Section 1.704-3(b).
- 4.3.4. Allocation of Tax Items. Except as otherwise provided herein, each item of profit or loss recognized by the company for Federal income tax purposes shall be allocated among the Interest Holders in the same manner and proportion as each correlative item of Profit or Loss is allocated pursuant to the provisions of this Section IV.

4.4. Liquidation and Dissolution

4.4.1. If the Company is liquidated, the assets of the Company shall be distributed to the Interest Holders in accordance with the balances in their respective Capital Accounts, after taking into account the allocations of Profit or Loss pursuant to Section 4.2, if any, and distributions, if any, of cash or property, pursuant to Section 4.1.

4.4.2. No Interest Holder shall be obligated to restore a Negative Capital Account.

4.5. General.

- 4.5.1. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the timing and amount of all distributions shall be determined by the Class A Members.
- 4.5.2. If any assets of the Company are distributed in kind to the/Interest Holders, those assets shall be valued on the basis of their fair market value, and any Interest Holder entitled to any interest in those assets shall receive that interest as a tenant-in-common with all other Interest Holders so entitled. Unless the Members otherwise agree, the fair market value of the assets shall be determined by an independent appraiser who shall be selected by the Members. The Profit or Loss for each unsold asset shall be determined as if the asset had been sold at its fair market value, and the Profit or Loss shall be allocated as provided in Section 4.2 and shall be properly credited or charged to the Capital Accounts of the Interest Holders prior to the distribution of the assets in liquidation pursuant to Section 4.4.
- 4.5.3. All Profit and Loss shall be allocated, and all distributions shall be made, to the Persons shown on the records of the Company to have been Interest Holders as of the last day of the taxable year for which the allocation or distribution is to be made. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless the Company's taxable year is separated into segments, if there is a Transfer or an Involuntary Withdrawal during the taxable year, the Profit or Loss shall be allocated between the original Interest Holder and the successor on the basis of the number of days each was an Interest Holder during the taxable year; provided, however, the Company's taxable year shall be segregated into two or more segments in order to account for Profit, Loss, or proceeds attributable to any extraordinary nonrecurring items of the Company.
- 4.5.4. The Members are hereby authorized, upon the advice of the Company's tax counsel, to amend this *Article* IV to comply with the Code and the Regulations promulgated under Code Section 704(b); provided, however, that no amendment shall materially affect distributions to an Interest Holder without the Interest Holder's prior written consent.

Section V Management: Rights, Powers, and Duties

5.1. Management

5.1.1. The Company shall be managed by the Class A Members, who shall have the full, exclusive, and complete discretion, power, and authority, subject in all cases to the other provisions of this Agreement and the requirements of applicable law, to manage, control, administer, and operate the business and affairs of the Company for the purposes herein stated and to make all decisions concerning its business and affairs. Except as set forth herein or as required by applicable law, no Class B Member shall have the right to vote on any matter concerning the affairs of the Company.

- 5.1.2. No Class B Member shall be considered to be an agent of the Company solely by virtue of being a member, and no Class B Member has authority to act for the Company by virtue of being a Member.
- 5.1.3. The provisions contained in this Section 5.1 supercede any authority granted to the Members pursuant to Section 4A-401 of the Act. Any Member who takes any action or binds the Company in violation of this Section 5.1 shall be solely responsible for any loss or expense incurred as a result of the unauthorized action and shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless with respect to the loss or expense.

5.2. Meetings of and Voting by Members.

- 5.2.1. A meeting of the Class A Members may be called at any time by any Class A Member. Meetings of Class A Members shall be held at the Company's principal place of business or at any other place in Baltimore City or Baltimore County, Maryland, designated by the Person calling the meeting. Not less than ten (10) nor more than ninety (90) days before each meeting, the Person calling the meeting shall give written notice of the meeting to each Class A Member. The notice shall state the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, each Class A Member waives notice if before or after the meeting the Class A Member signs a waiver of the notice which is filed with the records of Class A Members' meetings, or is present at the meeting in person or by proxy. Unless this Agreement provides otherwise, at a meeting of Class A Members, the presence in person or by proxy of Class A Members holding not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the Percentages then held by Class A Members constitutes a quorum. A Class A Member may vote either in person or by written proxy signed by the Class A Member or by the Class A Member's duly authorized attorney in fact.
- 5.2.2. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the affirmative vote of Class A Members holding fifty-one percent (51%) or more of the Percentages then held by Class A Members shall be required to approve any matter coming before the Class A Members.
- 5.2.3. Class B Members shall not be entitled to notice of meetings of the Class A Members and shall not be entitled to be present thereat.
- 5.3. Personal Services. No Member shall be required to perform services for the Company solely by virtue of being a Member. Unless approved by the Members, no Member shall be entitled to compensation for services performed for the Company. However, upon substantiation of the amount and purpose thereof, the Members shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the activities of the Company.

5.4. Duties of Parties.

5.4.1. A Member shall not be liable, responsible, or accountable in damages or otherwise to the Company or to any other Member for any action taken or any failure conferred

on the Member by this Agreement or by law, unless the action taken or omission was made fraudulently or in bad faith or unless the action or omission constituted gross negligence.

- 5.4.2. Except as otherwise expressly provided in Section 5.4.3, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to restrict in any way the rights of any Member, or of any Affiliate of any Member, to conduct any other business or activity whatsoever, and no Member shall be accountable to the Company or to any other Member with respect to that business or activity even if the business or activity competes with the Company's business. The organization of the Company shall be without prejudice to the Members' respective rights (or the rights of their respective Affiliates) to maintain, expand, or diversify such other interests and activities and to receive and enjoy profits or compensation therefrom. Each Member waives any rights the Member might otherwise have to share or participate in such other interests or activities of any other Member or the Member's Affiliates.
- 5.4.3. Each Member understands and acknowledges that the conduct of the Company's business may involve business dealings and undertakings with Members and their Affiliates. In any of those cases, those dealings and undertakings shall be at arm's length and on commercially reasonable terms.

5.5. Liability and Indemnification.

- 5.5.1. A Member shall not be liable, responsible, or accountable, in damages or otherwise, to any other Member or to the Company for any act performed by the Member with respect to Company matters, except for fraud, gross negligence, or an intentional breach of this Agreement.
- 5.5.2. The Company shall indemnify each Class A Member for any act performed by the Class A Member with respect to Company matters, except for fraud, gross negligence, or an intentional breach of this Agreement.

Section VI Transfer of Interests, Withdrawals of Members and Redemption

6.1. Transfers. Except as provided in Section 6.4 hereof, no Member may Transfer all, or any portion of, or any interest or rights in, the Membership Rights owned by the Member, and no Interest Holder may Transfer all, or any portion of, or any interest or rights in, any Interest. Each Member hereby acknowledges the reasonableness of this prohibition in view of the purposes of the Company and the relationship of the Members. The Transfer of any Membership Rights or Interests in violation of the prohibition contained in this Section 6.1 shall be deemed invalid, null and void, and of no force or effect. Any Person to whom Membership Rights are attempted to be transferred in violation of this Section 6.1 shall not be entitled to vote on matters coming before the Members, participate in the management of the Company, act as an agent of the Company, receive distributions from the Company, or have any other rights in or with respect to the Membership Rights.

- 6.2. Voluntary Withdrawal. No Member shall have the right or power to Voluntarily Withdraw from the Company.
- 6.3. *Involuntary Withdrawal*. Immediately upon the occurrence of an Involuntary Withdrawal, the successor of the Withdrawn Member shall thereupon become an Interest Holder but shall not become a Member. The successor Interest Holder shall have all and only the rights of an Interest Holder.
- 6.4. Transfers to Residents of Company Property. Notwithstanding anything set forth in this Agreement to the contrary, any Member may at any time, and from time to time, Transfer all, or any portion of, or any interest or rights in, Membership Rights or Interest to any person residing at Company Property, provided that the Class A Members consent to such transfer.
- 6.5 Redemption. The Company may redeem any Class B Member's Interest at any time (the "Redemption"). In consideration for the Redemption, the Company shall pay to the Class B Member an amount equal to the Class B Member's Capital Account at the time of the Redemption.

Section VII Dissolution, Liquidation, and Termination of the Company

- 7.1. Events of Dissolution. The Company shall be dissolved upon the unanimous written agreement of the Class A Members.
- 7.2. Procedure for Winding Up and Dissolution. If the Company is dissolved, the remaining Class A Members shall wind up its affairs. On winding up of the Company, the assets of the Company shall be distributed, first, to creditors of the Company, including Interest Holders who are creditors, in satisfaction of the liabilities of the Company, and then to the Interest Holders in accordance with Section 4.4.
- 7.3. Filing of Articles of Cancellation. If the Company is dissolved, the Class A Members shall promptly file Articles of Cancellation with SDAT. If there are no remaining Class A Members, the Articles shall be filed by the last Person to be a Class A Member; if there are no remaining Class A Members, or a Person who last was a Class A Member, the Articles shall be filed by the legal or personal representatives of the Person who last was a Class A Member.

Section VIII Books, Records, Accounting, and Tax Elections

- 8.1. Bank Accounts. All funds of the Company shall be deposited in a bank account or accounts opened in the Company's name. The Class A Members shall determine the institution or institutions at which the accounts will be opened and maintained, the types of accounts, and the Persons who will have authority with respect to the accounts and the funds therein.
- 8.2. Books and Records. The Class A Members shall keep or cause to be kept complete and accurate books and records of the Company and supporting documentation of the

transactions with respect to the conduct of the Company's business. The books and records shall be maintained in accordance with sound accounting principles and practices and shall be available at the Company's principal office for examination by any Class A Member or the Class A Member's duly authorized representative at any and all reasonable times during normal business hours.

- 8.3. Annual Accounting Period. The annual accounting period of the Company shall be its taxable year. The Company's taxable year shall be selected by the Members, subject to the requirements and limitations of the Code.
- 8.4. Reports. Within seventy-five (75) days after the end of each taxable year of the Company, the Members shall cause to be sent to each Person who was a Member at any time during the taxable year then ended a complete accounting of the affairs of the Company for the taxable year then ended. In addition, within seventy-five (75) days after the end of each taxable year of the Company, the Members shall cause to be sent to each Person who was an Interest Holder at any time during the taxable year then ended, that tax information concerning the Company which is necessary for preparing the Interest Holder's income tax returns for that year. At the request of any Member, and at the Member's expense, the Members shall cause an audit of the Company's books and records to be prepared by independent accountants for the period requested by the Member.

Section IX General Provisions

- 9.1. Assurances. Each Member shall execute all such certificates and other documents and shall do all such filing, recording, publishing, and other acts as the Class A Members deem appropriate to comply with the requirements of law for the formation and operation of the Company and to comply with any laws, rules, and regulations relating to the acquisition, operation, or holding of the property of the Company.
- 9.2. Notifications. Any notice, demand, consent, election, offer, approval, request, or other communication (collectively, a "notice") required or permitted under this Agreement must be in writing and either delivered personally or sent by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. A notice must be addressed to an Interest Holder at the Interest Holder's last known address on the records of the Company. A notice to the Company must be addressed to the Company's principal office. A notice delivered personally will be deemed given only when acknowledged in writing by the person to whom it is delivered. A notice that is sent by mail will be deemed given three (3) business days after it is mailed. Any party may designate, by notice to all of the others, substitute addresses or addressees for notices; and, thereafter, notices are to be directed to those substitute addresses or addressees.
- 9.3. Specific Performance. The parties recognize that irreparable injury will result from a breach of any provision of this Agreement and that money damages will be inadequate to fully remedy the injury. Accordingly, in the event of a breach or threatened breach of one or more of the provisions of this Agreement, any party who may be injured (in addition to any other remedies which may be available to that party) shall be entitled to one or more preliminary or

permanent orders (i) restraining and enjoining any act which would constitute a breach or (ii) compelling the performance of any obligation which, if not performed, would constitute a breach.

- 9.4. Complete Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement among the Members. It supersedes all prior written and oral statements, including any prior representation, statement, condition, or warranty. Except as expressly provided otherwise herein, this Agreement may not be amended without the written consent of all of the Class A Members.
- 9.5. Applicable Law. All questions concerning the construction, validity, and interpretation of this Agreement and the performance of the obligations imposed by this Agreement shall be governed by the internal law, not the law of conflicts, of the State of Maryland.
- 9.6. Section Titles. The headings herein are inserted as a matter of convenience only, and do not define, limit, or describe the scope of this Agreement or the intent of the provisions hereof.
- 9.7. Binding Provisions. This Agreement is binding upon, and inures to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal and legal representatives, successors, and permitted assigns.
- 9.8. Jurisdiction and Venue. Any suit involving any dispute or matter arising under this Agreement may only be brought in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland or any Maryland State Court having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the dispute or matter. All Members hereby consent to the exercise of personal jurisdiction by any such court with respect to any such proceeding.
- 9.9. Terms. Common nouns and pronouns shall be deemed to refer to the masculine, feminine, neuter, singular, and plural, as the identity of the Person may in the context require.
- 9.10. Separability of Provisions. Each provision of this Agreement shall be considered separable; and if, for any reason, any provision or provisions herein are determined to be invalid and contrary to any existing or future law, such invalidity shall not impair the operation of or affect those portions of this Agreement which are valid.
- 9.11. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, constitute one and the same document. The signature of any party to any counterpart shall be deemed a signature to, and may be appended to, any other counterpart.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed, or caused this Agreement to be executed, under seal, as of the date set forth hereinabove.

[signatures appear on following page]

WITNESS OR ATTEST:

CLASS A MEMBERS:

Stephen G. Vetter

CLASS B MEMBER

CLASS B MEMBER

CLASS B MEMBER

Steve Plimack

(SEAL)

16 Skidmore Court LLC, A Maryland Limited Liability Company Operating Agreement

Exhibit A List of Members, Capital, and Percentages

Name and Address Of Taxpayer	Initial Cash Capital Contribution	Percentages
Stephen G. Vetter 1749 Broadlee Trail Annapolis, MD 21401	Contribution of 50% interest in property having an address of 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	37%
Brian Vetter 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	Contribution of 50% interest in property having an address of 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	37%
Steve Plimack 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	\$1.00	26%

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Re:

16 Skidmore Court, LLC Case No. 0210-0133-SPH RECEIVED

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

Dear Mr. Wiseman:

Enclosed with this letter please find the following:

Request for Reconsideration.

I request that you acknowledge receipt of this letter and of the Request for Reconsideration and confirm that the Petitioner may wait for your review and decision relating to the Request for Reconsideration without waiving appeal rights.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Gilliss

EJG/ges Enclosure

cc: Mr. Stephen B. Vetter

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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING	*	BEFORE THE
NE/S Skidmore Court, 335' NE of c/line Radcliff Road	*	ZONING COMMISSIONER
(16 Skidmore Court) 9th Election District		
9 th Election District	*	OF
5 th Council District	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
16 Skidmore Court, LLC		DALTIMORE COUNTY
Petitioner	*	Case No. 2010-0133-SPH

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Special Hearing filed by Robert S. Handzo, Resident Agent, on behalf of the owner of the subject property, 16 Skidmore Court, LLC, by and through its attorney, Edward J. Gilliss, Esquire of Royston, Muller, McLean & Reid, LLP. The Petitioner requests a special hearing, pursuant to Sections 500.7 and 104 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), for a determination that 16 Skidmore Court is a lawful non-conforming use for "boarding or rooming house" purposes consistent with B.C.Z.R. Section 101.1 (definition of boarding or rooming house) by virtue of the fact that 16 Skidmore Court, LLC was organized as a Maryland Limited Liability company and became the legal owner of the above-referenced property prior to the effective date of County Council Bill 17-09 (the *Previous Legislation*), B.C.Z.R. 101.1 after the effective date being known as the *New Legislation*. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan and in the Memorandum of Law with

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^{*} I am grateful for and would like to acknowledge the research and assistance of Sabrina E. Chase, a lawyer in the County's Office of Law, in the preparation of this Order.

Allegations of a boarding house/rooming house were once again made by neighbors after the effective date (April 19, 2009) of Bill No. 17-09. An investigation as authorized by the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM) was conducted and a correction notice issued. See Division of Code Inspections and Enforcement Violation Case No. FAO149449/CO0066495. In accordance with B.C.Z.R. Section 500.7, Petitioner requests this hearing for a determination as to whether 16 Skidmore Court violates the zoning regulations.

supporting documents, submitted which were accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Stephen Vetter, managing member of the LLC, Emily K. Lashley, Esquire (an attorney from the locale) and Edward J. Gilliss, Esquire, counsel for Petitioner. This request generated significant public interest and numerous residents from the surrounding community appeared, including: Edward T. Kilcullen, Jr., President of The Greater Towson Council of Community Associations, Inc. (GTCCA), Andrea C. Dodge, Nancy E. Pivec, President, Towson Park Community Association, Ellis Rios Winter, Ruth M. Adams, Richard Parsons, also with GTCCA, Dorothy M. Mandell, Sister Michele Kriczky, Sister Evelyn Grudza, Susan Shankroff, Cynthia Sommer, James Cox, Mary-Louise Stenchly, Paul S. Hartman with the Aigburth Manor Association, Inc., Fay Citerone from the Knollwood-Donnybrook Improvement Association, Peggy Squitieri of Ruxton Riderwood Lake Roland Area Improvement Association (RRLRAIA), Susan Vaupel, Erik Cloyd, Chris Rabarn, Nanci Barker, Abass Dabirsiaghi, John S. Simms, Esquire, G.T. Keplinger, President, Burkleigh Square Community Association, Helen Keplinger, Michael Ertel, Vice President of GTCCA and President of West Towson Neighborhood Association, John Maranto, President of The Yorkleigh Community Association, and Howard M. Taylor. Also attending as interested persons were Janice Solomon and Mike Mohler with DPDM. It should be mentioned that numerous letters and e-mails in opposition were received and collectively marked as Protestants' Exhibit 1.

The facts of the case are relatively simple as referenced in the testimony and evidence produced at the hearing. On June 16, 2005, Stephen Vetter and his son, Brian Vetter, purchased the subject property which consists of an irregularly shaped lot roughly 0.132 acres in area and

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located on the east side of Radcliffe Road, just west of Fairmount Avenue in the Towson. The property is zoned D.R.10.5 and improved with a two-story brick end-of-group townhome built in 1955. The Vetters purchased the property as a place for Brian Vetter to reside while attending Towson University.² When the semester began, however, four (4) students had moved in (including Brian). What transpired thereafter is in dispute and has been ongoing for many months. Testifying in strong opposition to four (4) college students living in the house and providing a history of the problems were Messrs. Simms, Cox, Hartmann and Kilcullen, Sister Evelyn Grudza, and Mmes. Dodge (adjacent neighbor), Sommer, Adams, Pivec, Barker, and Citerone. These witnesses each provided their own individual testimony and offered exhibits, but the clear tenor and theme of their remarks relate to declining property values, increased foot and vehicle traffic – often five (5) or six (6) vehicles belonging to people living or visiting the subject property take up needed parking spaces – burdens and emotional stress caused by late night parties with loud music, etc.³ (See Protestants Exhibits 1 through 3).

The Vetters nightmare began in March 2007 when Code Enforcement Officer Latashia Rumsey-Scott visited the site and issued a "Correction Notice" informing the Vetters that they would need to bring the property in conformance with the zoning regulations and reduce the number of unrelated tenants to two (2). In order to create a lawful means for other students to reside in the townhouse⁴ and generate funds to pay the mortgage obligation, 16 Skidmore Court, LLC (LLC) was established. The ownership of the property was transferred from the Vetters to

² Stephen G. Vetter's name appears on the Deed. He and his wife, Teresa, do not reside on the property and own their own single-family residence located in Annapolis.

³ Many neighbors were quite demonstrative when testifying bringing to the minds eye images of the infamous movie -- National Lampoon's Animal House.

⁴ B.C.Z.R. Section 408.B.1 provides the process for obtaining a use permit for a boarding or rooming house in D.R. zones and restricts the use only in single-family detached dwellings.

the LLC by virtue of a deed that converted the real estate enterprise as defined under Section 12-108(bb) of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to a limited liability company, effective September 21, 2007. The transferring deed located at Liber 0027528, Folio 500 (the Deed), states in part that both the LLC and the grantors, Brian and Stephen Vetter, attested that the transfer was for no consideration other than the issuance of membership interests, the members of the LLC were Brian and Stephen Vetter; and that each members allocation of profits and losses between the grantors and the grantee was identical. According to Petitioner's legal counsel, this undertaking properly served the legislative purposes of the *Previous Legislation* located in Section 101.1 of the B.C.Z.R., which at that time defined "owner" as "a person . . . who has more than 25% legal or equitable interest in the property" and shared in 25% of the profits or losses of the property. The Greater Towson area neighbors, however, believe the LLC scheme to be a total sham and formed specifically to thwart the County's attempt to prevent illegal rooming/boarding houses. They fear the potential precedent that could attach to this case given the numerous other LLC's in the area.

It has been stated that it is the responsibility of the Zoning Commissioner to determine the intent of the legislature when construing any regulation/statue. In this case, it falls upon the undersigned to determine the intent of the Baltimore County Council when it enacted Section 101 of the B.C.Z.R. and adopted the language therein. (*Marzullo v. Kahl* 36 Md. 158, 175 [2001]). Interpretation of the zoning regulations and essential requirements for an unincorporated organization as set forth in Maryland Code, Corporations and Associations Article - Section 4A - 101 et. seq. is a daunting task and one made even more difficult given my respect for counsel who appeared in this case and presented excellent argument.

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I will endeavor to do so by examining the words contained in the regulations and applicable definitions.

Paragraph A of B.C.Z.R. Section 101.1 under the *Previous Legislation*, defined a boarding house as follows:

"A. A building:

- 1. Which is the domicile of the owner and in which rooms with or without meals are provided, for compensation, to three or more adult persons not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner; or
- 2. Which is not the owner's domicile and which is occupied in its entirety, for compensation, by three or more adult persons not related to each other by blood, marriage or adoption."

The Previous Legislation defines the owner of a boarding or rooming house as follows:

- "C. For the purposes of this definition only, "owner" means a person who:
 - 1. Has more than a 25% legal or equitable interest in the property; and
 - 2. Shares in more than 25% of the profits or losses derived from the compensation paid under Paragraph A. of this definition, as stated above."

Under the *New Legislation* (effective April 19, 2009), pursuant to Baltimore County Council Bill 17-09, amended the definition of "owner" for boarding or rooming house purposes so that as of the effective date set forth above, an "owner" is defined as:

"an individual...who has more than a 50% legal or equitable interest in the property." (See Petitioner's Exhibit H).

B.C.Z.R Section 101.1 Word usage: definitions, defines word usage as follows:

"Words used in the present tense include the future; words in the singular number include the plural number; the word "shall" is mandatory. For the purposes of these regulations, certain terms and words are defined below. Any word or term not defined in this section shall have the ordinarily accepted definition as set forth

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in the most recent edition of Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged."

As the subject property qualifies as a building, and the words "domicile" and "persons" are undefined in the B.C.Z.R. as it relates to the boarding house, rooming house regulations, I must look to Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged, (Webster's) for the purposes of statutory interpretation. Webster's includes in the definition of a "person",

"a corporation, partnership, or other legal entity that is recognized by law as the subject of rights and duties".

Webster's defines a domicile as both

"the principal place of doing business or maintaining an office of a corporation or business concern as registered in accordance with law" and "the place with which a person has a settled connection for important legal purposes such as jurisdiction to impose personal judgments or taxes on him."

Thus, the LLC may qualify as a person, and the subject property may qualify as the domicile.

To determine the legislative intent of the Baltimore County Council in defining an owner under Council Bill 17-09 and Section 101.1 of the B.C.Z.R., I must look to the plain meaning of the statutory language. See AllState Insurance Company v. Kim, 376 Md. 276, 260, 829 A.2d 599 (2003). Integral to the Petitioner's argument, and therefore their exemption from the boarding house, rooming house regulations is an analysis of their qualification as "owners" under the plain meaning of the definitional section of the B.C.Z.R as of the effective date of the New Legislation. It is uncontested by the parties that the LLC would not meet the requirements of the New Legislation.

I. Standard of Review.

The standard of review for an administrative agency is whether a reasoning mind can reach a conclusion based upon the facts proven. *Nnoli v. Nnoli*, 101 Md. App. 243, 646 A.2d 1021 (1994). It is reasonable that in the face of overwhelming community concerns that the LLC is a sham, a reasoning mind must analyze the adherence of the LLC to the requisite corporate formalities required by Maryland law, and proof of proper admission and transfer of the existing membership interests of the LLC to both Steve Plimack and Joe Wascavage, in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations and Associations Article of the Maryland Annotated Code.

The subject property was first subject to a Code Enforcement proceeding on March 22, 2007 and on April 22, 2007, Code Enforcement Hearing Officer Raymond S. Wisnom, Jr., found the owner in violation of the B.C.Z.R. and ordered the owner to "reduce the number of unrelated tenants to 2 or so on or before July 1, 2007". A certain number of tenants vacated the property. Thereafter, on September 21, 2007, the LLC was created to transfer ownership interests in the subject property from Stephen and Brian Vetter to the LLC in exchange for membership interests, meeting the requirements of the B.C.Z.R. and enabling Brian Vetter to continue his residence at the property and a mechanism to meet mortgage obligations. (See Petitioner's Exhibit D). Pursuant to the Deed, the owner of the property is 16 Skidmore Court, LLC. Therefore, a condition precedent to qualification as an "owner" under the Previous Legislation by any other person – is evidence of assumption and distribution of 25% of the ownership interests in the LLC (the legal owner of the subject property) - to each person named as an owner by the Petitioner. On September 21, 2007, both Brian Vetter and Stephen Vetter met the statutory definitions of an "owner" under the B.C.Z.R. The LLC's problems began in June of 2008, when they added more tenants exposing neighbors to additional noise, traffic congestion and decreased enjoyment of the neighboring owner's rights.

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In order to accomplish this purpose, Steve Plimack and Joe Wascavage were purportedly admitted to the LLC as owners under the B.C.Z.R. boarding/rooming house definitions. Petitioner has offered evidence of past and present operating agreements of the LLC to support their contention that Messrs. Wascavage and Plimack are and have been properly admitted as members of the LLC who could lawfully reside in the building with two (2) or more unrelated tenants. This assertion is the linchpin of the argument that the LLC has a lawful conforming use of the subject property under the *Previous Legislation* up and until the effective date of the *New Legislation*. The Petitioner has the burden of proof in proffering evidence of compliance vis-àvis the definition of an owner as set forth in B.C.Z.R, up and until the effective date of the *New Legislation*.

It is a well-established canon of zoning law that where the evidence conclusively establishes that a property owner before and at the time of the adoption of the original zoning ordinance (or last comprehensive zoning) was using the property in question in a lawful manner, the owner had established a nonconforming use. *Board of Zoning Appeals of Howard County v. Meyer*, 207 Md. 289, 114 A.2d 626 (1955). Likewise, should a Petitioner be found noncompliant as of the effective date of the *New Legislation* a non-conforming use may not be granted.

II. Joe Wascavage and Steve Plimack were not properly admitted members of the LLC and could not be deemed owners under the plain meaning of Council Bill 17-09 on the effective date of the New Legislation.

While a limited liability company may have an oral operating agreement as set forth in the Corporations and Associations Article of the Maryland Code, Section 4A-402, certain consents as set forth in Section 4A-404 must be in writing, unless set forth in the initial operating agreement. The Corporations and Associations Article, Section 4A-402, Subsection (B) Part (2) states that if the operating agreement does not provide for the method by which the operating

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agreement may be amended, then all of the members must agree to any amendment of the operating agreement, Part (3) states that an amendment to an operating agreement must be signed by an authorized person if: (i) the amendment was adopted without the unanimous consent of members; or (ii) an interest in the limited liability company has been assigned to a person who has not been admitted as a member.

The Petitioner has presented evidence that on December 30, 2008, an Amended and Restated Operating Agreement was executed (the First Amendment), with the intent of vesting three (3) individuals with interests in the LLC (and, therefore the subject property) of greater than 25%. The First Amendment presented by the Petitioner defined the owners and interests on December 30, 2008 as follows: Stephen Vetter (37%), Brian Vetter (37%), and Steve Plimack (26%). See Petitioner's Exhibit G. However, in the absence of other documentation, testimony or direct proof that the corporate documentation of the LLC permitted an amendment or transfer of the membership interests without written authorization, it is a permissible inference that this First Amendment which consists of a cover page and membership chart was executed in contradiction of the Maryland Annotated Code, as set forth below, as there was no authorized signature nor written documentation of unanimous consent to the transfer of membership interests by Brian Vetter and Stephen Vetter to Steve Plimack.

Further, in the absence of the delineation of the manner by which membership rights of the LLC may be transferred, assigned or provided to new members of the LLC in the initial operating agreement, or in a properly executed amendment thereto, the admittance of new members must be documented in accordance with Maryland law. The Corporations and Associations Article Section 4A – 404, states in part that wherever this title requires the unanimous consent of members to allow the LLC to act; (1) the consent shall be in writing; and

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(2) the operating agreement may provide that the action may be taken on consent of less than all of the members or that the consent of certain members or classes is not required to take the action. Likewise, Section 4A – 601(B) (1) states that if new members acquire membership interests directly from the LLC, unanimous consent in writing is required. Assignment of membership interests are subject to the requirements of Corporations and Associations Article, Section 4A - 604, which also requires unanimous consent in writing by the members of a limited liability company. Whether Steve Plimack and Joe Wascavage were admitted, assigned or transferred ownership interests in the domicile of the owner, the LLC, it is clear that written authorization of existing members was required and was not evident on the First Amendment.

Petitioner's Exhibit J then evidences the transfer of 26% of the membership interests by and to Joe Wascavage from Brian Vetter, Stephen Vetter and Steve Plimack in an amendment to the operating agreement that was executed on May 14, 2009, that decreased Steve Plimack's purported ownership interests to 24% and added Joe Wascavage as a member to the LLC with a 26% ownership interest, (the Second Amendment).

While, the Second Amendment references the First Amendment, it may be argued that in the absence of a retroactivity clause, pursuant to Section 4A-601(b)(2) of the Corporations Article, the assignment to Steve Plimack of 26% of the ownership interest in the LLC was not effective until the unanimous consent of Brian Vetter and Stephen Vetter was evidenced in writing in May of 2009, which took effect approximately one month after the passage of the *New Legislation*. Further, while retroactivity clauses may be apropos in transactional and corporate law, it would be a slippery slope in zoning law to permit Petitioners to retroactively assist a party who is petitioning for a special hearing to obtain a declaratory judgment for a nonconforming use. Joe Wascavage's membership in the LLC did not occur until after the effective date of the

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New Legislation. Therefore, the LLC was not using the subject property in a lawful manner at the time of the adoption of the New Legislation, a lawful nonconforming use has not been established and no impairment of vested rights, denial of due process or violation of the prohibition against ex post facto laws may be alleged. The facts clearly show that when the New Legislation became effective the subject property was a boarding house, rooming house in violation of the B.C.Z.R.

III. Joe Wascavage and Steve Plimack did not meet the definition of owner as set forth in the regulations as there is no evidence that the members shared in the profits and losses of the LLC, whose sole income is the rent paid by tenants.

Assuming arguendo, that the Second Amendment retroactively admitted Joe Wascavage as a member to the LLC with an ownership interest of 26% in accordance with the Previous Legislation's definitional section, the Previous Legislation defined "owner" as "a person...who has more than 25% legal or equitable interest in the property" and who shared in 25% of the profits or losses derived from the compensation paid to the owner. The Petitioner has not met its burden of proof by providing evidence of a sharing of profits or losses by and among those members other than Stephen Vetter, Brian Vetter and the LLC itself. While the Previous Legislation required that owners share in 25% of the profits or losses, I find that the Petitioner has provided evidence of neither. The Maryland Annotated Code requires at least a little evidence that Joe Wascavage and Steve Plimack have shared in both profits and losses of the LLC. The operating agreement of the LLC did not provide for a distribution by the members of profits or losses, and is therefore subject to the Corporations and Associations Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, Section 4A-503, Sharing of Profits, and losses; distributions, which requires and states in part:

"Except as otherwise provide for in the operating agreement:

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(1) the profits and losses of a limited liability company shall be allocated among the members in proportion to their respective capital interests."

While this imposes a greater restriction on the LLC than is required by the *Previous Legislation*, it should be noted that B.C.Z.R. Section 600.1 provides for Interpretation and Validation of Provisions and states:

"In their interpretation and application, these regulations shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, convenience and general welfare. Where these regulations impose a greater restriction on the use of buildings or land or on the height of buildings, or require larger yards, courts or other open spaces, or impose other higher standards than are imposed by the provisions of any law, ordinance, regulation or private agreement, these regulations shall control. When greater restrictions are imposed by any law, ordinance, regulation or private agreement than are required by these regulations, such greater restrictions shall not be affected by these regulations."

Further, in the Memorandum of Law submitted by the Petitioner, the Petitioner stated that the sole source of income for the LLC is the rent paid by persons residing at the subject property. (See Petitioner's Exhibit 1). As such, proof of the distribution of profits and/or losses of the LLC must include evidence of the distribution of rent payments, including those made by Joe Wascavage and Steve Plimack. While it may be argued that Brian Vetter's profits and losses are evidenced by and through the payment of debt incurred on the subject property, no evidence has been provided that the rent paid by Joe Wascavage and Steve Plimack constituted a profit by both parties nor have financial statements or state and federal tax returns for the owners been submitted to contradict this inference. It is my task to resolve conflicting evidence and to draw inferences based upon that evidence. Board of Phys. Quality Assur. V. Banks, 354 Md. 59 (1999) citing Marzullo v. Kahl, 366 Md. 158, 172 (2001). The facts support the contention by the community that Joe Wascavage and Steve Plimack's status as owners is a contrivance. Based upon this information, the "rent roll" proffered into evidence by the Petitioner on March 9, 2010

(marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 3), clearly shows that prior to April 19, 2009, the effective date of Bill 17-09, the subject property was a boarding house, rooming house in violation of the B.C.Z.R. The rent roll shows that between June of 2008 to the present, three (3) or more adult persons not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner paid rent to reside in the domicile of the owner, the LLC.

IV. Even if Petitioner could demonstrate that the LLC had a lawful non-conforming use on April 19, 2009, the Second Amendment of the LLC's operating agreement unlawfully expanded the use of the property and abandoned the prior lawful non-conforming use on March 14, 2009.

A change from an approved non-conforming use to an unapproved nonconforming use can terminate the owner's rights. See Prince George's County v. E. L. Gardner, 47 Md. App. 471 (1981). Should Petitioner provide evidence that Steve Plimack was an owner on April 19, 2009 as defined under the B.C.Z.R., the Second Amendment to the LLC's operating agreement, which was executed on May 14, 2009, decreased Plimack's ownership interest in the LLC to 24% beneath the required threshold making him ineligible for ownership under the B.C.Z.R. Boarding/Rooming House definition. The transmogrification of a lawful use of the subject property from a rental property housing one (1) to two (2) owners with two (2) tenants, to a property with one (1) owner, Joe Wascavage and three tenants, Steve Plimack, Christian Pastrick, and Steve Catalano, an unlawful use, is in direct violation and contradiction of the legislative purpose of B.C.Z.R. Section 101.1. The rent roll evidences that the LLC abandoned any prior lawful non-conforming use in existence.

B.C.Z.R. Section 104.1, Continuation of nonconformance; exceptions states:

"A nonconforming use (as defined in Section 101 of the B.C.Z.R.) may continue except as otherwise specifically provided in these regulations, provided that upon any change from such nonconforming use to any other use whatsoever, or any abandonment or discontinuance of such nonconforming use for a period of one year or more, the right to resume the nonconforming use shall terminate."

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The Petitioner submitted evidence that an additional owner, Joe Wascavage, was admitted to the LLC as an owner subsequent to the effective date of the New Legislation expanding the use of the subject property.

Petitioner may argue that the increase in owners and tenants is an intensification rather than an expansion of a prior lawful nonconforming use of the subject property, similar to the increased use of a sports stadium for baseball games or the increased height of junk stored in a junkyard lot. See Feldstein v. LaVale Zoning Board, 246 Md. 204 (1967); Green, et al v. Garret, et al. 192 Md. 52 (1949). Petitioner may argue that the use increase caused by the addition of another owner at the domicile is similar to an increase in the number of decommissioned trucks kept on property owned by a trucking company. County Commissioners of Carroll County v. Zent, 86 Md.App. 745 (1991). I find that the addition of another owner is not an increase in volume. It is an increase in the use of the land in direct contradiction of the fundamental legislative purpose of the Boarding or Rooming House definition, which limits the number of tenants in a dwelling that is not subject to boarding house, rooming house regulations to two plus the owner who are unrelated by blood, marriage or adoption.

Petitioner may argue that the addition of an owner does not stray from the original nature and character of the nonconforming use, as the nature and character of the use of the land was not substantially changed. See Trip Associates, Inc. et al v. Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, 392 Md. 563, 579 citing Feldstein v. Lavale Zoning Board, 246 Md. 204, 211 (1967). This would be incorrect as the LLC was never conforming, the Second Amendment was executed subsequent to the effective date of the New Legislation, Steve Plimack cannot be considered an owner under the Previous Legislation and Joe Wascavage cannot be defined as an owner under the New Legislation.

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The facts clearly show that even if the LLC had a lawful nonconforming use on April 19, 2009, Steve Plimack's disqualification as an owner abandoned the nonconforming use rendering him an additional tenant in violation of the B.C.Z.R. This expansion of a lawful non-conforming use is tantamount to a change from the non-conforming use, which I contend never existed, terminating the LLC's right to the non-conforming use. The addition of another owner undermines the essential purpose of the law to limit the number of persons residing in a building in a D.R. zone. Numeric and volumetric increases such as the height of junk or the number of decommissioned vehicles on commercial properties are materially different than the increase in residential density without registration as a boarding house, rooming house. The addition of tenants and owners to the subject property increases traffic congestion and noise nuisances to the adjacent property owners adversely impacting their quality of life. The legislative purpose of B.C.Z.R. Section 101.1 was not to create an off campus dormitory wherein tenants could enjoy the same rights as owners, with different occupants moving in and out of the property on a quarterly basis. The law does not favor the use of a kind of a "creeping" process or a creative expansion of a pre-existing right to evade zoning regulations. Phillips v. Zoning Commissioner or Howard County, 225 Md. 102 (1961). This expansion has continued for a period of more than one year constitutes abandonment under the B.C.Z.R.

Conclusion

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I am not persuaded to grant the requested relief. Between June of 2008 and May of 2009, Joe Wascavage, Steve Plimack, Justin Malena, Eric Davis and Brian Vetter resided at the property in violation of B.C.Z.R, Sections 101 - Definition of Boarding or Rooming House; 102.1 - Conformance with Regulations; and 408B - Boarding and Rooming Houses in D.R. Zones; and failure to register the property as a

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rental in a D.R. Zone. In my judgment, the Petitioner has not satisfied the requirements of Section 101.1 of the B.C.Z.R. There is a substantial evidence on the record submitted by the Petitioner to support a conclusion that the LLC has disregarded corporate formalities, to an extent that the purported membership in the entity and ownership by the renters Joe Wascavage and Steve Plimack may be disregarded and any lawful nonconforming use of the property both expanded in contravention of the B.C.Z.R. and abandoned by 16 Skidmore Court, LLC as set forth above. The facts in this case address the number of persons living at the subject property who meet the definition of an owner under the boarding house, rooming house regulations of the B.C.Z.R. prior to the passage of the *New Legislation*, and the definition of an owner under the *New Legislation* subsequent to abandonment and expansion of the non-conforming use. Strict compliance with the prior legislation would not impose a practical difficulty on the Petitioner in that a reasonable use of the land would be permitted, and relief can not be granted to the Petitioner without a detrimental impact to adjacent properties and community.

Testimony and evidence by neighboring property owners supports a finding that the Petitioner's continued use of the subject property in contradiction of the B.C.Z.R. is detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the locale involved, creates congestion in the roads, therein through the use of the subject property by an improper number of renters, overcrowds the land and causes an undue concentration of population in a D.R. zone, and is inconsistent with the subject property's zoning classification and the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth above, the existing dwelling use shall be denied.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of April 2010, that pursuant to the Petition for Special Hearing,

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requesting approval of the subject dwelling as a legal nonconforming "boarding or rooming house" at the property known as 16 Skidmore Court, be and is hereby DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioner shall cease the use of the property for the purposes of a boarding or rooming house within four (4) months of the date of this Order and return its use to that of a single-family dwelling thereafter. To assure compliance with this Order, the Petitioner shall permit a representative of the Code Enforcement Division of the Department of Permits and Development Management reasonable access to the building to ensure compliance.

Any appeal of this decision must be taken in accordance with Section 32-3-401 of the Baltimore County Code.

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III Zoning Commissioner

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

April 2, 2010

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

NE/S Skidmore Court, 335' NE of c/line Radcliff Road (16 Skidmore Court)
9th Election District - 5th Council District
16 Skidmore Court, LLC - Petitioner
Case No. 2010-0133-SPH

Dear Mr. Gilliss:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter.

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.

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In the Matter of 16 Skidmore Court LLC Re: 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204 Before the Hearing Officer

* Civil Citation No. FAO149449 / CO0066495

Special Hearing

* Matter No. 0210-0133-SPH

MEMORANDUM OF LAW

16 Skidmore Court LLC, Petitioner, by its undersigned counsel, pursuant to Maryland Rules of Procedure, submits this Memorandum of Law in advance of the Special Hearing.

Introduction

This proceeding concerns the Baltimore County rowhouse located at 16 Skidmore Court, Towson, Maryland 21204 (the "Property").

Prior to June 2005, the Property was owned by Janenne J. Corcoran. Attached as **Exhibit** "A" is a copy of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation's Real Property Data Sheet. On or about June 16, 2005, Stephen Vetter and his son, Brian Vetter (the "Vetters"), purchased the Property from Ms. Corcoran for \$225,000.00. Attached as **Exhibit "B"** is a copy of the Deed evidencing the transfer of the Property to the Vetters. The Vetters purchased the Property as a place for Brian Vetter to reside during his college years at Towson University. Stephen Vetter participated in the purchase of the property because there was insufficient on-campus housing and a Towson University athletic department representative suggested that Stephen Vetter purchase a property in the neighborhood where his son Brian could reside and where additional tenants could assist in satisfying the mortgage obligation.

The Vetters purchased the Property in June 2005 without knowing of Baltimore County'; boarding house/rooming house regulations.

Baltimore County defines a boarding house or rooming house in Section 101.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. There, the definition is two-pronged, with one definition

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addressing a resident owner and the other prong describing a boarding house where the owner does not reside. Specifically, Section 101.1 defines a boarding or rooming house as follows:

A. A building:

- 1. Which is the domicile of the owner and in which rooms with or without meals are provided, for compensation, to three or more individuals who are 18 years old or older and not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner; or
- 2. Which is not the owner's domicile and which is occupied in its entirety, for compensation, by three or more individuals who are 18 years old or older and not related to each other by blood, marriage or adoption.

The Property was first subject to a Code Enforcement proceeding as a result of a March 22, 2007 citation. On April 11, 2007, at a proceeding before Code Enforcement Hearing Officer Raymond S. Wisnom, Jr., evidence was presented that the owner and three unrelated college students occupied the property. Mr. Wisnom found the owner in violation and ordered the owner to "reduce the number of unrelated tenants to 2 on or before July 1, 2007."

In fact, certain of the tenants did vacate the premises at the end of the school term and the Property became compliant.

Thereafter, in order to afford an opportunity for the Property to continue to be used by the Vetters as a place for Brian Vetter to reside during his college experience at Towson University and to create lawful means for others to reside there in order to assist in meeting the mortgage obligation, 16 Skidmore Court LLC (the "LLC") was created and ownership of the Property was transferred from the Vetters to the LLC, effective September 21, 2007. A copy of the Deed transferring ownership of the Property to the LLC is attached as **Exhibit "C"**.

It is important to note that, at the time the LLC was created (September 11, 2007 – see Exhibit "D") and the Property transferred, the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations defined an

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On November 25, 2008 another Code Enforcement citation was issued with respect to the Property, alleging a violation of boarding house/rooming house law. Following a December 9, 2008 hearing before Officer Rick Wisnom (who retired on December 24, 2008), Baltimore County Hearing Officer, Donald Brand, on February 4, 2009, dismissed charges, finding that there were "not three or more persons not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner residing at the Property." See Exhibit "F."

On December 30, 2008, an Amended and Restated Operating Agreement was executed by the LLC's members, evidencing three individuals possessing an ownership interest in the LLC (and, therefore, the Property) greater than 25%. Those owners and their interests on December 30, 2008 were as follows: Stephen Vetter (37%), Brian Vetter (37%) and Steve Plimack (26%). A copy of Exhibit A of the LLC's Amended and Restated Operating Agreement (evidencing the membership percentages), dated December 30, 2008, is attached as **Exhibit "G."**

On or about March 2, 2009 (effective April 19, 2009), the County Council passed Bill No. 17-2009, which amended the definition of "owner" for boarding or rooming house purposes so that, as of April 19, 2009, an "owner" is defined as: "an individual who. . . has more than a 50% legal or equitable interest in the property." *See* Exhibit "H."

Thereafter, on or about August 18, 2009, Baltimore County again issued a citation with respect to the Property (Case No. FAO149449 /CO0066495), alleging that the LLC violates the boarding house/rooming house law. See Exhibit "I."

On or about August 18, 2009 and through the citation period ending September 2, 2009, the Property had three residents: Steve Plimack, Joe Wascavage and Steve Catalano. At that time, Mr. Plimack and Mr. Wascavage were (and still are, as of the date of this Memorandum)

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each 26% interest holders in the LLC. A copy of an Amendment to the LLC's Operating

Agreement dated May 14, 2009 is attached as **Exhibit "J."** On September 7, 2009, a fourth

unrelated individual, Christian Pastrick, moved into, and currently resides at, the Property. At
the end of 2009, Mr. Catalano graduated and moved away. Presently, Messrs. Plimack,

Wascavage and Pastrick reside at 16 Skidmore Court. Messrs. Plimack and Wascavage are both

"owners" pursuant to the law which was in effect when the LLC was created.

This Special Hearing was scheduled in an effort to establish that the LLC is a valid, non-conforming use, having been created consistent with the prior law, and, hence, that Baltimore County Council Bill No. 17-09 does not preclude the 26% LLC owners and up-to-date unrelated tenants from lawfully occupying the Property. Such a situation is fully compliant with BCZR § 101.1(A)(1).

Issue

To confirm that Baltimore County Council Bill No. 17-09 (the "New Legislation"), which changed the definition of a boarding house (effective April 19, 2009), applies "prospectively" such that 16 Skidmore Court, LLC, a limited liability company organized and operating prior to the effective date of the New Legislation (and which became the legal owner of the Property prior to the effective date of the New Legislation), may continue to own, operate and manage the Property as a lawful nonconforming use.

Argument

In WSSC v. Riverdale Heights Fire Co., ¹ the Court of Appeals validated four principles of Maryland law with respect to the application of new legislation: "(1) statutes are presumed to operate prospectively unless a contrary intent appears; (2) a statute governing procedure or remedy will be applied to cases pending in court when the statute becomes effective; (3) a statute

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¹ 308 Md. 556, 520 A.2d 1319, (1987).

will be given retroactive effect if that is the legislative intent; but (4) even if intended to apply retroactively, a statute will not be given that effect if it would impair vested rights, deny due process, or violate the prohibition against *ex post facto* laws."²

The Court of Appeals in *Allstate Insurance Company v. Kim*³ set forth a two-pronged analysis to determine whether a statute may be retroactively applied to events that occurred prior to the statute's effective date. The general rule is that "statutes are presumed to operate prospectively" unless there is clear legislative intent to the contrary.⁴

There is an exception to the general rule that statues are presumed to operate prospectively. In Layton v. Howard County Board of Appeals, et al., 5 the Court of Appeals, in reaffirming Yorkdale Corporation v. Powell, 6 held that, with respect to zoning and land use cases, "a substantive change in statutory law that takes place during the course of litigation of a land use or zoning issue shall be retrospectively applied by appellate courts." Although the case at bar is a land-use/zoning case, Layton and Yorkdale are distinguishable in that the New Legislation was not enacted "during the course of litigation" or pending some sort of administrative appeal with respect to the Property. Therefore, the general rule of prospective statutory application must still apply to the Property, inasmuch as the LLC was organized prior to the effective date of the New Legislation, became the owner of the Property prior to the effective date, and the case at bar is not an example of a zoning law that was amended during the time period between an administrative action or decision and subsequent appellate review.

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If the trier of fact concludes that a legislative body intended for a particular statute to have retroactive effect, the second step in the analysis is to determine "whether such effect would

³ 376 Md. 276, 829 A.2d 611 (2003).

² Allstate Insurance Company v. Kim, 376 Md. 276, 289, 829 A.2d 611, 618 (2003).

⁴ Id. at 289, citing WSSC v. Riverdale Heights Fire Co., supra.

⁵ 399 Md. 36, 922 A.2d 576 (2007).

^{6 237} Md. 121, 205 A.2d 269 (1064).

⁷ *Id.* at 596.

contravene some Constitutional right or provision" or, with respect to Article 24 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights and Article II, §40 of the Maryland Constitution, whether it "abrogates or impairs 'vested rights'."

Legislative Intent

To determine legislative intent, courts will first look to "the plain meaning of the statutory language." Where a statute is clear on its face that it is to be applied retroactively, the analysis moves to the second "prong" of the two-prong test – whether the statute is constitutional. However, if legislative intent cannot be determined from the statutory language alone, the Court will look to legislative history or other sources. In the case at bar, there is no statutory language or other evidence that the Baltimore County Council intended for the New Legislation to be applied retroactively. For example, there is no provision for an amortization period of time for a valid entity to become compliant with the new law.

Constitutional Issues

However, assuming, arguendo, that the trier of fact finds that the Baltimore County

Council intended for the New Legislation to apply retroactively (or that the Layton/Yorkdale

exception to the general rule is somehow applicable), the New Legislation would still have to

pass constitutional muster in order for it to be applied to the LLC and the Property. With respect

to the LLC and the Property, there are primarily two constitutional issues that come into play.

Contract Impairment

Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution declares that no state shall pass any law impairing the obligation of contracts. "In determining whether an enactment violates the

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⁸ Allstate, supra, at 290.

⁹ *Id.* at 296.

¹⁰ *Id*.

¹¹ *Id*.

¹² Id.

[Contracts Clause], a court engages in a three part inquiry: whether there is a contractual relationship, whether a change in law impairs that contractual relationship, and whether the impairment is substantial."¹³

In the case at bar, the members of the LLC entered into an Operating Agreement on December 30, 2008. Retroactive application of the New Legislation would frustrate the purpose of the Operating Agreement setting forth the LLC's membership interests among its three members.

The Property is and has been in compliance with the Baltimore County Zoning
Regulations. Up to and until April 19, 2009, the effective date of the New Legislation, the
Property was in compliance by virtue of having no more than two individuals who are not related
to an owner residing at the Property. Since the effective date of the New Legislation, the
Property is in compliance because it is a valid non-conforming use. Any other conclusion would
cause a consequence that can only be described as a substantial impairment of a contractual
relationship.

Taking Without Just Compensation or Due Process of Law

Another constitutional argument is that the New Legislation impairs the vested property rights of the members of the LLC and application would deprive them of property without due process of law. The Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the taking of private property for public use without just compensation. Article III, §40 of the Maryland Constitution states that "[t]he General Assembly shall enact no Law authorizing private property, to be taken for public use, without just compensation..."

The LLC owned and operated the Property prior to the effective date of the New Legislation and even prior to the date the New Legislation was drafted (March 2, 2009). The

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¹³ Allstate, supra, at 299.

LLC's sole source of income is rent collected from the occupants of the Property. The New Legislation, were it to be applied retroactively to the Property, would reduce the maximum number of permitted occupants, ¹⁴ thus reducing the LLC's income potential by approximately twenty-five percent. Such a reduction in income potential amounts to a "taking" of private property for which no compensation has been provided by Baltimore County.

Nonconforming Use

Because "[e]very zoning regulation...effects some curtailment of 'vested' rights..."¹⁵ it is necessary to view the aforementioned constitutional issues in the context of zoning law. In the early stages of the development of zoning law, "most, if not all, zoning ordinances provided that lawful uses existing on the effective date of the law could continue although such uses could not thereafter be begun."¹⁶ These so-called "nonconforming uses" are defined as "uses permitted by zoning statutes or ordinances to continue notwithstanding that similar uses are not permitted in the area in which they are located."¹⁷

In Shifflett et al. v. Baltimore County, ¹⁸ the Court of Appeals held a Baltimore County Council ordinance eliminating all existing junk yards within two years to be constitutional. The Court reasoned that, "[b]ecause every zoning regulation affects property owned by someone at the time of its enactment, it brings about some curtailment of property rights either by restricting prospective uses or prohibiting existing ones." The Court went on to say that the junkyard's owner had "no right to expect that the classification of the property in which it operated would

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¹⁴ Due to the fact that two "owners" and two "non-owners" could lawfully reside in the Property prior to the effective date of the New Legislation. If the New Legislation is deemed to apply to the Property, there can be, by definition, only one "owner" and therefore only two additional "non-owners" could reside at the Property, unless related to the "owner."

¹⁵ Grant v. Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, 212 Md. 301, 315, 129 A.2d 363, 370 (1957).

¹⁶ Id. at 307.

¹⁷ Maryland Law Encyclopedia, §32, pp. 457-458 (2000).

¹⁸ 247 Md. 151, 230 A.2d 310 (1967).

¹⁹ *Id.* at 311.

remain unchanged indefinitely."²⁰ However, the Court of Appeals in *Shifflett* based its holding that the ordinance eliminating junkyards was constitutional largely on the fact that existing junkyards were given a two-year grace period to operate as lawful nonconforming uses.

Similarly, in *Grant v. Mayor and City Council of Baltimore*, ²¹ the Court of Appeals held constitutional a Baltimore City zoning ordinance providing for removal of billboards from residential areas after a five-year grace period. The *Grant* court reasoned that the constitutionality of the elimination of a nonconforming use "depends on overall reasonableness and on the importance of the public gain in relation to the private loss." In its holding, the *Grant* court declared: "We think that in requiring billboards to leave residential areas after a tolerance period of five years, the City Council has not overstepped the line that divides the reasonable and constitutional from the arbitrary and invalid." In so holding, the *Grant* court stated that, while it "generally is held that it is unreasonable to require immediate cessation of nonconforming uses otherwise lawful...many legislative bodies have come to the technique of statutes or ordinances that call for the cessation of the extraneous use after a tolerance or amortization period, varying in length with the nature of the use...from one year to sixty years."

In contrast to *Shifflett* and *Grant*, the New Legislation (if applied retroactively) contains no amortization provision. The New Legislation is intended to have prospective application.

Conclusion

The New Legislation must be viewed to be applied prospectively with respect to the LLC and the Property. There is a general presumption that favors the prospective application of a

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²⁰ Id

²¹ 212 Md. 301, 129 A.2d 363 (1957).

²² Id. at 315.

²³ *Id.* at 316.

²⁴ Id. at 308.

statute and there is no statutory language or other evidence to rebut the presumption of prospective application of the New Legislation. Further, any attempted retroactive application of the New Legislation to the Property violates the United States Constitution, the Maryland Constitution and the Maryland Declaration of Rights. Accordingly, the LLC must be allowed to continue to operate and manage the Property as a lawful nonconforming use because the New Legislation does not contain any amortization period that might alleviate the aforementioned constitutional concerns.

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This Deed, made this \(\frac{1}{\psi}\) day of June, 2005, by and between Janenne J. Corcoran, party of the first part, Grantor; and Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, Father and Son, parties of the second part, Grantees.

- Witnesseth -

That for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Five Thousand And 00/100 Dollars (\$225,000.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Grantor does grant and convey to the said Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, as joint tenants, and not as tenants-in-common, the survivor, and the Personal Representatives heirs and assigns of the survivor, in fee simple, all that lot of ground situate in Baltimore County, Maryland and described as follows, that is to say:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED as Lot No. 14, Block 4, as shown on the Subdivision Plan of Towson Park, which Plat is recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book GLB No. 19, folio 110. The improvements thereon being known as No. 16 Skidmore Court.

BEING the same property which by Deed dated August 4, 1993 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber SM. No. 10037, Page 023, etc., was granted and conveyed by Albert Lemieux and Cynthia Lemieux, et al. unto Janenne J. Corcoran, in fee simple.

Together with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, made or being; and all and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

To Have and To Hold the said tract of ground and premises above described and mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed, together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, as joint tenants, and not as tenants-in-common, the survivor, and the Personal Representatives heirs and assigns of the survivor, in fee simple.

And the said party of the first part hereby covenants that she has not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that she will warrant specially the property hereby granted; and that she will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

Grantor(s) hereby declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that Grantor(s) is/are a Maryland resident(s)/entity and therefore exempt from the income tax withholding requirements of Section 10-912 of the Tax-General Article, annotated Code of Maryland.

As Witness the hand and seal of said Grantor, the day and year first above written.

WITNESS:

January J. Corcoran (Seal

STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF BALTIMORE, to wit:

I hereby certify that on this 16th day of June, 2005, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Janenne J. Corcoran, the Grantor herein, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged the same for the purposes therein contained, and further acknowledged the foregoing Deed to be her act, and in my presence signed and sealed the same, giving oath under penalties of perjury that the consideration recited herein is correct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

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Notary Public

My commission expires:

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the within Deed was prepared by, or under the supervision of the undersigned, an Attorney duly admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

James D. Connor, Attorney

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OWNER OCCUPANCY AFFIDAVIT

Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, the Grantees in the within Deed hereby certify under the penalties of perjury, as evidenced by the joinder herein, that the land conveyed in this Deed is residentially improved owner-occupied real property and that the residence will be occupied by Brian Vetter.

WITNESS:

As to All

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Brian Vetter

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this 16th day of June, 2005, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, the parties herein, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged the foregoing to be their act, and in my presence signed and sealed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

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Deed converting a real estate enterprise to a limited liability company

THIS DEED, made this 21 day of Sept., 2007, by and between Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter ("Grantors"), and 16 Skidmore Court LLC, a Maryland limited liability company ("Grantee").

This transaction is exempt from all transfer and recordation tax pursuant to Section 12-108(bb) of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland in that:

- (1) The transfer is for no consideration other than the issuance of membership interests in the Grantee;
- (2) The members of the Grantee are identical to the Grantor;
- (3) Each member's allocation of profits and losses of the Grantee is identical to that member's allocation of the profits and losses of the conveying Grantors; and
- (4) All real property owned by the individual Grantors and used in the conduct of any real estate enterprise is being conveyed to a single limited liability company, Grantee.

WITNESSETH, that pursuant to the above, the Grantors do hereby grant and convey unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, all that lot of ground situate, lying and being in Baltimore County, State of Maryland, and described as follows, that is to say:

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Certification of Exemption from Withholding Upon Disposition of Maryland Real Estate Affidavit of Residence or Principal Residence

Based on the certification below, Transferor claims exemption from the tax withholding requirements of § 10-912 of Maryland's Tax General Article. Section 10-912 states that certain tax payments must be withheld when a deed or other instrument that affects a change in ownership of real property is recorded. The requirements of § 10-912 do not apply when a transferor provides a certification of Maryland residence or certification that the transferred property is the transferor's principal residence.

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Date: 09/11/2007

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102 W PENN AVE

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MD 21204-4526

THIS LETTER IS TO CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING FILING:

ENTITY NAME

: 16 SKIDMORE COURT LLC

DEPARTMENT ID

: W12120739

TYPE OF REQUEST

: ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

DATE FILED

: 09-11-2007

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PLEASE VERIFY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS LETTER. NOTIFY THIS DEPARTMENT IN WRITING IF ANY INFORMATION IS INCORRECT. INCLUDE THE CUSTOMER ID AND THE WORK ORDER NUMBER ON ANY INQUIRIES. EVERY YEAR THIS ENTITY MUST FILE A PERSONAL PROPERTY RETURN IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS EXISTENCE EVEN IF IT DOES NOT OWN PERSONAL PROPERTY. A BLANK RETURN WILL BE MAILED BY FEBRUARY OF THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE RETURN IS DUE.

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EXHIBIT "D"

having less than 100 square feet of floor area shall be considered a bedroom. [Bill No. 100-1970]

BILLIARD OR POOL ROOM — A business establishment where the principal use is the playing of pool or billiards and at least 75% of the net floor area of the establishment's interior space is devoted exclusively to this use. The net floor area does not include space that is not available for use by the public. [Bill No. 30-1983]

BOARDING- OR ROOMING HOUSE [Bill Nos. 44-1982; 124-1993; 86-2001; 102-2001]:

A. A building:

- 1. Which is the domicile of the owner and in which rooms with or without meals are provided, for compensation, to three or more adult persons not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner; or
- Which is not the owner's domicile and which is occupied in its entirety, for compensation, by three or more adult persons not related to each other by blood, marriage or adoption.
- B. The term does not include a hotel, motel, apartment building or a facility for foster care (as defined in the Family Law Article, Section 5-501(g) of the Annotated Code of Maryland and COMAR 07.06.16). The term does include a care home (as defined in the Health General Article, Section 19-307(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.) [Bill No. 137-2004]
- C. For purposes of this definition only, "owner" means a person who:
 - 1. Has more than a 25% legal or equitable interest in the property; and
 - 2. Shares in more than 25% of the profits or losses derived from the compensation paid under Paragraph A. of this definition.

BOATYARD — A commercial or nonprofit boat basin with facilities for one or more of the following: sale, construction, repair, storage, launching, berthing, securing, fueling and general servicing of marine craft of all types. [Bill No. 64-1963]

BREWERY — An establishment with a valid alcoholic beverage manufacturer's license Class 5, 6 or 7 issued in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 2B, Section 2-206, 2-207 or 2-208. [Bill No. 185-1995]

BREWERY, CLASS 5A — A brewery with a state Class 5 license which produces 100,000 or more barrels of malt beverage per year. [Bill No. 185-1995]

BREWERY, CLASS 5B — A brewery with a state Class 5 license which produces less than 100,000 barrels of malt beverage per year. [Bill No. 185-1995]

BREWERY, CLASS 6 — A brewery with a state Class 6 (pub-brewery) license. A Class 6 brewery is accessory to a standard restaurant and produces no more than 2,000 barrels of malt beverage per year. [Bill No. 185-1995]

BREWERY, CLASS 7 — A brewery with a state Class 7 (micro-brewery) license. A Class 7 brewery is established in conjunction with a standard restaurant and produces no

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Department of Permits and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

In the Matter of

Civil Citation No. 46307

Stephen Vetter Brian Vetter

16 Skidmore Court

Respondents

AMENDED FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer for the Department of Permits and Development Management on December 9, 2008, for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, Sections 101: Definition of Boarding-or Rooming House, 102.1: Conformance with Regulations, 1801.1: Applicability and 408B: Boarding-and Rooming Houses in D.R. Zones; and failure to register the property as a rental Code in a D. R. Zone known as 16 Skidmore Court, Baltimore, MD 21204.

Subsequently, the Respondents, by and through their attorney, Edward J. Gilliss, hand-delivered to Timothy M. Kotroco, Director, Department of Permits & Development Management, a letter on February 3, 2009, requesting a modification or amendment of the Final Order dated January 29, 2009. Mr. Gilliss argues that Section 3-201 of the Real Property Article is controlling which section says: The effective date of a deed is the date of delivery, and the date of delivery is presumed to be the date of the last acknowledgment, if any, or the date stated on the deed, whichever is later. Every deed, when recorded, takes effect from its effective date as against the grantor, his personal representatives, every purchaser with notice of the deed, and every creditor of the grantor with or without notice. The action brought against the Respondents was for a violation of a zoning regulation not in any way related to the grantor, his Personal Representatives, a purchaser with notice or creditor. The citation dated December 9, 2008, not November 25, 2008 as incorrectly stated in the January 29th order, charged the Respondents with violations for the period of September 17, 2008 through November 25, 2008, not through December 9, 2008 as set out, due to the fact that any violation after the date of the citation was speculative. During that time and even up to the date of the hearing no deed had been recorded which changed the ownership interests of the occupants and therefore I do not find Section 3-201 controlling.

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Mr. Gilliss also argues that even if the property had not been effectively transferred as of September 21, 2007, one of the three occupants was a first cousin of one of the owners, a fact unfortunately not previously recognized by the undersigned Hearing Officer and which was set forth in Mr. Gilliss' December 30, 2008, letter, which must be considered as the Hearing Officer, Rick Wisnom, agreed to allow the record to remain open until December 30, 2008 to accept additional information regarding ownership of the property. As a result, there were not three or more persons not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner during the violation period discussed above.

WHEREFORE, it is this 4th day of February 2009, ordered that the charge of operating a Boarding-Rooming House in the above-entitled matter is dismissed.

Signed:

Dohald E. Brand

Baltimore County Hearing Officer

NOTICE TO VIOLATOR: The violator is advised that (1) pursuant to §3-6-206(g)(2) of the Baltimore County Code, the Violator may make written application to the Director of the Department of Permits & Development Management within 10 days to modify or amend this order and (2) pursuant to §3-6-301(a), Baltimore County Code, the Violator may appeal this order to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals within fifteen (15) days from the date of this order. Any such appeal requires the filing of a petition setting forth the grounds for appeal, payment of a filing fee of \$150 and the posting of security to satisfy the penalty assessed.

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Amended and Restated Operating Agreement

Of

16 Skidmore Court LLC,

A Maryland Limited Liability Company

Dated: December 30, 2008

16 Skidmore Court LLC, A Maryland Limited Liability Company Operating Agreement

Exhibit A List of Members, Capital, and Percentages

Name and Address Of Taxpayer	Initial Cash Capital	
	Contribution	Percentages
Stephen G. Vetter 1749 Broadlee Trail Annapolis, MD 21401	Contribution of 50% interest in property having an address of 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	37%
Brian Vetter 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	Contribution of 50% interest in property having an address of 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	37%
Steve Plimack 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	\$1.00	26%

from John

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Legislative Session 2009, Legislative Day No. 5

Bill No. 17-09

Mr. <u>Joseph Bartenfelder</u>, Chairman and Councilmembers <u>Gardina</u>, <u>Moxley & Olszewski</u> By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, March 2, 2009

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Boarding- or Rooming House - Definition and clarification

FOR the purpose of raising the level of ownership interest an individual must have to be considered an owner of a property for purposes of boarding- or rooming house analysis; providing that an individual who lives in a building for a certain amount of time may be considered to reside in a building for purposes of boarding- or rooming house analysis under certain circumstances; providing for the burden of proof under certain circumstances; clarifying the intent of county rental housing law; clarifying a certain term; and generally relating to boarding- or rooming houses.

By repealing and reenacting, with amendments

Section 101, Definition of "Boarding- or rooming house" Baltimore County Zoning Regulations

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from bill.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

By adding

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Section 35-6-103(c) Article 35. Buildings and Housing Title 6. Rental Housing Licenses Baltimore County Code, 2003

- 1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
- 2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Section 101, Definition of "Boarding- or rooming house," of the
- 3 Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, is repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as
- 4 follows:
- 5 § 101. Definitions
- 6 BOARDING- OR ROOMING HOUSE:
- 7 A. A building:
- 8 1. Which is the domicile of the owner and in which rooms with or without meals are
- 9 provided, for compensation, to three or more [adult persons] INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE 18 YEARS
- 10 OLD OR OLDER AND not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner; or
- 11 2. Which is not the owner's domicile and which is occupied in its entirety, for
- compensation, by three or more [adult persons] INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE 18 YEARS OLD OR
- 13 OLDER AND not related to each other by blood, marriage or adoption.
- B. The term does not include a hotel, motel, apartment building or a facility for foster care (as
- defined in the Family Law Article, Section 5-501(g) of the Annotated Code of Maryland and
- 16 COMAR 07.06.16). The term does include a care home (as defined in the Health General Article,
- 17 Section 19-307(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.)

- C. 1 For purposes of this definition only, "owner" means [a person] AN INDIVIDUAL who: 2 1. Has more than a [25%] 50% legal or equitable interest in the property; and 3 2. Shares in more than [25%] 50% of the profits or losses derived from the 4 compensation paid under Paragraph A. of this definition. 5 D. IF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER AND WHO IS NOT 6 RELATED TO THE OWNER BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE OR ADOPTION RESIDES FOR 7 MORE THAN 30 DAYS DURING ANY TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD IN A BUILDING IN WHICH COMPENSATION IS RECEIVED FROM ANY PERSON, THE BUILDING 8 9 SHALL BE CONSIDERED THE DOMICILE OF THE INDIVIDUAL FOR PURPOSES OF 10 THIS DEFINITION. 11 E. THE OWNER OF A BUILDING SHALL HAVE THE BURDEN OF PROVING THAT AN 12 INDIVIDUAL IS RELATED BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE, OR ADOPTION EITHER TO 13 THE OWNER OR TO THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN THE DOMICILE AS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH A.1 OR A.2 OF THIS DEFINITION. 14 15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that Section 35-6-103(c) is hereby added 16 to Title 6. Rental Housing Licenses, of Article 35. Buildings and Housing, of the Baltimore County 17 Code, 2003, as amended, to read as follows: 18 § 35-6-103. (C) THIS TITLE DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE USE OF A DWELLING AS A 19
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having passed by the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect April 19, 2009.

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COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS.

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BOARDING OR ROOMING HOUSE, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE BALTIMORE

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EXHIBIT "I"

16 Skidmore Court, LLC a Maryland limited liability company

AMENDMENT TO OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT TO OPERATING AGREEMENT ("Amendment") is made this day of May, 2009, by and among Stephen G. Vetter ("Stephen") and Brian Vetter ("Brian"), Class A Members, Steve Plimack ("Plimack") and Joe Wascavage ("Wascavage"), Class B Members, and 16 Skidmore Court, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company (the "Company").

WHEREAS, The Company was formed by the filing of Articles of Organization with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation on September 11, 2007.

WHEREAS, Stephen and Brian have heretofore entered into an Operating Agreement effective September 21, 2007 (the "Original Operating Agreement") for the organization, operation and conduct of the Company.

WHEREAS, Stephen, Brian and Plimack entered into an Amended and Restated Operating Agreement on December 30, 2008 (the "Operating Agreement"), which superseded the Original Operating Agreement.

WHEREAS, the parties desire to admit Wascavage as a Class B Member upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Operating Agreement and to further amend the Operating Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree that the Operating Agreement be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

- 1. <u>New Class B Member</u>. Effective the day and year set forth above, Wascavage shall be admitted as a Class B Member of the Company and shall own a Percentage equal to 26%.
- 2. Adjustments to Percentages. Effective the day and year set forth above, Stephen's Percentage shall decrease from 37% to 24% and Brian's Percentage shall decrease from 37% to 24%. Exhibit A of the Operating Agreement is hereby amended to reflect the new Percentages consistent with this Amendment.
- 3. <u>Defined Terms</u>. All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Operating Agreement.
- 4. <u>Ratification</u>. The Operating Agreement, except as expressly amended by or inconsistent with the terms hereof, is hereby ratified and affirmed to be controlling and binding upon the Company and its Members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment by their hands and seals below.

WITNESS:	CLASS A MEMBERS
	Stephen & Vetter
	Brian Vetter (SEAL)
	CLASS B MEMBERS:
	Steve Plimack (SEAL)
	(SEAL)
	16 SKIDMORE COURT, LLC. a Maryland limited liability company By:
	Stephen G. Vetter, authorized person



Contract Purchaser/Lessee:

Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 16 Skidmore Court, Towson, MD 21204 which is presently zoued Residential

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 Beltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

16 Skidmore Court as a lawful non-conforming use for "boarding or rooming house" purposes consistent with BCZR § 101.1 (definition of boarding or rooming house) by virtue of the fact that 16 Skidmore Court, LLC was organized as a Maryland limited liability company and became the legal owner of the above-referenced property prior to the effective date of County Council Bill No. 17-09.

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.

Legal Owner(s): Name - Type or Print Signature Robert S. Handzo, Resident Agent Address Telephone No. Name - Type or Print Royston, Mueller, McLean & Reid, LLP Signature City Zip Code 102 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 Attorney For Petitioner: Telephone No. 410-823-1800 Edward J. Gilliss Name - Type or Print Towson, MD 21204 Zip Code City Representative to be Contacted: Slanature Royston, Mueller, McLean & Reid, LLP Company Edward J. Gilliss Royston, Mueller, McLean & Reid, LLP 410-823-1800 102 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 410-823-1800 Talephone No. 102 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 Zio Cade Towson OFFICE USE ONLY ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING Case No. 2010-0133-5PH UNAVATIABLE FOR HEARING REV 9/15/98 ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING



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OFFICE USE ONLY

ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING

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Name - Type or Print Signature Robert S. Handzo, Resident Agent Telephone No. Address Royston, Mueller, McLean & Reid, LI P Zip Code 102 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 Attorney For Petitioner: Address Telephone No. 410-823-1800 Towson, MD 21204 Edward J. Gilliss Name - Type or Print City Representative to be Contacted: Signature Edward J. Gilliss Royston, Mueller, McLean & Reid, LLP 102 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600 410-823-1800 Royston, Mueller, McLean & Reid, LLP 410-823-1800 Address 21204 Towson Zip Code Towson

Zoning Description for 16 Skidmore Court

Beginning at a point on the northeast side of Skidmore Court which is 60 feet wide at a distance of 335 feet (+/-) northeast of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Radcliffe Road which is 60 feet wide. Being Lot #14, Block 4, in the subdivision of Towson Park as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book #19, Folio # 110, containing 5760 square feet. Also known as 16 Skidmore Court and located in the 9th Election District, 5th Councilmanic District.

Item #0133

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.

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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: # 2010-0133-SPH

Case. # 2010-0133-5PH
16 Skidmore Court
N/east side of Skidmore Court, 335 feet +/- n/east
of the centerline of Radcliffe Road
9th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s): Edward Gillis

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Special Hearing: to allow a lawful non-conforming use for
"boarding or rooming house" purpose consistent with BCZR
101.1 (definition of boarding or rooming house) by virtue of
the fact that 16 Skidmore Court, LLC was organized as a
Maryland limited liability company and became the legal
owner of the above referenced property prior to the effective date of County Council Bill No. 17-09.
Hearing: Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in
Room 106, County Office Building, 105 West Chesapeake Ayenue, 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.

JT/11/900 Nov. 24 222392

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

11/26/,2009
THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published
in the following weekly newspaper published in Baltimore County, Md.,
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J. Carroll Holzer, Esquire 508 Fairmount Avenue Towson, MD 21286

RE: In the Matter of: 16 SKIDMORE COURT, LLC
Case No. 10-133-SPH

Dear Mr. Holzer:

This will acknowledge receipt of your hand delivered correspondence dated November 16, 2010, in which you entered your appearance and requested a continuance of the December 21st and 22nd, 2010 hearing dates in the subject matter. The continuance is granted.

This matter has been re-assigned as follows:

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Enclosed is the Notice of Postponement and Re-Assignment.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 410-887-3180.

Very truly yours,

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February 23, 2010

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Dear: Edward J. Gilliass

RE: Case Number 2010-0133-SPH, 16 Skidmore Ct.

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on October 14, 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 Ribal &

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:lnw

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel Robert S. Handzo; 16 Skidmore Court, LLC; 102 Pennsylvania Ave. Ste. 600; Towson, MD 21204 BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: January 12, 2010

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

16 Skidmore Court

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

10-133 (revised comment)

Petitioner:

Robert S. Handzo

Zoning:

DR 10.5

Requested Action:

Special Hearing

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The applicant 16 Skidmore Court LLC seeks a special hearing to confirm a lawful pre-existing non-conforming boarding house for more then two unrelated adults. The subject property is located within a neighborhood that has traffic and parking issues issues. The increase in parking and traffic that a new rooming house would generate would have a detrimental impact on the immediate thoroughfare but also the entire community as a whole.

It is incumbent upon the petitioner to demonstrate the boarding house is a non-conforming use. Should the petitioner not be able to demonstrate the pre-existing non-conforming use boarding house use, the Office of Planning will not support the creation of a new boarding house use at this site.

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

Division Chief:

AFK/LL: CM



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

December 1, 2009

Edward J. Gilliss Royston, Mueller, McLean & Reid, LLP 102 W. Pennsylvania Ave. Ste. 600 Towson, MD 21204

Dear: Edward J. Gilliss

RE: Case Number 2010-0133-SPH, 16 Skidmore Ct.

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on October 14, 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,

1. Cal Rich

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR:lnw

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

Robert Handzo; 102 W. Pennsylvania Ave. Ste. 600; Towson, MD 21204



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

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: 10-30-2009

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 - 0133 - SPH

16 SHIDMORE COURT

TOWSON PARK

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. 2016.

0133-5PH.

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

Very truly yours,

Steven D. Foster,

Engineering Access Permits

Division

SDF/mb

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: October 21, 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 November 2, 2009

Item Nos. 10-092, 124, 125, 127,

128, 129, 130, and 133

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

DAK:CEN:kmt

cc: File

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

DATE: November 6, 2009

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

16 Skidmore Court

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

10-133

Petitioner:

Robert S. Handzo

Robert S. Han

Zoning:

DR 10.5

Requested Action:

Special Hearing

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The applicant 16 Skidmore Court LLC seeks a special hearing to ultimately permit a boarding house for more then two unrelated adults. It is apparent that the subject property is located within a neighborhood that has capacity, traffic and parking issues issues. The increase in parking and traffic that a rooming house would generate would have a detrimental impact on the immediate thoroughfare but also entire community as a whole. Permitting a rooming house at this location would set a precedent in this community that would further exacerbate it's current overcrowded conditions. In addition to setting a pattern of relief for other rental properties seeking zoning relief for a rooming houses.

In light of the aforementioned, The Office of Planning recommends **<u>DENIAL</u>** of the petitioner's request for a rooming house.

For further information concerning the matters stated here in, please contact Donnell Zeigler at 410-887-

3480.

Prepared by:

Division Chief:

AFK/LL: CM





BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence



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ZONING COMMISSIONER

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco

FROM:

Dave Lykens, DEPRM - Development Coordination

DATE:

November 27, 2009

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item # 10-133-SPH

Address

16 Skidmore Court (16 Skidmore Court, LLC Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 19, 2009

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

Reviewer:

JWL

Date: 11/27/09

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING *
16 Skidmore Court; NE/S of Skidmore Court,
335' NE c/line of Radcliffe Road *
9th Election and 5th Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): 16 Skidmore Court, LLC *
Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

10-133-SPH

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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Peter Mar Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 28th day of October, 2009, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Edward J. Gilliss, Esquire, Royston, Mueller, McLean & Reid, LLP, 102 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 600, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zumerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN People's Counsel for Baltimore County

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence

TO:

Kristen Matthews, DPDM

DATE: December 7, 2009

File

FROM:

William J. Wiseman, H

Zoning Commissioner

SUBJECT:

Petition for Special Hearing

NE/S of Skidmore Court, 335' NE c/line of Radcliffe Road

(16 Skidmore Court)

16 Skidmore Court, LLC - Petitioner

Case No. 2010-0133-SPH

The above-referenced file was received by our office on Friday, December 4, 2009. In reviewing our correspondence and then speaking with counsel, Edward J. Gilliss, Esq., please find the attached email which confirms the postponement of this week's hearing scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2009, at 11:00 PM. Therefore, this file is being returned to your office for rescheduling per Mike Mohler's request.

WJW:dlw Attachment

DIVISION OF CODE INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVE VIOLATION CASE DOCUMENTS

CO-0066495 16 Skidmore Court

BALTIMORE COUNTY MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE:

May 26, 2009

TO:

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

FROM:

Meghan Ferguson, Chief

Division of Code Inspections & Enforcement

SUBJECT:

Item No:

2010-0133-SPH

Legal Owner/Petitioner:

16 Skidmore Court, LLC

Contract Purchaser:

Property Address:

16 Skidmore Ct

Location Description:

North east side of Skidmore Cr; 335 feet +/- north

east of the center line of Radcliffe Rd.

Please be advised that the aforementioned petition is the subject of an active violation case. When the petition is scheduled for a public hearing, please notify the following person(s) regarding the hearing date: Latoshia Rumsey-Scott

In addition, please find attached a duplicate copy of the following pertinent documents relative to the violation case, for review by the Zoning Commissioner's Office:

Case No: CO-0066495

Citation

Interrogatories Police Report

After the public hearing is held, please send a copy of the Zoning Commissioner's order to Christina Moscati in Room 213 in order that the appropriate action may be taken relative to the violation case.

MF/cm

C: Latoshia Rumsey-Scott, Code Enforcement Officer

P s and Development Management hspections and Enforcement County Office Building, Rm. 213 111 West Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Maryland 21204



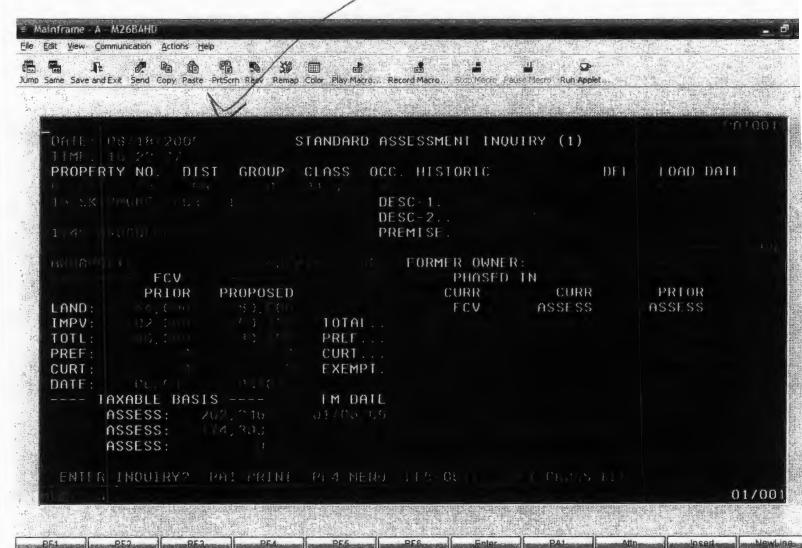
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Robert S. Handzo
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TOWSON STATE MARYLAND ZIP CODE 21204
VIOLATION DATES: 08/18/09 thru, 09/02/09
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Pursuant to Section 1-2-217, Baltimore County Code, civil penalty has been assessed, as a result of the violation(s) cited herein, in the amount indicated:
A quasi-judicial hearing has been pre-scheduled in room 10, DATE: 09,02,09 111 W. Chesapeake Ave, Towson, Maryland, 21204, for:
TIME: 9 A.M. / P.M.
I do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalty of perjury, that the contents stated above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge information, and belief.
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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

August 18, 2009

16 Skidmore Court, LLC Robert S. Handzo 102 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204

RE: 16 Skidmore Court, 21204

Alleged Use: Rooming and Boarding House

Dear 16 Skidmore Court, LLC;

Baltimore County has received information of an illegal boarding or rooming house at the property referenced above. Such use have caused a great deal of concern in areas such as in the vicinity of Towson University regarding, but not limited to, adequate residential parking space, noise and failure to discard trash and debris.

Section 101, definitions, in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations defines Boarding or Rooming house as follows:

BOARDING- OR ROOMING HOUSE

- A. A building:
- 1. Which is the domicile of the owner and in which rooms with or without meals are provided, for compensation, to three or more individuals who are 18 years old or older and not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner; or
- 2. Which is not the owner's domicile and which is occupied in its entirety, for compensation, by three or more individuals who are 18 years old or older and not related to each other by blood, marriage or adoption.
- B. The term does not include a hotel, motel, apartment building or a facility for foster care (as defined in the Family Law Article, Section 5-501(g) of the Annotated Code of Maryland and COMAR 07.06.16). The term does include a care home (as defined in the Health General Article, Section 19-307(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.)
- C. For purposes of this definition only, "owner" means an individual who:
- 1. Has more than a 50% legal or equitable interest in the property; and
- 2. Shares in more than 50% of the profits or losses derived from the compensation paid under Paragraph A of this definition.
- D. If an individual who is 18 years old or older and who is not related to the owner by blood, marriage or adoption resides for more than 30 days during any twelve-month period in a building in which compensation is received from any person, the building shall be considered the domicile of the individual for purposes of this definition.

E. The owner of a building shall have the burden of proving that an individual is related by blood, marriage, or adoption either to the owner or to the other individuals in the domicile as required under Paragraph A.1 or A.2 of this definition.

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Section 102.1 states No land shall be used or occupied and no building or structure shall be erected, altered, located or used except in conformity with these regulations and this shall include any extension of a lawful nonconforming use.

Section 408B of the County Code dictates the requirements for the operation of a Boarding or Rooming House in a Density Residential Zone.

A Citation is enclosed along with Interrogatories, which you must complete in writing and under oath.

Feel free to contact me with any questions at 410-887-3351.

Sincerely

Latoshia Rumsey-Scott Baltimore County Code

Inspections and Enforcement Officer

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ROOMING HOUSE QUESTIONS FOR COMPLAINANT

Case Number:	
Inspector's Name:	
Alleged Violation Addresses: (See	below)
Return Questionnaire by:	
Dear	, the Baltimore
County Department of Permits and your help to correct code violations to your complaint. To aid us in tal that you write out answers to the provided and mail them in the self-enclosed for your convenience to:	s at the address above, which relate king corrective action, we request following questions in the space
Department of Permits and Develo 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Rm. 2	
Tower Mandand 21204	

Towson, Maryland 21204

We thank you in advance for your assistance in helping to correct this apparent Code violation.

- 1. Print your full name: __Sister Evelyn J. Grudza, OSF
- 2. Print your current address: 9 Skidmore Court, Towson 21204
- Please provide your telephone number and/or e-mail address to assist us in communicating with you more efficiently. Due to our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, this information may be available to anyone requesting it, including owner and occupants of the subject property.

Phone: 410-296-8071 - e-mail address: genesish@verizon.net

- 4. How long have you lived at this address? 12 years
- 5. If you believe the rooming/boarding house at the subject property ("Alleged violation address") is owner occupied, what is the basis of such belief?

Owners do not live in these houses. They have new students each year.

#4 Skidmore Ct - now has two students
OWNER: HAN T TRUONG AND YI W HUANG - SOLD 6/26/2006

#6 Skidmore Court – has four students (1 male; three females and maybe more)

OWNER - GLENN EUBINAG AND SUSAN EUBINAG - SOLD-8/8/2006

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OWNER: STEPHEN AND BRIAN VETTER - SOLD - 6/24/2005

#905 Radcliffe – now has four residents (extremely noisey) PURCHASED EARLY IN 2008.

6. How many people do you believe reside at this address and describe the basis of such understanding on your part including, if possible, the length of occupancy time for each resident?

(See above) - each house has had new students every year and sometimes every semester.

7. If you are aware that any residents of the subject property are related to the owner please state the source of such knowledge on you part.

(I don't know the relationship they have with each other.)

8. For what period of time have you observed more than 2 unrelated individuals living at the subject property?

Students moved in Labor Day, 2008 this year! Each year, it is a different date and sometimes they change each semester.

Do you know the names, sex and/or approximate ages of any of the residents of the subject property? Yes ____ No _X __
 If yes, please provide below any information known.

10.	How often do you observe the resident of the subject property (i.e., at least daily, weekly, other)? They are observed daily!!!!!
11.	Do any residents drive a vehicle? Yes _X_ No If yes, provide the make, and State of origin and number of the license plate attached to the vehicle.
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#16	SKIDMORE COURT
#10	311-BBB
	KDW-528
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	MG4-754 - NISSON MAXIMA
	EEW-3329 - NEW YORK LICENSE
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ROOMING HOUSE QUESTIONS FOR COMPLAINANT

Case Number:	
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Return Questionnaire by:	
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111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Rm. 213	

We thank you in advance for your assistance in helping to correct this apparent Code violation.

1. Print your full name: Andrea C. Dodge

Towson, Maryland 21204

- 2. Print your current address: 18 Skidmore Court, Towson 21204
- Please provide your telephone number and/or e-mail address to assist us in communicating with you more efficiently. Due to our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, this information may be available to anyone requesting it, including owner and occupants of the subject property.

Phone: 410-828-0140 — e-mail address: andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com

- 4. How long have you lived at this address? Since March 2002
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Thank You for your assistance.

Fax Sheet



University Police

Police Department Criminal Investigations	To Latoshia Rumsey-Scott	From	Detective George Morgan			
Community Crimes Reduction Unit Towson University	Company Balto. Co. Code Enforcement	Date	11/17/08			
8000 York Road Towson, MD 21252-0001	Fax No. 410 887 2824	Pages	4			
t. 410 704-3403 f. 410 704-3784	cc:					

Message

Here is the report regarding 16 Skidmore Court.

POLICE INCIDENT REPORT

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REPORTING OFFICER/ID NO MORGAN, JR. 336

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POLICE INCIDENT REPORT

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Synopsis:

Off Campus Housing Visits

On Thursday, 10/16/08, I visited two off campus residences identified as being occupied by Towson Jniversity students. Ms. Carol Galladian, Coordinator - Off Campus Student Services, accompanied me on hese visits. We visited the locations because they had been identified by complaints to Judicial Affairs. The complaints concerned the residents at the location playing music loudly and having disorderly parties.

The addresses were:

- · 1518 Cottage Lane rowhouse development
- · 16 Skidmore Court rowhouse development

At Cottage Lane we spoke with two female subjects at the location who were identified as Kathleen Lucke and Kristina Shannon. They are both Towson University students and are members of the university volleyball team. They stated that there are two other subjects that reside at the location, but they were not home at the time of the visit. They stated that they are also members of the volleyball ream. They identified them as:

- · Alexis Perko
- Madeline Haseltine

I informed Luecke and Shannon that the reason we were visiting the residence was because it had been dentified by neighbors as being a location where a loud parties had recently occurred. They stated that they did not have any parties at the location since they moved in at the beginning of this semester. They stated that one evening at the beginning of the semester all of their parents were at the location, but that nothing unusual had occurred on that date. They stated that they had been contacted by the coach of the volleyball team regarding a phone call that he received from Judicial Affairs in reference to this situation. I thecked with the Baltimore County Police Department and determined that there had been no calls for service at this location since 8/08 to this date.

Ms. Galladian explained the Off Campus Housing Policy to Luecke and Shannon, and supplied them with iterature related to the policy. Ms. Galladian informed them that this visit constituted a first warning under the Off Campus Housing Policy. I informed them that the Baltimore County Police would take appropriate action if they responded to this location for any future complaints, and Judicial Affairs would be notified of any future violations.

We spoke with two male subjects at Skidmore Court who stated that they are Towson University students. They identified themselves as Joseph Wascavage and Steven Plimack. They stated that there are two other subjects that reside at the location, but they were not home at the time of the visit. They identified them as:

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Eric Davis
Brian Vetter

Nascavage stated that both he and Vetter are members of the university lacrosse team. He stated that /etter and Vetter's father own the residence, and that Vetter is out of the country this semester in the study Abroad Program. It should be noted that Vetter has been notified about the Off Campus Housing Policy on a previous occasion.

informed Wascavage and Plimack that we were visiting the location because a complaint had been filed with Judicial Affairs regarding loud and disorderly behavior at this residence. Wascavage and Plimack denied any such incidents and stated that the residents of the adjoining rowhouse seemed to be targeting the students. I informed them that Judicial Affairs may be contacting Vetter for additional sanctions since ne was the owner of the location and was residing there during previous notifications.

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request that copies of this report be forwarded to Judicial Affairs and Campus Life

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Limit on extension of nonconforming buildings and uses; exception.

[Bill No. 124-1991]

No nonconforming building or structure and no nonconforming use of a building, structure or parcel of land shall hereafter be extended more than 25% of the ground floor area of the building so used. This provision does not apply to structures or uses restored pursuant to Section 104.2, except as authorized by the Zoning Commissioner pursuant to Section 307.

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§ 104.4 Exception for certain office buildings.

[Bill Nos. 167-1980; 124-1991]

Any contrary provision of these regulations notwithstanding, an office building that was authorized by grant of a special exception and that becomes damaged to any extent or destroyed by casualty may be fully restored in accordance with the terms of the special exception.

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

	The undersigned, with the intention of creating a Ma	aryland Limited Liability	y Company files the
follov	owing Articles of Organization:		SPARE
(1)	The name of the Limited Liability Company is: Ski	dmore LLC	NTS & TAN
(2)	The purpose for which the Limited Liability Compani	y is filed is as follows:	
(3)	The address of the Limited Liability Company in Ma	ryland is	
5456	6 Wingborne Ct., Columbia, Maryland 21045		
(4) Regi	The resident agent of the Limited Liability Company ginald Kenneth Farmer	y in Maryland is	
whos	ose address is 5456 Wingborne Ct., Columbia, Maryland	21045	
(<u>5</u>)	Tamar Baloshian	(6) Arrivation (6) Reginal de Kenne	Resident Agent
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NONCONFORMING USE -- A legal use that does not conform to a use regulation for the zone in which it is located or to a special regulation applicable to such a use. A specifically named use described by the adjective "nonconforming" is a nonconforming use. [Bill No. 18-1976]



COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Legislative Session 2009, Legislative Day No. <u>5</u>

Bill No. <u>17-09</u>

Mr. <u>Joseph Bartenfelder</u>, Chairman and Councilmembers <u>Gardina</u>, <u>Moxley & Olszewski</u>
By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, March 2, 2009

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Boarding- or Rooming House - Definition and clarification

FOR the purpose of raising the level of ownership interest an individual must have to be considered an owner of a property for purposes of boarding- or rooming house analysis; providing that an individual who lives in a building for a certain amount of time may be considered to reside in a building for purposes of boarding- or rooming house analysis under certain circumstances; providing for the burden of proof under certain circumstances; clarifying the intent of county rental housing law; clarifying a certain term; and generally relating to boarding- or rooming houses.

By repealing and reenacting, with amendments

Section 101, Definition of "Boarding- or rooming house" Baltimore County Zoning Regulations

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from bill. Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

By adding

Section 35-6-103(c)
Article 35. Buildings and Housing
Title 6. Rental Housing Licenses
Baltimore County Code, 2003

1	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACIED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
2	COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Section 101, Definition of "Boarding- or rooming house," of the

- 3 Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, is repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as
- 4 follows:
- 5 § 101. Definitions
- 6 BOARDING- OR ROOMING HOUSE:
- 7 A. A building:
- 8 1. Which is the domicile of the owner and in which rooms with or without meals are
- 9 provided, for compensation, to three or more [adult persons] INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE 18 YEARS
- OLD OR OLDER AND not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner; or
- 11 2. Which is not the owner's domicile and which is occupied in its entirety, for
- compensation, by three or more [adult persons] INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE 18 YEARS OLD OR
- OLDER AND not related to each other by blood, marriage or adoption.
- B. The term does not include a hotel, motel, apartment building or a facility for foster care (as
- defined in the Family Law Article, Section 5-501(g) of the Annotated Code of Maryland and
- 16 COMAR 07.06.16). The term does include a care home (as defined in the Health General Article,
- 17 Section 19-307(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.)

1	C.	For purposes of this definition only, "owner" means [a person] AN INDIVIDUAL who:
2		1. Has more than a [25%] 50% legal or equitable interest in the property; and
3		2. Shares in more than [25%] 50% of the profits or losses derived from the
4	comp	pensation paid under Paragraph A. of this definition.
5	D.	IF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER AND WHO IS NOT
6		RELATED TO THE OWNER BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE OR ADOPTION RESIDES FOR
7		MORE THAN 30 DAYS DURING ANY TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD IN A BUILDING
8		IN WHICH COMPENSATION IS RECEIVED FROM ANY PERSON, THE BUILDING
9		SHALL BE CONSIDERED THE DOMICILE OF THE INDIVIDUAL FOR PURPOSES OF
10		THIS DEFINITION.
11	E.	THE OWNER OF A BUILDING SHALL HAVE THE BURDEN OF PROVING THAT AN
12		INDIVIDUAL IS RELATED BY BLOOD, MARRIAGE, OR ADOPTION EITHER TO
13		THE OWNER OR TO THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN THE DOMICILE AS REQUIRED
14		UNDER PARAGRAPH A.1 OR A.2 OF THIS DEFINITION.
15		SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that Section 35-6-103(c) is hereby added
16	to Ti	tle 6. Rental Housing Licenses, of Article 35. Buildings and Housing, of the Baltimore County
17	Code	e, 2003, as amended, to read as follows:
18	§ 35-	6-103.
19		(C) THIS TITLE DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE USE OF A DWELLING AS A
20	BOA	RDINGOR ROOMING HOUSE, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE BALTIMORE
21	COL	INTY ZONING REGULATIONS.

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affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect April 19, 2009.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having passed by the

Bill 17-09

Council District(s) All

Councilmen Bartenfelder, Gardina and Moxley (By Req.)

Zoning Regulations – Boarding or Rooming House Definition and Clarification

Bill 17-09 proposes to amend the definition of a boarding or rooming house in the Zoning Regulations.

The current definition is:

"A. A building:

- 1. Which is the domicile of the owner and in which rooms with or without meals are provided, for compensation, to three or more adult persons not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner; or
- 2. Which is not the owner's domicile and which is occupied in its entirety, for compensation, by three or more adult persons not related to each other by blood, marriage or adoption.
- B. The term does not include a hotel, motel, apartment building, or a facility for foster care (as defined in the Family Law Article, Section 5-501(g) of the Annotated Code of Maryland and COMAR 07.06.16). The term does include a care home (as defined in the Health General Article, Section 19-307(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland).
- C. For purposes of this definition only, "owner" means a person who:
 - Has more than a 25% legal or equitable interest in the property;
 and
 - 2. Shares in more than 25% of the profits or losses derived from the compensation paid under paragraph A. of this definition."

Bill 17-09 (cont'd) April 6, 2009

The bill amends the definition to provide that a person who may be considered an "owner" for purposes of the definition must have more than a 50% legal or equitable interest in the property and share in more than 50% of the profits or losses derived. The bill clarifies that persons who live in a building for over 30 days may be considered to reside therein. The bill places on the owner of the property the burden of proving that a person is a relative of the owner or another tenant.

The Department of Permits and Development Management advises that there are currently complaints on file alleging that numerous structures are operating as boarding houses in violation of the law and that only a few structures are currently operating lawfully, i.e., pursuant to a use permit issued under Section 408B of the Zoning Regulations.

With the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council and signature by the Executive, Bill 17-09 will take effect on April 19, 2009.

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Department of Permits and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

In the Matter of

Civil Citation No. 46307

Stephen Vetter Brian Vetter

16 Skidmore Court

Respondents

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSION OF LAW FINAL ORDER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer for the Department of Permits and Development Management on December 9, 2008, for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, Sections 101: Definition of Boarding-or Rooming House, 102.1: Conformance with Regulations, 1B01.1: Applicability and 408B: Boarding-and Rooming Houses in D.R. Zones; and failure to register the property as a rental Code in a D. R. Zone known as 16 Skidmore Court, Baltimore, MD 21204.

On November 25, 2008, pursuant to § 3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, a Code Enforcement citation was issued. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1st class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$6,000.00 (six thousand dollars).

The following persons appeared for the Hearing: Stephen Vetter, Respondent; Edward J. Gillis, attorney for the Respondents; Latoshia Rumsey-Scott, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Officer and Faye Citerone, a representative of the Greater Towson Council of Communities Association.

The Hearing Officer, Rick Wisnom, who presided at the hearing on December 9, 2008, retired effective December 24, 2008, and, as a result, the recorded testimony of all persons appearing at the hearing was heard by the undersigned currently acting Hearing Officer who also reviewed all exhibits presented as well as a hand-delivered letter to Mr. Wisnom dated December 30, 2008, from Stephen Vetter's attorney, Mr. Gillis, and enclosures.

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The evidence shows that on the date of the citation, November 25, 2008, the land records of Baltimore County showed the owners of the subject property to be the two Respondents. Section 3-101(a) of the Real Property Article of the Annotated Code of MD states *General rule. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no estate of inheritance or freehold, declaration or limitation of use, estate above seven years, or deed may pass or take effect unless the deed granting it is executed and recorded.* The exceptions are not relevant to the case here. The deed presented by Mr. Gillis shows it was recorded on December 30, 2008; therefore, not until December 30, 2008, did the ownership of the property become effective such that its use by the four occupants here, 3 current owners of interests greater than 25%, as members of the limited liability company, and a cousin, related by blood, ceased to be a Board-Rooming House as defined by Baltimore County. Prior to such time, the uncontested occupation by the four occupants made it a Rooming-Boarding House existing in a D.R. zone. The testimony also revealed that one of the occupants, Brian Vetter, may be being educated abroad and thus may not have been an occupant during the dates of violation; however, I find that the subject property is his primary residence to which he will return and charge him with occupancy during all relevant times.

Although the BEING clause of the current deed shows that the property was conveyed to the Respondents by deed dated June 15, 2005, and the receipt from the MD Dept. of Assessments & Taxation shows that the new owner, 16 Skidmore Court LLC, came into existence on September 11, 2007, the evidence clearly shows that steps to change the ownership of the property began at some time prior to December 30, 2008, such that it's use would no longer fall within the definition of a Boarding-Rooming House.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer this 29th day January 2009 that a civil penalty be imposed in the amount of \$800.00.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the charge of failing to register the rental property is dismissed, as the deadline for registration was December 31, 2008.

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Signed:	•			
	Donald E.	Brand		
	Baltimore	County Hearing Officer		

NOTICE TO VIOLATOR: The violator is advised that (1) pursuant to §3-6-206(g)(2) of the Baltimore County Code, the Violator may make written application to the Director of the Department of Permits & Development Management within 10 days to modify or amend this order and (2) pursuant to §3-6-301(a), Baltimore County Code, the Violator may appeal this order to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals within fifteen (15) days from the date of this order. Any such appeal requires the filing of a petition setting forth the grounds for appeal, payment of a filing fee of \$150 and the posting of security to satisfy the penalty assessed.

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AMENDED FINAL ORDER

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Subsequently, the Respondents, by and through their attorney, Edward J. Gillis, had-delivered to Timothy M. Kotroco, Director, Department of Permits & Development Management, a letter on February 3, 2009, requesting a modification or amendment of the Final Order dated January 29, 2009. Mr. Gillis argues that Section 3-201 of the Real Property Article is controlling which section says: The effective date of a deed is the date of delivery, and the date of delivery is presumed to be the date of the last acknowledgment, if any, or the date stated on the deed, whichever is later. Every deed, when recorded, takes effect from its effective date as against the grantor, his personal representatives, every purchaser with notice of the deed, and every creditor of the grantor with or without notice. The action brought against the Respondents was for a violation of a zoning regulation not in any way related to the grantor, his Personal Representatives, a purchaser with notice or creditor. The citation dated December 9, 2008, not November 25, 2008 as incorrectly stated in the January 29th order, charged the Respondents with violations for the period of September 17, 20089 through November 25, 2008, not through December 9, 2009 as set out, due to the fact that any violation after the date of the citation was speculative. During that time and even up to the date of the hearing no deed had been recorded which changed the ownership interests of the occupants and therefore I do not find Section 3-201 controlling.

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Mr. Gillis also argues that even if the property had not been effectively transferred as of September 21, 2007, one of the three occupants was a first cousin of one of the owners, a fact unfortunately not previously recognized by the undersigned Hearing Officer and which was set forth in Mr. Gillis' December 30, 2008, letter, which must be considered as the Hearing Officer, Rick Wisnom, agreed to allow the record to remain open until December 30, 2008 to accept additional information regarding ownership of the property. As a result, there were not three or more persons not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner during the violation period discussed above.

WHEREFORE, it is this 4th day of February 2009, ordered that the charge of operating a Boarding-Rooming House in the above-entitled matter is dismissed.

Signed:______
Donald E. Brand

Donald E. Brand
Baltimore County Hearing Officer

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Bill Wiseman - Fw: Council Notes on bill 1709

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Nanci Barker <nancibarker@yahoo.com>

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Date: Friday, March 5, 2010, 12:18 PM

Hello Commissioner Wiseman,

I am following up about any notes from the County Council pertaining to bill 1709 and existing LLC's. The meeting where the public and council interacted was a work session, and minutes are not kept of work sessions. However, I was directed to the the auditor's notes for any additional comments made about the bill, and I found these at http://resources.baltimorecountymd.gov/Documents/Auditor/fiscal%20notes%

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Both the prior and current bills define an owner as having an equitable interest AND sharing in the profits or losses in the same percentage as the ownership interest. As you noted during the meeting yesterday, relevant information would be the tax reporting and filings to all of the owners under either the prior or current legislation.

Also the notes include the following statement " The bill clarifies that persons who live in a building for over 30 days may be considered to reside therein." To me this indicates that the intent was always to include long-term 'guests' as residents for zoning purposes. Other Skidmore Court residents presented documentation that includes details about the frequency and length-of-stay of 'guests.'

I will follow-up with the council members to see if any kept notes from the work session.

Thank you for the opportunity to gather input.

Sincerely,

Nanci Barker 13 Skidmore Court 410-371-2613

Bill Wiseman - Fwd: LLC

From: John Beverungen
To: Wiseman, Bill

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Subject: Fwd: LLC

Assume the party that wants a nonconforming use shoulders the burden of proof to establish same. In that regard, attached is a section of the LLC code that requires a member's withdraw from an LLC to be in writing....so I guess if plaintiff has no evidence of that, he can't carry his burden to show that the membership ever changed?

JB.

John E. Beverungen County Attorney Baltimore County Office of Law 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 410-887-4420

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Title 4A. Limited Liability Company Act (Refs & Annos)



Subtitle 6. Membership



§ 4A-605. Procedure for withdrawal

A member may withdraw by giving not less than 6 months' prior written notice to the other members at their respective addresses as shown on the books of the limited liability company, unless:

- (1) The operating agreement provides that the member does not have the right or power to withdraw; or
- (2) The operating agreement specifies another time for or other conditions of withdrawal.

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Deed converting a real estate enterprise to a limited liability company

THIS DEED, made this 21 day of Sept., 2007, by and between Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter ("Grantors"), and 16 Skidmore Court LLC, a Maryland limited liability company ("Grantee").

This transaction is exempt from all transfer and recordation tax pursuant to Section 12-108(bb) of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland in that:

- The transfer is for no consideration other than the issuance of membership (1) interests in the Grantee;
- (2) The members of the Grantee are identical to the Grantor;
- Each member's allocation of profits and losses of the Grantee is identical to that (3) member's allocation of the profits and losses of the conveying Grantors; and
- (4) All real property owned by the individual Grantors and used in the conduct of any real estate enterprise is being conveyed to a single limited liability company, Grantee.

WITNESSETH, that pursuant to the above, the Grantors do hereby grant and convey unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, all that lot of ground situate, lying and being in Baltimore County, State of Maryland, and described as follows, that is to say:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED as Lot No. 14, Block 4, as shown on the Subdivision Plan of Towson Park, which Plat is recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book G.L.B. No. 19, folio 110.

The improvements thereon being known as No. 16 Skidmore Court.

BEING the same property described in a Deed dated June 16, 2005, and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber S.M. No. 22109, folio 361, from Janenne J. Corcoran to Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, the Grantors herein.

TOGETHER with the buildings and improvements thereupon; and the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said described lot of ground and premises to the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, in fee simple.

AND the said Grantors hereby covenant that they have not done or suffered to be done any act, matter, or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that they will warrant specially the property hereby granted; and that they will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

WITNESS the hands and seals of said Grantons.

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STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF BALTIMORE, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 21⁵¹ day of September, 2007, before me, a Notary Public in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, personally appeared Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained as their act and deed.

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My Commission Expires: [2 1 09]	Notary Public	NOTA STAND

The undersigned, a member in good standing of the Bar of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, hereby certifies that the within instrument was prepared by or under the supervision of him.

Robert S. Handzo

Certification of Exemption from Withholding Upon Disposition of Maryland Real Estate Affidavit of Residence or Principal Residence

Based on the certification below, Transferor claims exemption from the tax withholding requirements of § 10-912 of Maryland's Tax General Article. Section 10-912 states that certain tax payments must be withheld when a deed or other instrument that affects a change in ownership of real property is recorded. The requirements of § 10-912 do not apply when a transferor provides a certification of Maryland residence or certification that the transferred property is the transferor's principal residence.

Stephen Vetter	Stephen Vetter					
	2. Reason for Exemption					
Resident	I, Transferor, am a resident of the State of Maryland.					
Simis	Transferor is a resident entity under § 10-912(A)(4) of Maryland's Tax General Article, I am an agent of Transferor, and I have authority to sign this document on Transferor's					

behalf.

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Under penalty of perjury, I certify that I have examined this declaration and that, to the best of my knowledge, it is true, correct, and complete.

principal residence as defined in IRC § 121.

Although I am no longer a resident of the State of Maryland, the Property is my

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1. Transferor Information

Name of Transferor Brian Vetter	
	22. Reason for Exemption
Regident : Serve	 I, Transferor, am a resident of the State of Maryland. Transferor is a resident entity under § 10-912(A)(4) of Maryland's Tax General Article, I am an agent of Transferor, and I have authority to sign this document on Transferor's behalf.
Participal	Although I am no longer a resident of the State of Maryland, the Property is my principal residence as defined in IRC § 121.

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that I have examined this declaration and that, to the best of my knowledge, it is true, correct, and complete.

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Witness Witness Handy	Brian Vetter Name Signature
Witness/Attest	Name of Entity
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CASE NUMBER: 2010-0133-SPH - RESPONSES TO MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

16 Skidmore Court

Location: NE Side of Skidmore Court; 335 feet NE of the c/l of Radcliff Road.

9th Election District, 5th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner: 16 Skidmore Court, LLC

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CC:

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April 28, 2010

William J. Wiseman, III, Zoning Commissioner **Baltimore County Zoning Board** 105 W Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 21204

ATTN: Case No. 2010-0133-SPH



Dear Mr. Wiseman:

I have been informed that a Motion of Reconsideration has been made regarding the property located at 16 Skidmore Court, Towson, MD 21204.

As a resident homeowner of the Towson Park community, I am respectfully asking you to consider our community health, safety and general welfare in regards to the use of the property mentioned above.

The use of the subject property by an improper number of renters, creates congestion in the roads, overcrowds the land and causes an undue concentration of population in a D.R. zone and it is inconsistent with the subject property's zoning classification and the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations.

The ever increasing problems with student rentals in our community, as Towson University's growth, has been accompanied by more and more students opting for off-campus housing and then ignoring the responsibilities of life in a residential community. The situation at 16 Skidmore Court has been an example of a worst case scenario for our community. We thought that the problem was solved with your recent ruling.

I am confident that a lot of effort and research took on your part to reach your decision and I support your initial ruling.

Sincerely,

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April 27, 2010

William Wiseman Zoning Commissioner Baltimore County Zoning Board 105 W Chesapeake Avenue Suite 103 Towson MD 21204

ATTN: Case No. 2010-0133-SPH

Dear Mr. Wiseman,

As a resident homeowner of the Towson Park community for over 40 years, I have seen the ever increasing problems with student rentals in our community as Towson University's growth has been accompanied by more & more students opting for off-campus housing and then ignoring the responsibilities of life in a residential community. The situation at 16 Skidmore Court has been an example of a worst case scenario for this community. We thought that the problem at that address was solved with your recent ruling.

Now I've been informed that you've been asked to reconsider & reverse your decision. I trust that your reconsideration process will serve to convince you that your original decision in the above referenced case was correct and should be left to stand.

I support your original decision.

Yours truly,

Don Kalkman

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William J. Wiseman, III, Esquire Zoning Commissioner 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204-4710

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

April 24, 2010

RE:

16 Skidmore Ct. LLC

Case No. 0210-0133-SPH

Dear Mr. Wiseman,

Your letter of April 21, 2010 was received with great dismay. It is difficult for me to understand Mr. Gilliss's arguments put forth in rebuttal to your findings in regard to #16 Skidmore Court.

It seems to me that Mr. Gilliss's statements attempted to find your arguments at fault simply because Mr. Vetter is determined to prove that he had established the LLC prior to the new law of July, 2009. I believe that we have given you many examples of his disregard for the law with the letters, e-mails, etc. that were submitted at the time of the trial.

We strongly urge you to deny his request for a "Request for Reconsideration" on the basis of the facts that were presented at the time of the trial.

Our community does not need a landowner who disregards the laws and even circumvents them when it is convenient for him. I am responding for two of us who have lived on Skidmore Court for the past 13 years.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Enelyn J. Drukza, ost Su Michele Kriezky, oof Sister Evelyn J. Grudza, OSF

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10 Winthrop Court Towson, MD 21204 April 28, 2110

Mr. William Wiseman, Zoning Commissioner Baltimore County Zoning Board 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 21204

Attn: Case No. 210-0133-SPH

Dear Mr. Wiseman:

We urge you to deny the motion for reconsideration of the above captioned case. We believe that you initial ruling is correct. It seems to us that Mr. Vetter, in selling a substantial share of the house at 16 Skidmore Court for one dollar, was gaming the system and attempting to circumvent to rooming house regulations.

Sincerely yours,

Suran J Shankroff and Herbert B. Shankroff

Mrs. Kathy Hoatson 958 Fairmount Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 828-0362

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

April 29, 2010

William Wiseman Zoning Commissioner Baltimore County Zoning Board 105 W Chesapeake Avenue Suite 103 Towson MD 21204

ATTN: Case No. 2010-0133-SPH

Dear Mr. Wiseman,

As a resident homeowner of the Towson Park community for over 37 years, I have seen the ever increasing problems with unscrupulous landlords who rent to Towson University students and group families in our community. This has been going on for a very long time with Baltimore County turning a blind eye. This increases traffic problems, parking problems, noise problems, and a fire hazards which never existed in all of the years that I have lived in Towson Park. There are two homes on Fairmount Avenue that are being rented by more than 6 to 8 people in them at the present time. We thought that the one problem at 16 Skidmore Court was solved with your recent ruling and that you would continue to look into other residents which are being illegally rented to in the future.

Now, I've been informed that you've been asked to reconsider & reverse your decision. I trust that your reconsideration process will serve to convince you that your original decision in the above referenced case was correct and should be left to stand. Please continue to look into this problem in Towson Park. There are other homes that are being illegally rented.

I support your original decision.

Yours truly,

Kathy Hoatson

Janice Solomon 10856 Green Mountain Circle Columbia, Maryland 21044 410-730-8987

April 29, 2010

William Wiseman Zoning Commissioner Baltimore County Zoning Board 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Case No. 2010-0133-SPH

Dear Mr. Wiseman,

I am writing to you as a concerned friend of Andrea Dodge. I have seen and heard firsthand the problems with the student rental property adjoining Ms. Dodge's house. I am appalled that this is allowed to happen in a residential neighborhood.

It is my hope that you stay with your original decision in the above referenced case.

Yours truly,

Janice Solomon

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Bill Wiseman - 2010-0133-SPH reconsideration.

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Date:

5/4/2010 2:47 PM

Subject:

2010-0133-SPH reconsideration.

William Wiseman, Zoning Commissioner **Baltimore County Zoning Board** 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Md. 21204

ATTN: Case No. 2010-0133-SPH

Dear Commissioner Wiseman,

I am so sorry that you once again have to be bothered with this issue, on which you made the correct decision - to deny. How dare they question your ruling!

I appreciated you seeing the big picture and how allowing the LLC to operate that way, could affect the other 59 rentals in the neighborhood as well as countless rentals in all the neighboring Towson University communities.

We are working hard to keep our neighborhood a residential, family neighborhood and not turning it into the next real estate opportunity!

I feel that our schools are excellent, we have wonderful parks nearby etc, all of which are a huge draw when people look at the houses here.

Again, please stick to your decision, and deny this LLC any more consderation. They've had a nice ride, the boys will be moving and hopefully Mr. Vetter and "Co" will find a nice family to rent that house.

Thanks again for your wise decision.

Nancy Pivec

President

Towson Park Community Corporation

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ANDREA C. DODGE DOROTHY MANDELL 18 SKIDMORE COURT TOWSON, MD 21204

ZONING COMMISSIONER

April 30, 2010

William Wiseman Zoning Commissioner Baltimore County Zoning Board 105 W Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 21204

Attn.: Case No. 2010-0133-SPH 16 Skidmore Court

Dear Mr. Wiseman,

I want to thank you for your recent ruling regarding 16 Skidmore Court. My mother and I were very pleased with your decision.

I purchased my home in 2002. When I moved to Towson Park it was a quiet, clean, family oriented community. Over the years it has drastically changed because of student rentals. When the Vetter's purchased the home next door to me, our lives turned upside down. I could have never imagined the problems I would encounter because of disruptive neighbors. It has been a nightmare; parties, loud music, parking, kids coming and going 24 -7 (flop house), and foul language. As I stated in the hearing, it is Grand Central Station. And contrary to what Mr. Gilliss said in the hearing, the renters do not take care of the property. I should have gotten the records from Code Enforcement, as I know myself and the neighbors behind me have reported over the past several years, loose trash and tall grass. I believe the young boys that Mr. Vetter rents to are too immature to be living on their own and unsupervised.

As a single woman working full time, caring for my elderly mother and a home, I really don't need the stress of dealing with the situation next door. There have been days when I dreaded the thought of coming home to my own house. All we desire is to be able to live in a peaceful dwelling place. This is my home, a home that is affordable to me.

I am sure Mr. Vetter doesn't lose sleep at night because of noisy neighbors. He has been aware of these problems since day one. You would think he would be a little more considerate and sensitive to our situation. He says he needs a lot of renters to be able to pay his mortgage, yet he can afford to retain a lawyer for the past several years.

Page 2 Case No. 2010-0133-SPH 16 Skidmore Court

Mr. Wiseman, I know that a lot of time and consideration went into your decision. I feel that Mr. Gillis is trying to drag this out as long as possible and taking every opportunity to delay the final outcome. We hope and pray that you deny the petition for reconsideration and I support your original decision.

Respectfully yours,

Andrea C. Dodge

Dorothy M. Mandell

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The Greater Towson Council of Community Associations, Inc.

• P.O. Box 5421

• Towson, MD 21285-5421

www.gtcca.org



May 7, 2010

Mr. William Wiseman Zoning Commissioner Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204 RE: Case number: 2010-0133-SPH

16 Skidmore Court

Dear Mr. Wiseman:

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Towson Council of Community Associations (GTCCA) to request that you deny the Request for Reconsideration submitted by Mr. Edward Gilliss on behalf of his client, Mr. Stephen B. Vetter, in the above-referenced case.

I believe that the many members of the community who provided written and verbal testimony for the 3/4/10 hearing provided sufficient argument and your ruling provided sound legal justification for the denial of the non-conforming use status. It is clear that, rather than simply bringing his property into compliance with County code, Mr. Vetter is sparing no expense in exhausting all legal avenues to allow him to continue the illegal use of this residential property, with no regard for the detrimental impact on neighboring property owners.

The GTCCA stands by its written and verbal testimony and strongly supports your ruling in this case. We urge you to deny the Request for Reconsideration.

Thank you for your diligent work and continued attention to this case.

Sincerely,

Edward T. Kilcullen, Jr.

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William Wiseman, Zoning Commissioner

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ATTN: Case No. 2010-0133-SPH

Dear Commissioner Wiseman,

I appreciate your concern and diligence regarding Case No. 2010-0133-SPH. I read the decision and whole heartedly approved.

I am writing this rebuttal letter regarding the current motion for reconsideration for that case. I personally feel that this is a legal play to prolong the abuse of zoning violations by this owner and his manufactured co-owners. One specific concept that I found noteworthy regarding this case was the total absence of the other owners of the LLC. Could this have been to avoid them having to answer questions regarding the legitimacy of their ownership? The only owner was the person on record that paid the deposit on the property and was the chief owner—why weren't the other people there? They want consideration when they had so little consideration for the court by providing a partial ownership to the initial case? This injustice and bending the rules to provide a boarding house with a lack of consideration for the court is wrong and was intended I feel to happen to keep the students out of court and away from questions they might answer that would go against their case.

In consideration to the noise violation by the landlord I found a case that has been used to hold landlords responsible for the quiet and comfort of neighbors as well as tenants in noise violation cases. In the case *Bocchini v. Gom* heard in the Maryland court of special appeals a landmark decision was made where the landlord was held responsible for his breach of the covenant of quite enjoyment. That the material fact was that this landlord had some "measure of control over the offending tenant."

I believe the Case No. 2010-0133-SPH's motion for reconsideration should be denied. This Landlord, turned owner partner, by representing the other owners showed himself to be the primary in charge person who had a measure of control over the behavior of his tenants, now called partial owners, and he violated that over and over again by fighting the Zoning office with loopholes that didn't hold up at the hearing. Now they have had time to reconsider and they probably have shored up some of the leaks to their situation. Who's to say what contrived story they will come up with this time. In the decision made by the zoning commission regarding the LLC this covenant of quiet enjoyment was included. The nature of their LLC was presented. The whole decision took much research on your part and diligence. I believe the decision was extremely well written and detailed the situation exactly as it is and needs no further consideration.

I also feel that the lack of a paper trail for the other "owners" and their own lack of participation in this case reflects how little they have to gain from this case or how truly they are involved. They are but a front for a boarding house. I also found out from someone who looked at the house when it was originally up for sale that it had a mother in law quarter with a kitchen and bath—which is against the zoning if it's being used as an apartment separate from the house when the tenant isn't a relative. That too should be checked out. This neighborhood isn't zoned for apartments in the houses.

I thank you for your time and consideration and excellent job with the work and information you included in your initial decision and I know you will make the right choice for our neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,

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May 5, 2010

William Wiseman Zoning Commissioner
Baltimore County Zoning Board 105 W Chesapeake Avenue Suite 103
Towson MD 21204

ATTN: Case No. 2010-0133-SPH

Dear Mr. Wiseman,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your recent ruling regarding 16 Skidmore Court. I know a lot of time and research went into your decision.

As a resident homeowner of the Towson Park community for 10 years, I have seen the ever increasing problems with student rentals in our community and have become aware of the deterioration taking place in our neighborhood.

I am also very concerned at how these LLC's are created in a residential neighborhood without any notification to the community. In this case, I believe we found out through the Towson Times article. I believe Mr. Vetter is not sensitive to our concerns and his house is simply a business investment.

Towson Park community is a great place to live and we want to keep it that way. We want to be a community that people want to move into because it is a safe and quiet place to live. Therefore, I support your decision and urge that you deny the petition for reconsideration.

Respectfully yours,

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director
Office of the Director - Permit and Development Management
County Office Building
Suite 105
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

October 21, 2009

RE: Case 2010-0133SPH - 16 Skidmore Court, Baltimore, MD

Mr. Kotroco,

Please notify the following interested parties of all actions and hearings related to this case.

Please also notify the same parties of all hearing results.

Mrs. Fay Citerone, Sister Evelyn Grudza, Ms. Andrea Dodge, Ms. Nanci Barker Mr. Eric Dabirsiaghi Ms. Nancy Pivec

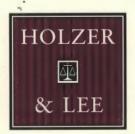
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Respectfully,

Fay Citerone, treasurer Greater Towson Council of Community Association



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November 16, 2010 #7906

Lawrence M. Stahl, Chairman Baltimore County Board of Appeals Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Second Floor, Suite 203 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Special Hearing

16 Skidmore Court

Case No.: 2010-0133-SPH

Dear Chairman Stahl:

Please be advised that I was retained last evening to represent the following Community Association and individuals, Mr. Edward T. Kilcullen, Jr., President, The Greater Towson Council of Community Associations, Inc., Ms. Nancy E. Pivec, President, Towson Park Community Association, Mr. Paul Hartman, Aigburth Manor Association, Inc., Ms. Fay Citerone, Knollwood-Donnybrook Improvement Association and individuals, Ms. Andrea C. Dodge, 18 Skidmore Court, Sister Michele Kriczky, 9 Skidmore Court and Sister Evelyn Grudza, 9 Skidmore Court.

The case is currently assigned for Tuesday and Wednesday, December 21st and 22, 2010. This matter is extremely controversial and legally complicated as indicated by the Zoning Commissioner's Decision, the Petitioner's Motion for Reconsideration and the Zoning Commissioner's ultimate Decision denying the Motion for Reconsideration. In that I was not involved in this matter before the Zoning Commissioner, I respectfully require additional time to prepare for the Legal Argument in this case.



Lawrence M. Stahl, Chairman November 16, 2010 Page two Further, after my meeting with the Community leaders last evening, I have discovered that many witnesses and individuals who participated in the Zoning Commissioner's Hearing will be unable to attend due to the close proximity of December 21st and 22, 2010, to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. I would therefore, respectfully request a postponement of this matter. I will be out of the office the last week of December and the first week of January. I will be available later in January at the Board's convenience. Thank you for your review of this request. Very truly yours, . Carroll Holzer JCH:mlg cc: Edward J. Gillis, Esquire

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VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Mr. Timothy M. Kotroco, Director Department of Permit and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Rm. 105 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re:

Petition for Special Hearing

16 Skidmore Court, Towson, Maryland

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

Enclosed please find a Petition for Special Hearing to be filed in connection with the above-referenced property.

Please contact me to arrange a time and date for a hearing. Thank you for your assistance.

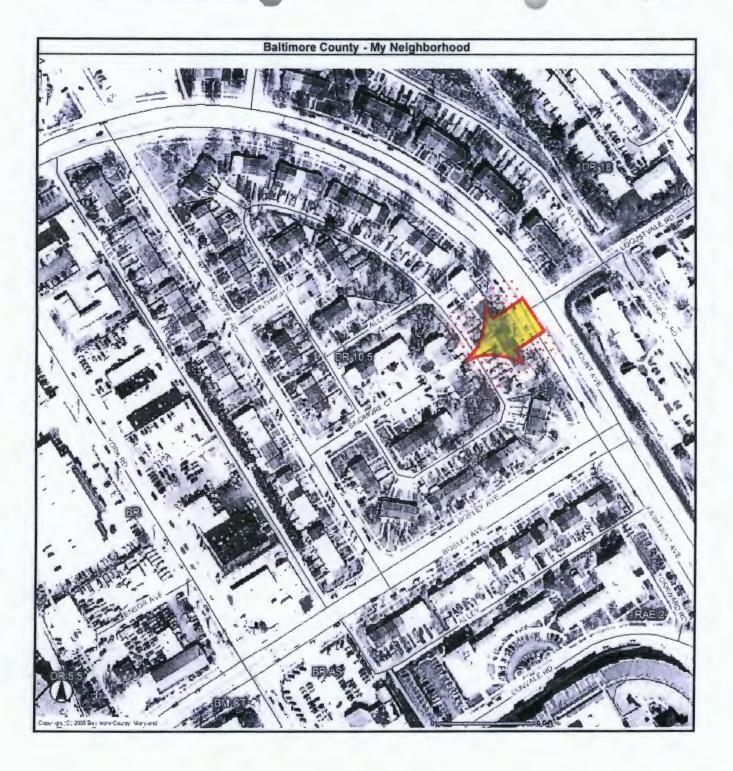
Very truly yours,

Edward J. Gilliss

EJG/sml Enclosure

cc:

Mr. Stephen B. Vetter (w/encl.)



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Mr. Timothy M. Kotroco, Director Department of Permit and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Rm. 105 Towson, Maryland 21204

Re:

16 Skidmore Court, LLC 16 Skidmore Court Towson, Maryland 21204

Civil Citation No. FAO149449 / CO0066495

2010-0133

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

I enclose with this letter a copy of my August 31, 2009 letter to you regarding the abovecaptioned matter, as well as a copy of the Petition for Special Hearing which accompanied the letter.

I use this letter to inquire of the status of this matter and to confirm that you do not need any additional information from me. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will assume that I am just waiting for the assignment of a date for a hearing before the Hearing Officer.

With this letter, I also advise you that one of my clients, Stephen Vetter, will be out-of-town during the week of September 28. Hence, I request that the week of September 28, 2009 – October 2, 2009 be avoided as schedules are prepared.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Gilliss

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Mr. Stephen B. Vetter (w/o encls.)

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Dear Sirs:

In accordance with my October 6, 2009 telephone conversation with David Duvall of your office, I have made revisions to the Petition for Special Hearing originally delivered to Director Timothy M. Kotroco on September 22, 2009. The change makes clear that the Petition for Special Hearing is to confirm that 16 Skidmore Court, LLC, is a lawful non-conforming use for "boarding or rooming house" purposes consistent with BCZR § 101.1 (definition of boarding or rooming house).

Further, consistent with Mr. Duvall's advice, I enclose with this letter my firm's advance account check payable to Baltimore County in the amount of \$325.00. I understand that, upon your receipt of this letter and upon your receipt of this check, you will return to me the \$100.00 check which accompanied the original filing.

Although I disagree with the County's analysis that 16 Skidmore Court, LLC, is a commercial enterprise and therefore subject to a \$325.00 filing fee as opposed to a residential enterprise subject to a \$65.00 filing fee, I will reserve the right to argue that matter at the time the special hearing is heard.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. Stephen B. Vetter (w/encls.)

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Via Hand Delivery

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Re:

16 Skidmore Court, LLC Case No. 0210-0133-SPH

Hearing Date: December 10, 2009

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

This letter concerns the above-captioned matter and the hearing which has been set for December 10, 2009. For your immediate convenience, a copy of the Notice is attached to this letter.

The principal of 16 Skidmore Court, LLC, Stephen Vetter, has advised me that he will be out of the country, on business, in Uruguay on December 10, 2009, and hence, with this letter, I request that this matter be reset for a new hearing date.

Mr. Vetter does advise that he is available between December 16 and December 23, 2009. I am available on December 21 and December 22, 2009.

It is possible for your Office to reset this matter for one of the following dates:

December 21, 2009; or December 22, 2009.

I thank you for your cooperation.



Mr. Timothy M. Kotroco, Director Department of Permit and Development Management Page 2 November 25, 2009

If you desire or require a more formal request for this matter to be rescheduled, please advise and I will abide by your requirements.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Gilliss

EJG/jls

Enclosures

Zoning Commissioner's Office (w/ encls.) (via hand delivery)

Mr. Stephen B. Vetter (w/encls.) (via regular mail)
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Consistent with Deputy Director Mike Mohler's January 27, 2010 e-mail to me, I understand that there is no need for a second filing fee in order for Kristen Matthews to set this matter for hearing on an agreed date in March 2010. I thank you for your cooperation in that regard.

I look forward to receiving formal confirmation from Kristen Matthews or from the Zoning Commissioner's Office of the date in March 2010 for the hearing.

In the meantime if you have any comments or questions, or otherwise wish to discuss this mater, please telephone me.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. Stephen B. Vetter

Mr. Mike Mohler, Deputy Director (w/encl.)

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Mike Mohler - 16 Skidmore

From:

"Edward J. Gilliss" <egilliss@rmmr.com>

To:

Mike Mohler <mmohler@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date:

12/2/2009 9:18 AM

Subject:

16 Skidmore

Attachments: 20091202091503235.pdf

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Mr. Vetter and I look forward to meeting with you on the morning of December 17, 2009.

Thanks.

Ed Gilliss

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Debbie,

Here is an email which confirms the postponement of this week's hearing.

Ed Gilliss

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From: Mike Mohler [mailto:mmohler@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2009 10:50 AM

To: Kristen Matthews; Edward J. Gilliss

Subject: Re: 16 Skidmore

Thanks Ed I have delivered to Kristen this morning.

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Mike Mohler, Deputy Director Permits and Development 410-887-3375

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Carl Richards - 16 Skidmore Ct.

From:

Mike Mohler

To:

Carl Richards

Date:

10/6/2009 3:41 PM

Subject: 16 Skidmore Ct.

Carl, the case number is: CO-0066495- rooming and boarding violation if you need more info. let me know

Mike Mohler, Deputy Director Permits and Development 410-887-3375

Item # 0133

From:

"Edward J. Gilliss" <egilliss@rmmr.com>

To:

"'jsanders@baltimorecountymd.gov" <jsanders@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date: Subject: 10/22/2009 3:34 PM 16 Skidmore Court LLC

Julie, My client advises that he will be unavailable for a hearing on most dates prior to November 15th. I have not yet received a hearing date, and might not for some time, but I wanted to ask that the time before 11/15 be avoided if possible.

Thanks.

Ed Gilliss

Sent using BlackBerry

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From:

Debra Wiley

To:

Mohler, Mike

Date:

11/30/2009 1:08 PM

Subject:

Re: 16 Skidmore

Kristen Matthews in the Zoning Review Office is the scheduler for zoning cases. By copy of this email, Kristen should advise you when it is rescheduled.

Debbie Wiley
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>>> Mike Mohler 11/30/2009 9:52 AM >>>

I have received communication from Ed Gillis requesting the hearing for the matter be reset for December 21 or 22,2009. Please let us know when the date is firm.

Mike Mohler, Deputy Director Permits and Development 410-887-3375

CC:

Matthews, Kristen; Wiseman, Bill

Kristen Matthews - RE: 16 Skidmore

From:

"Edward J. Gilliss" <egilliss@rmmr.com>

To:

Kristen Matthews kmatthews@baltimorecountymd.gov

Date:

1/28/2010 10:32 AM Subject: RE: 16 Skidmore

CC:

Mike Mohler <mmohler@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Kristen,

Does this mean that you want me to give you potential dates in March?

If so, I will get right on the assignment.

Ed Gilliss

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From: Kristen Matthews [mailto:kmatthews@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 8:59 AM

To: Edward J. Gilliss Subject: RE: 16 Skidmore

Mr. Gillis,

After reviewing the calendar, February does not allow ample enough time for posting and advertising requirements to be met. So I would like to get availability for yourself and other necessary parties involved so that the hearing can be scheduled at a time that would be convenient for everyone. As soon as I get the dates, I will work around what you provide and give a date to case asap.

>>> "Edward J. Gilliss" <egilliss@rmmr.com> 1/27/2010 5:35 PM >>>

Kristen,

Is there a window of time that I should look at to give you my availability? February? March?

Thanks.

Ed Gilliss

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From: Mike Mohler [mailto:mmohler@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2010 3:02 PM

To: Edward J. Gilliss

Cc: Jennifer Frankovich; Kristen Matthews; Timothy Kotroco

Subject: RE: 16 Skidmore

Ed, spoke with Tim this afternoon. Since you had paid a filing fee before, but never had the hearing, Tim is waiving the fee for this hearing(if our information is correct). However you must pay the advertising fee. Please send Kristen a note with possible hearing dates.

Kristen, please set this in ASAP and copy all when that date is set.

ThankYou

Mike Mohler, Deputy Director Permits and Development 410-887-3375

>>> "Edward J. Gilliss" <egilliss@rmmr.com> 1/26/2010 3:58 PM >>>

Mike,

Have you gotten some potential dates from Kristen that I can run by my calendar and by Mr. Vetter's travel schedule?

I, too, would like to have this matter resolved.

Ed Gilliss

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From: Mike Mohler [mailto:mmohler@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2010 1:55 PM

To: Edward J. Gilliss Subject: RE: 16 Skidmore

I going on advice of Counsel- please start the process to expedite- I'll talk to Kristen today- maybe you can handle w/out Vetter

Mike Mohler, Deputy Director Permits and Development 410-887-3375

>>> "Edward J. Gilliss" <egilliss@rmmr.com> 1/25/2010 1:52 PM >>>

Mike,

What did Ms. Ferguson say? Can't she review and decide that enforcement is inappropriate?

Assuming that such has been rejected, I will now contact Mr. Vetter, get dates that he will be in the country, and then ask Kristen Matthews to schedule around the date availability.

Call me if you wish to discuss.

Ed Gilliss

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From: Mike Mohler [mailto:mmohler@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2010 12:17 PM

To: Edward J. Gilliss Cc: Timothy Kotroco Subject: RE: 16 Skidmore

We thought we had this settled but on advice from counsel please schedule a hearing in front of the Zoning Commissioner. Let's both try to manage this process to put the hearing on a fast track.

Mike Mohler, Deputy Director Permits and Development 410-887-3375

>>> "Edward J. Gilliss" <egilliss@rmmr.com> 1/13/2010 2:12 PM >>>

Mike,

My client must be traveling. I have asked for dates and invited a discussion about the two alternative forums for resolution. I have not heard back as of yet. Please allow me a little more time to hear from Mr. Vetter.

In the meantime, may I have a brief meeting with you and Mr. Kotroco to understand your vision of a proceeding before Meg Ferguson? I am available tomorrow a.m. if that works for you two.

Thanks.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 11:52 AM

To: Edward J. Gilliss Cc: Timothy Kotroco Subject: 16 Skidmore

Ed I really don't want this to continue to sit in limbo I'm getting heat from the community to settle this as the community is complaining about unruly behavior again. I must get this in front of Meg, please give me a date in the near future that fits your and Mr. Vetters schedule.

Mike Mohler, Deputy Director Permits and Development 410-887-3375

Kristen Matthews - Re: 16 Skidmore

From:

Mike Mohler

To:

Edward J. Gilliss; Kristen Matthews

Date:

12/2/2009 10:49 AM

Subject: Re: 16 Skidmore

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Debra Wiley - FW: 16 Skidmore

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To:

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Date:

12/7/2009 9:35 AM

Subject:

FW: 16 Skidmore

Debbie.

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Debra Wiley

To:

Matthews, Kristen; Wheatley, Rebecca

Date:

2/1/2010 2:15 PM 2010-0133-SPH

Subject: Attachments:

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Hi there,

Please find attached the "latest" that I had in the system about the above.

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 **CASE NO.: 10-133-SPH**

16 SKIDMORE COURT, LLC 16 SKIDMORE COURT

9TH E; 5TH C (SEE ADDRESS DOCUMENT FOR PARTIES)

Re: Petition for Special Hearing to approve a non-conforming use for a "boarding or rooming house" at the subject property by virtue of the fact that 16 Skidmore Court, LLC was organized as a Maryland Limited Liability Company and became legal owner of the subject property prior to the effective date of County Council Bill No: 17-09.

4/2/10	Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law issued by the Zoning Commissioner wherein the requested relief was DENIED and it was further ordered that Petitioner have 4 months to cease the use of the property for the purposes of a boarding or rooming house.
5/11/10	Order on Motion for Reconsideration issued by Zoning Commissioner, DENYING the Motion for Reconsideration.

NOTE

THIS APPEAL WAS FILED ON JUNE 4, BUT THE BOARD DID NOT RECEIVE THE APPEAL UNTIL OCTOBER 5 4 MONTHS AFTER THE APPEAL WAS FILED.

Various discussions regarding the scheduling of this matter. Agreed date of December 21 and 22, 2010.

11/4/10	Hearing scheduled for December 21 and 22, 2010 by agreement of Counsel. Notices sent to all parties / SEE ADDRESS DOCUMENT. Board notified.
11/16/10	Received notification from Mr. Holzer that he had been retained as Counsel. Requested PP. Spoke to PC and Mr. Holzer – dates of 1/26; 1/27/ and 2/1 are okay.
11/18/10	Spoke to Mr. Gillis re: dates – he will get back to me.
11/26/10	LM for Mr. Gilllis that I would like to get the notice out on Monday. Please advise re: dates.

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11/29/10 Spoke to Mr. Gillis and he has not heard from his client. He suggested to go ahead and schedule; he advised that he was currently open on those dates; however, he was not sure if his cliebnt was going to go forward with the appeal.

Matter pp and re-assigned to 1/26; 1/27 and February 1, 2011 @ 10;

Notices sent to all the parties. Board notified.

12/3/10 Received Hand Delivered letter from Mr. Gillis dismissing the appeal.

12/6/10 Prepared the Order for signature.

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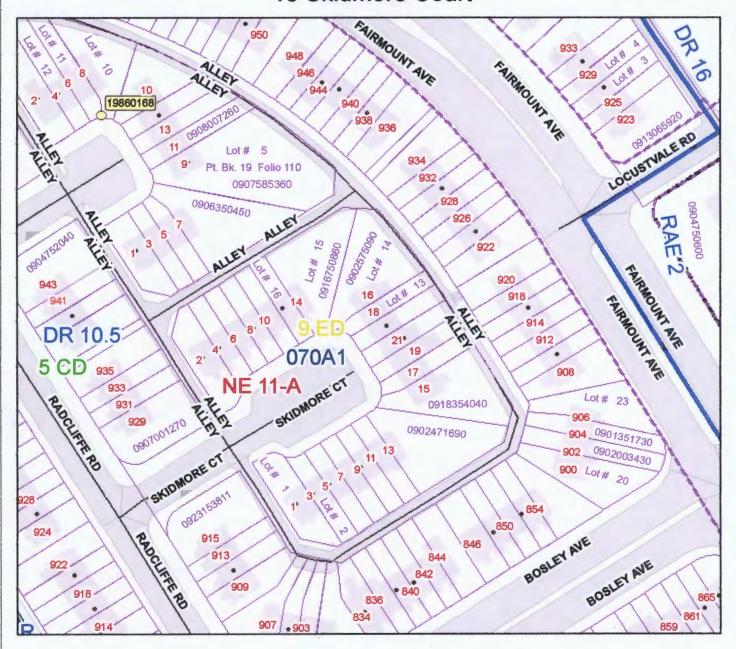
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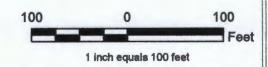
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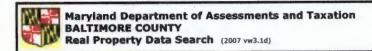
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301 West Preston Street W Baltimore, MD 21201 (2007 vw3.1)

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ROBERT S. HANDZO

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TOWSON, MD 21204

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CASE NUMBER: 2010-0133-SPH

16 Skidmore Court

Location: NE Side of Skidmore Court; 335 feet NE of the c/l of Radcliff Road.

9th Election District, 5th Councilmanic District

Legal Owner: 16 Skidmore Court, LLC

SPECIAL HEARING: 16 Skidmore Court as a lawful non-conforming use for "boarding or rooming house" purpose consistent with B.C.Z.R. Section 101.1 (definition of boarding or rooming house) by virtue of the fact that 16 Skidmore Court, LLC was organized as a Maryland limited liability company and became the legal owner of the above referenced property prior to the effective date of County Council Bill No. 17-09.

Hearing: Thursday, 3/04/2010 at 9:00:00 AM Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Room 104, Towson, MD 21204

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Bill Wiseman - 2010-0133-SPH

From: <nancypivec@aol.com>

To: <tbostwick@baltimorecountymd.gov>, <wwiseman@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date: 3/3/2010 10:48 AM **Subject:** 2010-0133-SPH

For Thursday's hearing. Allowing the change in the rule results in these kinds of behaviors!

----Original Message----From: sandys25@verizon.net
To: nancypivec@aol.com
Sent: Wed, Mar 3, 2010 9:45 am

Subject: Re: Fwd: Important Zoning Hearing this Thursday!!

Hello,

I would like to state a couple of problems that I have experienced with the increasing number of college students in this neighborhood. I have lived here for 11 years now, and the number of college houses has increased significantly. Parking is an issue due to the fact that they have all there cars plus, friends cars. I have only one car at my house and sometimes can't get a parking spot when a party is happening. One night a party at one of the college kids house, within 5 minutes 8 taxi cabs came and dropped off 6-7 kids out of each car. In a short amount of time nearly 100 kids were in that house, the police were called, but the party went on until around 2AM and cops were then ending the party, but not until 0200 was it over. There is lot's of drinking on the front porches and loudness after 10PM, liter everywhere, beer cans, bottles in many places. The other thing that concerns me is the value of our property. These kids don't take care of the property, no trimming of the bushes or planting flowers, edging the sidewalks, cutting grass only when it is very high or taking care of the house it self. I can see the value of the neighborhood decreasing as more and more of these kids are aloud to move in. Thank you for listening and please stop the craziness.....

Sandy Swain 926 Fairmount Ave Towson, MD 21204

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Bill Wiseman - 2010-0133-SPH

From:

<nancypivec@aol.com>

To:

<wwiseman@baltimorecountymd.gov>, <tbostwick@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date:

3/3/2010 10:53 AM

Subject: 2010-0133-SPH

Original Message----

From: Steve Likakis <slikakis@us.ibm.com>

To: nancypivec@aol.com

Sent: Wed, Mar 3, 2010 9:40 am

Subject: Re: Fwd: Important Zoning Hearing this Thursday!!

Nancy/Towson Court officials,

Please give my message to the TOWSON COURT OFFICIALS, we need ALL their support NOW, before our live gets worse from the Towson University students!!!

I leave in our neighborhood since 1979 (31 years) and all these 31 years I had uninterrupted sleep and quiet nights before the next day's work!

The last 4 years DRUNK students from the Towson University VERY OFTEN wake me up at 12a.m, or 1a.m or 2a.m or 2:15am and I cannot go back to sleep!!!

This affects my job performance at work the following day.

We need to stop these DRUNK Towson University students from upsetting our lives INSTANTLY!!!

ENOUGH is ENOUGH, who are they and why they bother our well being?

Thanks & Regards,

Steve K. Likakis **CMS RAS Project**

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From: shannon joyce <sjoyce1111@yahoo.com>

To: <wwiseman@baltimorecountymd.gov>, <tbostwick@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date: 3/2/2010 5:58 PM

Subject: CASE NUMBER: 2010-0133-SPH

Dear Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Boswick:

I am a resident of the Rodgers Forge neighborhood who has seen firsthand the property deterioration and noise violations that often accompany homes occupied by more than two unrelated persons. I am thefore writing to express my strong opposition to the petition being made by the owner of 16 Skidmore Court to classify the property as a "non conforming use" as a rooming/boarding house because its LLC went into effect prior to passage of Bill No. 17-09. I believe that this would set a precedent with damaging consequences to neighborhoods in the Towson area. I stronlgy urge that the petition be rejected.

Sincerely, Shannon Joyce 222 Stevenson Lane Baltimore, MD 21212

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Bill Wiseman - Case 2010-0133-SPH 16 Skidmore Ct.

From: "Tom Hodges" <thodges2@comcast.net>
To: <wwiseman@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date: 3/2/2010 9:28 PM

Subject: Case 2010-0133-SPH 16 Skidmore Ct.

Dear Mr. Wiseman.

In the matter of the case cited above, I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to this landlord's use of an LLC to circumvent current existing law.

The use of a "corporate veil" is cowardly and a deliberate manipulation of the law to allow outsider's to disrupt the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Preserving quality of life is the driving purpose behind zoning boards in the first place.

If this special exemption were granted, all existing LLC owned properties could become nothing more than dormitories through out our neighborhoods. Residential areas should remain "residential", not satellite buildings for "off campus dormitories". I urge to reject this requested exemption.

Thomas R. Hodges 110 La Paix Lane Towson, Maryland 21204

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Concerning CASE NUMBER: 2010-0133-SPH

March 3, 2010

Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Ave. Towson, MD 21204

Attn: William J. Wiseman, III Zoning Commissioner

Dear Sir:

This letter is to express my strong opposition to the request for a "rooming house/boarding house" permit for 16 Skidmore Court, LLC in Towson. I live in the border community of Aigburth Manor, now for 43 years, and I strongly oppose this. We have had other landlords in my community form LLCs to get around the ruling of "no more than two unrelated people" in a rental. Those that have existed have caused innumerable difficulties for the residents near these rentals.

We are a community of families and retired residents. Since so many of these LLC rentals are filled with students, we encounter a myriad of issues such as noise, public urination after parties, too many cars, to just a general disrespect for the lives of others.

I hope to be at the hearing on March 4 to support the community who will be opposing this. The records clearly show that this particular property of 16 Skidmore Court has presented many problems in the past.

Thank you for your consideration of the concerns of my community.

Respectfully yours, Mary-Louise Stenchly 63 Aigburth Avenue Towson, MD 21286

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The Greater Towson Council of Community Associations, Inc.

• P.O. Box 5421

• Towson, MD 21285-5421

www.gtcca.org

March 2, 2010

Mr. William Wiseman Zoning Commissioner Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Case number: 2010-0133-SPH

16 Skidmore Court

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

Dear Mr. Wiseman:

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Towson Council of Community Associations (GTCCA) in opposition to the property owner's request to continue the use of the above-referenced property as a non-conforming use and rooming/boardinghouse.

The property owner formed the Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) seemingly for the sole purpose of circumventing the County code, which requires the owner to apply for a rooming/boardinghouse permit to rent his property to more than two unrelated tenants. To my knowledge, the owner never applied for a rooming/boardinghouse permit and, instead, formed an LLC, adding his son and other tenants, all Towson University students, as "owners."

To curtail this very trend among rental property investors, the County Council, in March 2009, passed Bill #17-09, which increased from "more than 25%" to "more than 50%" the percentage of legal or equitable interest each "owner" must have in the property.

In his current attempt to circumvent County code, the property owner is now seeking non-conforming use to allow him to continue to operate his property as a rooming/boardinghouse. This effort has dragged on for months following County code enforcement's attempt to address the over-renting of the property. These delay tactics are commonly used by rental property owners who know they can "buy time" until the end of the school year, when their tenants will move out, only to start anew in the fall when the owner again over-rents the property.

The GTCCA, an umbrella organization devoted to protecting the interests of 30 residential neighborhoods in the Greater Towson area, strongly opposes this petition. We maintain that the LLC is a total sham, never a true Limited Liability Corporation but, rather, formed specifically to avert the County's attempt to regulate rental properties and prevent illegal rooming/boardinghouses. We seriously question whether the tenants/owners actually have true ownership of the property and share in the profits or losses, as required by County code.

We also challenge the appropriateness of the legal representation provided by Mr. Gillis, Chairman of the Planning Board. Whether or not there is a clear ethics violation, Mr. Gillis' involvement in this case certainly gives the appearance of impropriety and may explain the Office of Planning's efforts to soften its position on the case.

The GTCCA is particularly concerned about the potential precedent to be set by this case. This property owner owns at least one other rental property, also an LLC in a vulnerable Towson neighborhood. There are numerous other LLCs in the Towson area, set up in similar fashion to capitalize on the demand for student housing caused by TU's insufficient on-campus housing and skirt County rental registration and rooming/boardinghouse laws. If the owner of 16 Skidmore succeeds in this petition, the owners of all existing LLCs could seek similar protection from County. Towson Park has transitioned in recent years from a family-oriented, owner-occupied neighborhood to a community of more than 30% rental properties, many of which are occupied by college students. Other Towson neighborhoods have experienced similar increases in rentals with at least one approaching the 50% mark.

We strongly urge you to deny this petition and thereby bring an end to this property owner's legal games that have dragged on for years and wreaked havoc on the Towson community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elward T. Kilcullen, Jr.

President



To: William Wiseman, Zoning

Commissioner

Fax number: 410-887-3468

Date: 3/3/2010

A facsimile from

Ed Kilcullen

(410) 241-9042 (cell)

Regarding: Case Number 2010-0133-SPH (16 Skidmore Court)

Comments: To follow is a letter in opposition to the petition in the above-referenced

case. Thank you.

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Bill Wiseman - ZONING HEARING-16 SKIDMORE COURT

From:

"Wilson, Karen K." < Karen. Wilson 2@va.gov>

To:

<wwiseman@baltimorecountymd.gov>, <tbostwick@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date:

3/3/2010 12:45 PM

Subject: ZONING HEARING-16 SKIDMORE COURT

RE: Zoning Hearing – 16 Skidmore Court

CASE Number: 2010-0133-SPH

Dear Commissioner Wiseman and Commission Bostwick:

I am writing to express my opposition to the owner owner's petition regarding the rooming house/boardinghouse code. Unfortunately I cannot attend the hearing scheduled on March 4, 2010, but as a homeowner in Towson, I wanted to express my concerns with this issue.

My home is located at 1616 Thetford Road in Towson. The three houses immediate to my home are rentals, the house next to me is rented to college students. There have been a number of occasions where we have had to call the police due to loud parties that involves alcohol and drug usage that often spreads outdoors. My backyard is littered with cigarette butts and trash, not only after parties but on a regular basis. I have had items taken off of my property and found them up in trees or not found at all.

My four year old grandson lives with me and has been exposed to marijuana smoke outdoors, found cigarette butts in his sandbox, one which burnt the top to his sandbox and has been awakened at night due to the noise. My daughter works weekends and has been unable to sleep due to the "partying" and then has to arise early in the morning to report for work. The summers can be worse as the drinking and smoking occurs outdoors, and with the windows open, I experience the whole effect of noise, fights and environmental pollutants.

The issues go beyond those mentioned above, there are also issues with trash/litter, parking. College students being young and away from home, are not in tune with community living. Their "dorm" style of living does not belong among young children and the elderly living in a residential community

I respectfully ask that the impact of this petition on homeowners and families be seriously considered. I appreciate the opportunity to express my concerns.

Sincerely

Karen Wilson

Karen Wilson BSN, MHA Local Recovery Coordinator Baltimore VA Medical Center 10 North Greene Street Baltimore, MD 21286 410-605-7355

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Subject:

CASE NUMBER: 2010-0133-SPH

I will attend this hearing but wanted to send my letter too. I have several I will bring.

I am the current President of the Towson Park Community Association. I want to voice my opposition to changing the law for this one landlord. He liked the law when it benefitted him, now he doesn't. Zoning laws are made to protect the homeowners and neighborhoods and the 50% requirement makes great sense. If someone has a vested interest in the property they will take care of it. I have nothing against family or professional rentals in the neighborhood. They too take care of the homes.

If this law is changed, there is nothing to stop the other 58 rentals out of our 189 in the neighborhood from taking advantage of the no limit housing and the neighborhood changing drastically. Lose the families, lose school funding and more. We want to keep this a "family" neighborhood". We have great elementary, middle and high schools for families. We will continue to lose families, when their children are awakened in the middle of the night by these "rooming house" type of tenants.

Please take a good look at the implications this ruling could have!

Thanks.

Nancy Pivec 934 Radcliffe Road Towson, Md 21204

443-562-0381

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From:

"John Maranto" <jmaranto@yaffeteam.com>

To:

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Date:

3/3/2010 7:49 PM

Subject:

Opposition to 16 Skidmore court Petition

Mr. Wiseman and Bostwick,

Attached is a letter from the Yorkleigh Community Association, comprised of homes on La Paix Lane, Stevenson Lane, Yorkleigh Road, and Yorktowne Drive regarding its opposition to the petition before you pertaining to the non-conforming use of 16 Skidmore Court. Our community hopes that you will take our opposition into consideration and vote against this petition.

Thank you for your time.

John Maranto

Real Estate Partner Yaffe Real Estate Office: 410.902.1100 Direct: 443.564.0952

Email: jmaranto@yaffeteam.com <mailto:jmaranto@yaffeteam.com>

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Mr. William J. Wiseman, III, Zoning Commissioner Mr. Thomas H. Bostwick, Deputy Zoning Commissioner Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Zoning Hearing - 16 Skidmore Court; CASE NUMBER: 2010-0133-SPH

Mr. Wiseman and Bostwick:

This letter is to inform you that the Yorkleigh Community Association is opposed to the owner of 16 Skidmore Court's petition to have the property classified as a lawful non-conforming use for "boarding or rooming house" purpose consistent with BCZR 101.1 (definition of boarding or rooming house) by virtue of the fact that 16 Skidmore Court, LLC was organized as a Maryland limited liability company and became the legal owner of the above referenced property prior to the effective date of County Council Bill No. 17-09.

This property has been occupied by multiple Towson University students and has been the subject of numerous noise complaints to police and complaints to code enforcement over the past several years. While we are not opposed to property being rented, we do expect that all landlords adhere to the current laws that are on the books to not only maintain the quality of life that we enjoy, but also preserve the value of our homes. By siding with the owner of 16 Skidmore Court you open the possibility that other landlord's that currently have established LLC's will try to circumvent the current law by seeking this type of exemption.

We do thank you for your time and attention to this pressing matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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John Maranto
President
The Yorkleigh Community Association

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Bill Wiseman - CASE NUMBER: 2010-0133-SPH 16 Skidmore Court

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To: <www.seman@baltimorecountymd.gov>, <tbostwick@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date: 3/3/2010 9:06 PM

Subject: CASE NUMBER: 2010-0133-SPH 16 Skidmore Court

Gentlemen:

I can not attend the hearing tomorrow morning but I'm sending this email to express my strong opposition to granting an exception to 16 Skidmore Court to allow continued operation of an illegal boardinghouse.

The purpose of forming the LLC was to avoid the previously passed maximum of two unrelated parties rule by being clever and forming the LLC. The county was even more clever by then passing the 51% rule. The intent of the county and all of the neighborhoods is to keep single family homes - single family. Businessmen who want to make profit as landlords should find or build a boardinghouse in a properly zoned location. If the exception is denied, the LLC should be able to sell the property to make itself financially whole... unless the renting to students has depreciated the value of his asset as well as those around him. What an irony ... our point is made.

Gerald Truelove 7414 Stanmore Court Baltimore, MD 21212

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3 March 2010 Mr. William J. Wiseman, III, Zoning Commissioner Mr. Thomas H. Bostwick, Deputy Zoning Commissioner Baltimore Country

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Sincerely yours,

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From:

HELEN KEPLINGER < hkeplinger@verizon.net>

To:

<wwiseman@baltimorecountymd.gov>, <tbostwick@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date:

3/3/2010 10:19 PM

Subject:

Zoning Hearing - 16 Skidmore Court -- CASE NUMBER: 2010-0133-SPH

Attachments: Zoning Hearing_HBK.docx; Part.002

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Date:

3/3/2010 10:51 PM **Subject:** Case #2010-0133-SPH

Dear Mr's Wiseman and Bostwick Baltimore County Zoning Office

Please be advised that I am opposed to case 3010-0133-SPH, 16 Skidmore Ct., Towson. Please do not approve the request to classify this address as a non-conforming use and allow it to operate as a rooming/boarding house. The neighborhoods surrounding TSU have been dealing with student housing issues for many years. I have lived in my home for 37 years and am tired of having to be the bad guy by reporting these houses as out of compliance. The owner occupied homes are dealing with unkempt properties, loud noise and too many parked vehicles for the neighborhoods we live in. Allowing this request just gives impetus for investment property purchases instead of owner occupied family homes. If we are going to keep family neighborhoods surrounding Towson this request needs to be denied. Thank you.

Joyce Routson, Vice President, Aigburth Manor Association (410) 321-1918

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G.T. Keplinger for

Burkleigh Square Community Association President

From:

"G.T. Keplinger" < gkeplinger@comcast.net>

To:

<wwiseman@baltimorecountymd.gov>, <tbostwick@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date:

3/4/2010 12:05 AM

Subject:

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From: "maryjane" <mjb207@comcast.net>

To: <wwiseman@baltimorecountymd.gov>, <tbostwick@baltimorecountymd.gov>,

<gtccainformation@gmail.com>

Date: 3/4/2010 7:13 AM

Subject: case#2010--0133-SPH, 16 Skidmore Court

Please DO NOT ALLOW the owner of 16 Skidmore Ct. to have the property classified as a "non-conforming use" property. The LLC lope hole that the owner created has NOTHING TO DO WITH the NECATIVE IMPACT and WASTED COUNTY RESOURCES that impacts our neighborhood. As far as the "timing" of the law is concerned I find it hard to believe he/she was not aware of the sentiment of neighbors regarding overcrowded houses when the property was purchased. I believe he got the LLC to insure himself/herself of guaranteed profit and, if asked, would not want to live on the same block as this property with too many students so why should others have to just because of timing and other's profit. Also the LLC creation HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FACTS which are as follows:

- 1. there have been numerous noise complaints OVER THE YEARS
- police officers and code enforcement has had to address complaints not the owner at sleeping time for most of us
- 3. the police could serve us much be tter if they didn't have to deal with noise complaints from this property
- 4. code enforcement I'm sure could make better use of their time, manpower as well
- 5. county money is being wasted here so use this opportunity to ensure this property is not wasting time, money, sleep or safety for our neighborhood

SAT NO TO THE NON-CONFORMING USE REQUWEST TODAY

Respectfully Towson resident who would like to stay in Towson

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As a Towson Park property owner at 915 RadeliFFE Rd. I am sick + tired of Absentce landloards such as Mr. Vetter who For the greed of the Almighty dollar rent or lease to unresponsible tennets with no ties to the neighborhood or community, their tennents have no regard For the neighbors & place trash Anywhere and everywhere At All times. These tennents Also have loud, noisey parties At All hours of the night, Absentee owners Such As Mr Vetter should be Fined or Jailed For their unsupervised renting to Anyone who will live their pockets with 2011/06.

Sincerely,

Carl Ettringham.

CARL Ettringham.

915 RADELIFFE PD

TOWSON, MD. 21204

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From: Nadine Henchcliffe < Nhenchcliffe@chespartners.com>

To: nancypivec@aol.com Subject: Zoning Hearing

Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2010 3:29 pm

Nancy,

It has come to our attention that an owner of the home at 16 Skidmore Court is requesting special acceptance around Law which prevents no more than two unrelated people living in a home. It is my feeling that this exception would be detrimental and disruptive to a family based community. This has been a house that has been consistently on a complaint list by surrounding houses due to a variety of reasons with no effort to change or have consideration to the homeowners that surround the property. The owner of the property does not live there and should hold a standard for whoever occupies that home to have consideration for the homes around it. I do hope this exception gets voted down. I believe it is of the utmost importance to maintain the integrity and value of the homes in our neighborhood.

Nadine Henchcliffe

970 Radcliffe Road

Towson, MD 21204

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933 Radcliffe Road Towson, Maryland 21204 March 2, 2010

To whom it may concern:

I reside in Towson Park at the address shown above. I have lived here since February, 1978. I wanted to express my opinion concerning the gradual loss of the quality life in my community. The proliferation of what my neighbors and I refer to as "Frat Houses" has increased in the past several years. The parties, noise and parking issues due to multiple vehicles has become more and more of an issue.

I am not averse to someone who invests in property and leases it for investment purposes. I moved into the neighborhood as a tenant with my wife and children through a respectable property management company. The neighborhood was the typical family community with children and there was a close knit feeling then. I raised three children here and the area provided a nice environment for both my and other families.

In 1999, I purchased my home from the landlord and have remained here.

The multiple tenants from the "Frat houses" throw trash out in the street and lawns, which includes beer containers fast food trash, etc. My neighbor and I were outside chatting when we noticed a fast food bag out in the street behind a vehicle. I went over to pick it up to dispose of it and the bag had half eaten food and vomit that reeked. I went home to get a plastic bag and threw the trash away. This is just one example to underscore a multitude of daily and nightly annoyances caused by irresponsible and inconsiderate multiple tenants.

Due to the number of "Frat houses" within earshot of my home, the neighbors and I are insured of a loud party every week or so that lasts until 4:00 am or so. Loud music, crowds gathering in the front and back of the rental are disconcerting and annoying and of course the raves and parties create a parking problem.

All I am asking is that landlords be more responsible to the community and that the Baltimore County Zoning laws be enforced and monitored. Zoning laws insure neighborhood integrity and quality only if the statutes are in force.

Respectably Yours,

Charles Steven Hurtt



ZONING COMMISSIONER Desiding Masker - Baltimore Co.

From: John A. Harter 939 Radeli Re Rd Nancy P. Harter Towson, Maryland 21204 Re: Hearing Casa # 2010-0133 SPAT 165 Klamore Ct.

Please note that as an 30+ year resident of Towson Park. It is imperative to maintain a neighborhoods vitality a attract-Iveness. Rooming houses (regardless of what slick legal Moophole is attempted to make okay) destroy, the neighborhood and consequently the greater area. I absolutely feel that the owner of the Stidmore Ot property should not be allowed to use the 1% rule to justify multiple people Unfortunantly I cannot make this meeting in the home.

due to work constraints. Please accept this recommendation from a long time, resident who cares very, much for my deighborhoodand other neighbors at large

Thankeyon. In (#1/201 821-6416)

ZONING COMMISSIONER

To whom it may concern,

I, Taher ATHARI, Resident of 928 Raddiffe Road, would like to express my concern regarding the - changes I have observed in the last four years or so. It was a clean, family oriented environment, Now we see trash on the streets and sidewalks and reports of Rats. Less and less available parking-spaces, loud noises and foul language even past-Midnight.

I hope that the zoning commissioner takes seriousactions regarding the deterioration of our Neighborhood
please help us to get Back the clean and peaceful
community we had before. This is what attractedUS to come to this community to begin with.

Any effort to resolve this situation is greatly appreciated. Respectfully yours, - tah attrain TAHER ATHARI

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To Whom It May Concern,

ZONING COMMISSIONER

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I, Abass Dabirsiaghi purchased my house in Towson park Community 10 years ago. I have lived at 10 skidmore Court since sept. 2000. It look me two years to find this place. I found it a very clean, peaceful and friendly neighbourhood. Everything was Just fine until a few years ago that Towson State University Students began to move to the greater Towson Community. Since then I see trash almost everywhere, and lack of enough spaces to park. I hear loud talking and profane language even after mid night. In other words disturbing peace. Any way things are not the same as it used tobe. I never pictured in my mind that police Come to our area and take 30 to 50 individuals out of one house party ing and numerous times.

I as one of the people of this Community want to save our neighbourhood. And this is exactly what Patriotism is all about.

It is sad that we have to hire a lawer to defend us against those who Put their interest a head of the principles of a Community. But, I have faith and believe in our Justice System. And we will not be let down.

Respectfully

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William J. Wiseman, III, Zoning Commissioner Thomas H. Bostwick, Deputy Zoning Commissioner Jefferson Building 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Maryland 21204

ZONING COMMISSIONER

CASE NUMBER: 2010-0133-SPH

Thursday March 4th, 2010

For years the communities in and around Towson and their larger umbrella groups such as GTCCA have been urging, begging and cajoling the County to help us stem the deterioration of our communities caused by over renting at properties like 16 Skidmore Court. A clear example of this is what happened in Towson Manor Village where dozens of once lovely homes were allowed to fester under the ownership of slum landlords. And the county sat by allowing this decline to happen unabated.

The once stable neighborhoods in the Towson area are particularly at risk for this type of deterioration. This is due to the policies of Towson University not providing adequate, desirable housing for their students. This deterioration is also due in part to Baltimore County's inaction. The burden of these policies falls on the surrounding communities who are falling prey to landlords who over rent and neglect their properties.

Baltimore County Code calls for no more than 2 unrelated individuals in a rental property.

- But this leaves the documentation entirely up to the community.
- Code enforcement hearings have been largely ineffective in these cases.
 When the rare fine is imposed it is often reduced to a negligible amount. Thus giving the landlord a pat on the head and encouraged to continue the same behavior.
- Frequently the code enforcement office advises complainants that their
 presence at these hearings is unnecessary. As community leaders we know
 that this is not true and when the community does not bring a significant
 presence to a hearing the ruling goes against the complainants.

In March of 2009 modifications were made to Baltimore County code to address these issues. One of the most egregious issues it addressed was that of LLCs. We consider these particular creations of LLCs to allow four or more students in a home fraudulent LLC, employed simply to skirt Baltimore County law and enrich the pockets of irresponsible property owners.

It is also our interpretation that an LLC ends when some of the students "owners" of that LLC leave the property and new ones take up residence. And so the argument for 'grandfathering' would not apply.

Last March when the code was modified we were lead to believe that Baltimore County understood our concerns and was ready to back the changes to the code with action. We are very distressed that the Office of Planning appears to have softened their stance in this case as demonstrated in their November 6th 2009 memo, which supports our view, to the most recent January 12th 2010 memo where they have modified that position. They appear to be backing away from the support the communities feel they deserve and expected Baltimore County to provide.

This raises the issue of a potential conflict of interest concerning the attorney representing Mr. Vetter. Mr. Gilliss is a former County Attorney and currently Chair of the Planning Board. If this is not an ethics violation, it certainly gives the appearance of impropriety and may explain the Office of Planning's change in position.

Special hearings such as this serve the interests of the property owner exclusively, allowing him to continue collecting rent from four or more individuals. This delaying tactic is most maddening as we wait for the landlord to comply with Baltimore County law. This causes the communities to suffer many more unnecessary months of unruly behavior.

The ruling in favor of the communities in this case is extremely important. There are scores of homes just in the Towson area that are fraudulent LLCs. Mr. Vetter has at least one other home in Towson rented to students that is also a fraudulent LLC in the Burkleigh Square neighborhood, at #4 York Road. In the Burkleigh Square community alone 60% of the homes are rented to TU students and most of those properties are LLCs.

If this occurrence of 'non-conforming' use is allowed to stand all others will also be allowed to stand, and our communities where we have invested our money, raised our families and volunteered our time will continue to decline into a student ghettos.

Respectfully submitted,

Fay Citerone 909 Rappaix Court

Towson, MD 21286

Fay.Citerone@gmail.com

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and

Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

16 Skidmore Court

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INFORMATION:

Item Number:

10-133

Petitioner:

Robert S. Handzo

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DATE: November 6, 2009

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Requested Action:

Special Hearing

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The applicant 16 Skidmore Court LLC seeks a special hearing to ultimately permit a boarding house for more then two unrelated adults. It is apparent that the subject property is located within a neighborhood that has capacity, traffic and parking issues issues. The increase in parking and traffic that a rooming house would generate would have a detrimental impact on the immediate thoroughfare but also entire community as a whole. Permitting a rooming house at this location would set a precedent in this community that would further exacerbate it's current overcrowded conditions. In addition to setting a pattern of relief for other rental properties seeking zoning relief for a rooming houses.

In light of the aforementioned. The Office of Planning recommends DENIAL of the petitioner's request for a rooming house.

For further information concerning the matters stated here in, please contact Donnell Zeigler at 410-887-

3480.

Prepared by

Division Chief: AFK/LL: CM

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It is incumbent upon the petitioner to demonstrate the boarding house is a non-conforming use. Should the petitioner not be able to demonstrate the pre-existing non-conforming use boarding house use, the Office of Planning will not support the creation of a new boarding house use at this site.

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Division Chief:

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Bill Wiseman - CASE NUMBER: 2010-0133-SPH

From: Karen Parks <mrs_fred@yahoo.com>
To: <mviseman@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date: 3/5/2010 8:23 AM

Subject: CASE NUMBER: 2010-0133-SPH

CC: <tmarcantoni@gmail.com>

Good Morning! Thanks in advance for your time. We will be brief. We are completely opposed to any residential home being used as a rooming house. That's it! Please do not let this happen to our community. It would be the basis for further such use and there is no positive side to granting this. Further, you need not look far to see what such use of buildings does to a community. Simply look at the giant empty lot on Burke, which is a direct result of rooming and student rental housing. In that situation you can see an entire community gone. The students that used to inhabit those homes are gone and we are left with the debris while Mr Landlord cashed out. Should landlords with no ties to this community be allowed to cash in on all of us? What kind of tax base does this create? Does this affect property value for the better or worse? Hmm!? Thanks for listening.

Regards,

Karen & Fred Parks 23 Normal Terrace Towson, MD 21286

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ANDREA C. DODGE

Assemblage of E-mails, Correspondence & Photos

PROTESTANT'S

EXHIBIT NO.



ANDREA C. DODGE 18 SKID MORE CT TOWSOK, MD 21204

16 Skidmore Court

- 1. 01/09/07 Email to Deb Moriarity (VP of Student Affairs- TSU) regarding disruptive college students
- 2. 01/17/10 Email from Pat Frawley (Director of Judicial Affairs TSU) said she would meet with students.
- 3. 03/21/07 Email to Pat Frawley reported disruptive behavior of students
- 4. 09/25/07 Email to Deb Moriarity Reported Disruptive Behavior
- 5. 10/05/07 Email reply from Pat Frawley regarding complaint to Deb Moriarity
- 6. 10/09/07 Email to Pat Frawley regarding more detailed accounts of student's disruptive behavior.
- 7. 09/08/08 Sister Evelyn forwarded to me "Rooming House Questionnaire for complaint.
- 8. 09/18/08 Email from Mike Mohler advising to get as many neighbors as possible to fill out the code enforcement questionnaire.
- 9. 09/23/08 Emailed my questionnaire to Mr. Mohler Code enforcement did not keep a copy for my records.
- 10. 10/07/08 New School Year email to Deb Moriarity. Complained again disruptive students.
- 11. 10/08/08 Email from Tony Seaman in response to my email to Deb Moriarity. She said she would speak to the boys.
- 12. 10/30/08 Email to Mike Mohler following up on how the investigation was going.
- 13. 11/26/08 Email to Deb Moriarity New school year disruptive students. She responded back same day saying here staff would follow up the following week.
- 14. 11/27/08 Email to Mike Mohler follow up status of case rec'd email back stating that Inspector Rumsey-Scott had the case and would communicate with me upon her return on Monday.
- 15. 12/07/08 Email from Deb Moriarity in response to my email of 11/26/08. Basically defending students behavior.
- 16. 12/16/08 Email to Deb Moriarity apologizing for not responding to her email of 12/7 because my mother had a heart attack on Dec. 8th.
- 17. 12/18/08 Email to Mike Mohler read in Towson Times there was a hearing scheduled-requesting date. Ms. Rumsey Scott replied that a new hearing had not been scheduled.

- 18. 01/08/09 Email to Ms. Rumsey-Scott asking for update with the case for 16 Skidmore Court. Reply still waiting the final order from the hearing officer.
- 02/04/09 Sister Evelyn forwarded an email from Mike Mohler stating the case had been officially dismissed.
- 20. 08/19/09 Email from Sisteer Evelyn regarding a hearing scheduled 09/12/09. Email to Sister Evelyn another boy moved in making 4 total.
- 21. 08/31/09 Email from Ms. Ramsey-Scott notifying me that the hearing was postponed due to conflict schedule approved by the hearing officer.
- 22. 09/03/09 Email from Ms. Ramsey-Scott attorney filed a petition for special hearing. Forced to suspend the rooming/boarding hearing until the zoning commissioner makes a ruling.
- 23. 09/28/09 Email to Ms. Ramsey-Scott following up the status per Ms. Ramsey-Scott her hands were tied.
- 24. 01/14/10 Email to Mike Mohler follow up on my phone conversation of Jan 8th reference hearing. Reply from Mr. Mohler he and Tim Kotroco met with Mr. Vetter's lawyer.
- 25. 02/04/10 Email Mike Mohler Hearing Date

Facilities Automation



March 2, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Andrea Dodge has worked for me for close to 23 years, handling the financial side of our business. As she oversees and executes Accounts Receivable and Payable, 401k, Health Insurance, and Bank Line of Credit, this type of work requires a strict attention to detail and a highly focused application of effort.

As President of YEM Corporation, I work daily with Ms. Dodge on these administrative tasks and in recent years have often observed that she seems to be tired and generally lacking in concentration regarding her assigned tasks and duties. When I have questioned her, she has repeatedly indicated high levels of fatigue due to having her sleep repeatedly being interrupted by the raucous "partying" going on next door till all hours of the night. On several occasions she has called to request using a vacation day to recoup.

Frankly, it seems that allowing such a "frat house" use of this property in an otherwise quiet residential neighborhood represents an abomination to Ms. Dodge's right to quality of life.

Sincerely,

Y.E.M. CORPORATION

Gerald E. Atterbury

President

From: Frawley, Patricia [pfrawley@towson.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2007 3:09 PM

To: Andrea Dodge

Subject: 16 Skidmore

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Flagged

Good Afternoon Ms. Dodge,

I have met with the men who live in 16 Skidmore and had a very good conversation with them. We talked about inappropriate and unacceptable behavior, respect for others living in their community and what they need to do to make things better. I am optimistic that things will be better for you. Since I took the students through our judicial process, their judicial files are confidential and I can't share specifics with you but I did want you to know that I met with them. Please, let me know if you experience any further disruptive and/or disorderly behavior (as defined in our policy) from these men.

Pat Frawley

Director of Judicial Affairs Towson University 8000 York Road Towson, Maryland 21252 410-704-2057 410-704-3441 (F) Message Page 1 of 1

Andrea Dodge

From: Frawley, Patricia [pfrawley@towson.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2007 8:20 AM

To: Andrea Dodge

Subject: RE: Disruptive Neighbors

Good Morning Ms. Dodge,

I am truly sorry you had to deal with this but I must ask, did you call the police at the time the noise was occurring. I must stress we need to have these incidents reported to the police so they can be addressed at the time of the incident and for us to take action it is essential that we have police reports.

From: Andrea Dodge [mailto:andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2007 8:13 AM

To: Frawley, Patricia

Subject: Disruptive Neighbors

Good Morning Ms. Frawley:

I am sorry to report that the boys next door at 16 Skidmore Court continue with their disruptive behavior. This morning at 2:30 am I was awakened to girls talking, scraping the concrete with their high heal shoes, and slamming the front door as they came in the house (which by the way shakes the whole house). A few minutes later someone was wrapping on their door. A half an hour later the three girls came out of the house walking through the neighborhood yelling to each other like it was 3:00 PM in the afternoon. People coming and going went on until least 3:30 in the morning. Needless to say I have had about 4 hours of sleep.

Last Saturday my mother heard this girl screaming in the middle of the night. And also I am so tired of hearing the "f" word.

This is my home. Again I have a job to go to. Careless mistakes are being made because I am not getting the proper sleep that I need.

It seems to me that the girls they are bringing home with them make most of the noise when they come in at night.

I am asking again that something be done about this. As I said before I can't afford to move at this time. All we are asking is for is a peaceful dwelling place to live in and a good night's sleep.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Andrea C. Dodge 18 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204 03/21/07

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TO: MS. ANDRED DODGE

From: 55. STEPHEN FINE PCOG OSTREACH

2 PAGES REFERENCE TO Skidmore CT.

From:

Moriarty, Deb [dmoriarty@towson.edu]

Sent:

Tuesday, January 09, 2007 2:28 PM

To:

Andrea Dodge

Cc:

Varwig, Jana E.

Subject:

RE: Disruptive College Students

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Andrea, I am sorry to hear that these problems have resurfaced. We have moved this complaint into our judicial process and are reviewing police reports and using the tools within our system to address the behaviors that can be addressed. I am hopeful that the students will again be responsive to reasonable requests for civility as neighbors. Deb

Deb Moriarty, Ph.D.
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the boys started out the school year being quiet and I told Brian Vetter that they were doing better, but it has been downhill ever since. Every weekend they have their friends over (it starts around 8:00 PM and usually continues untill 11:00 PM) then they head out to the bars or whatever only then to come back around 2:00 am in the morning. And of course they wake me up as I can hear them coming in (with their friends) and there is yelling, sometimes loud music, running up and down the steps, and slamming doors. Also their friends standing outside on the porch talking on the cell phone. This usually goes on for a couple of hours. So needless to say I don't get any sleep and then end up spending my day catching up on my sleep. Not a very enjoyable and productive weekend. And it is not only on the weekends, but also when they go on break.

I have seen them urinating outside, a few weeks I believe someone vomitted on my lawn. Also a few weeks ago, I heard voices and went to look outside and saw three boys who do not live there playing with my hose and running the water. When they saw me looking at them one of them said "What the hell are you looking at lady". I am not going to confront them when they have beein driinking. When them come in at all hours of the night they act like it is the daytime hours.

I have called the police twice towards the latter part of 2006. Obviously, either they are not afraid of the police or the police are not being strict enough. I called the help line just before Christmas and a young man returned my call. Unfortunately I didn't get his name. He did take some notes and told me the person I needed to talk to would not be back until the end of the year and that she would get in touch with me. Well, It is January 9th and I

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Please don't tell me that you will follow up on this - I want to know what is being done to correct this situation.

Thanks!

Andrea C. Dodge

From: Moriarty, Deb [dmoriarty@towson.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2007 9:05 PM

To: Andrea Dodge

Subject: RE: Disruptive Students

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I'm sorry this continues to be an on-going problem. I have asked staff to check into the situation.

Deb Moriarty, Ph.D. Vice President for Student Affairs Towson University 8000 York Rd., Adm. 236 Towson, MD 21252 410.704.2055

From: Andrea Dodge [mailto:andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com]

Sent: Monday, September 24, 2007 1:06 PM

To: Moriarty, Deb

Subject: Disruptive Students

Hi Deb, hope the new school year is going well for you.

I am sorry to bother you yet again for the third year in a row. I can't belive that I have to come to you with this complaint again with the kids at 16 Skidmore Court.

I am experiencing the kids coming and going and waking me up at 2:00 am in the morning, coming home from the bars (slamming doors/stumping up and down the steps). This can go on for one to two hours at a time. I have not contacted the police as of yet because I hate to bother them. What else has to be done to correct this problem? You, the code enforcement department and police have this house on record. I just spoke to the Owner/Father in April I believe and expressed my concerns. I read all of these articles in the Towson Times that residents are encouraged to report these things, but still we experience the same problem.

Over the summer two of the boys moved out, but there is an new boy that has moved in. I don't have his name but he drives a dark blue volvo 1CX B55.

I know you have helped me in the past, and I am very grateful. Any help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks!

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From: Frawley, Patricia [pfrawley@towson.edu]

Sent: Friday, October 05, 2007 3:40 PM

To: Andrea Dodge

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Thank you for informing us of this incident and I assure you I will look into it.

Patricia Frawley

Director of Judicial Affairs Towson University 8000 York Road Towson, Maryland 21252 410-704-2057 410-704-3441 (F)

From: Moriarty, Deb [dmoriarty@towson.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2008 10:07 AM

To: 'Andrea Dodge'

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Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2008 1:10 PM

To: Andrea Dodge

Subject: Re: FW: Code Enforcement Questions

We will do our best to clean this situation up.

Mike Mohler, Deputy Director Permits and Development 410-887-3375

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Frawley, Patricia [pfrawley@towson.edu]

Sent:

Tuesday, October 09, 2007 9:41 AM

To:

Andrea Dodge

Subject:

FW:

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Good Morning,

I am following up on my recent E-mail to you requesting a more detailed account of the disruptive behavior demonstrated by the students at 16 Skidmore Ct. At this point in time, I can not go further with this complaint until I receive the description. I truly want to help you with your complaint if it falls under the policy. Slamming doors and stumping up and down the steps does not fall into that category, that is why it is important to receive a more detailed description. Our policy deals with loud and out of control parties at students houses. These parties usually result in not only loud noise but at times urinating on lawns and throwing their alcohol containers on neighbors property. I hope this is helpful and I look forward to your response.

You mentioned in your E-mail that you did not want to bother the police. I strongly urge you to contact the police, at the time of the disruptive behavior, so that they can generate a police report with the names of the residents. They are working very well with us to combat the problem of out of control students and you would not be bothering them. Having a police report helps my office deal with problem immediately.

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Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 9:28 PM

To: andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com

Subject: Fw: Rooming Boarding Cases Skidmore Ct

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Andrea.

If I ever see Nancy I will also ask her to fill out this form. At least we are getting a response.

I also told her that the morning is not the best time to come around. They usually arrive back around 3:00PM or so.

Let's see what happens. She also gave us her phone number.

Evelyn

---- Original Message ---From: Latoshia Rumsey-Scott
To: genesish@verizon.net
Cc: Claudia Fischer

Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 3:42 PM Subject: Rooming Boarding Cases Skidmore Ct

Hello I am the inspector assigned to the Rooming/Boarding case of 4 Skidmore, 6 Skidmore, & 16 Skidmore Court.

The properties were inspected today to attempt to question occupants. I believe the students were either already at school or just not answering. I will continue to make random inspections including early morning.

Below I've attached a list of questions in an attempt to gather information if either yourself or any other neighbors are interested in completing (they can remain anonymous).

Thank L. Scott 410-887-8099

From: Mike Mohler [mmohler@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Thursday, September 18, 2008 7:19 AM

To:

Latoshia Rumsey-Scott; evelyn grudza

Cc: Claudia Fischer; Deb Moriarty; andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com

Subject: Re: CODE ENFORCEMENT QUESTIONS

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The more neighbors that can testify the better. We just won a \$5,000 judgement against a homeowner in Catonsville for losing control of the house. They were also using as a "flop" house. We will assist in anyway but the more the neighbors get involved the better our chances.

Mike Mohler, Deputy Director Permits and Development 410-887-3375

>>> "evelyn grudza" <genesish@verizon.net> 09/17/08 9:42 PM >>>

Dear Ms. Scott.

Enclosed is a copy of the form which I attempted to fill out to the best of my knowledge of the situation in the Skidmore Court area.

I would be helpful for you and Mike Mohler to know that we have registered these complaints for the past two years with no resolution to the situation.

I will send the original form with my signature by mail since I can't do this over the internet.

Several of the neighbors are in agreement that this situation must be resolved and resolved as soon as possible. I personally have not observed anyone coming to any of the houses in the past two weeks. I work Mon-Wed until 2:00PM. Most cars are out of the court by 8:00AM and return between 5:00PM and 9:00PM.

Today, there was a car parked at an angle in the court which blocked a neighbor's car. I am not sure how the neighbor was able to get his car out. I know that he attends a church service every day at 8:30 and is a senior citizen.

We are thoroughly disgusted with Towson University. If they wish to expand the University student population, they should include housing for ALL STUDENTS, not just undergraduates. The neighbors in this area agree that TU has allowed our area to become a series of FRAT houses.

Sincerely, Sister Evelyn J. Grudza, OSF

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To: Moriarty, Deb; 'Andrea Dodge'

Subject: RE: Disruptive Students

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I will have Inspector Scott reply to you on the latest inspection, she will be in the office on Monday. My memory tells me there is a hearing scheduled but I'd rather the inspector give you the actual details.

Behavior issues are a police matter, I'm sorry for your troubles, I'm certain it is not pleasant to live with.

Mike Mohler, Deputy Director Permits and Development 410-887-3375

>>> "Andrea Dodge" <andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com> 10/30/08 10:51 AM >>> Dear Mr. Mohler:

I am curious to know how the investigation is going with 16 Skidmore Court???? I believe I have contacted Code Enforcement twice, but have not heard back from anyone. Again, these boys woke me up at 2:00 in the morning coming in from the bars. I am at my wits end. Where else can I go for help? I have already contacted Towson University. Apparently they spoke to one of the boys. The young man living at the residence assured me things would be better, but it continues on. Kids coming and going at all hours of the day and night. Again, as I stated before, the owner does not live there. This has been going on for four years now. The owner went before the zoning board before a couple of years ago.

Is there any hope in this situation??

Look forward to hearing from you.

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From: Moriarty, Deb [dmoriarty@towson.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2008 2:03 PM

To: 'Andrea Dodge'

Cc: Frawley, Patricia; Varwig, Jana E.

Subject: RE: Disruptive Students

Andrea, I am sorry to hear that the disruptions persist. Hopefully things will be quiet for the weekend. My staff will follow up early next week to determine what next steps we can take.

Happy thanksgiving to you and yours. Deb

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To: andrea_dodge@yemcorp.com
Cc: Latoshia Rumsey-Scott

Subject: RE: FW: Code Enforcement Questions

Inspector Rumsey-Scott has this case. She will communicate with you upon her return on Monday.

>>> "Andrea Dodge" <andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com> 11/26/08 9:08 AM >>> November 26, 2008

Good morning Mr. Mohler.

Could you please tell me what the status of this case is???? Thank you!

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Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2008 8:00 AM

To: Andrea Dodge

Subject: Re: 16 Skidmore Court Hearing

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From: Latoshia Rumsey-Scott [LRumsey-Scott@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 12, 2009 7:15 AM

To: Andrea Dodge

Subject: RE: 16 Skidmore Court Hearing

Happy New Year...

I'm still awaiting the final order from the hearing officer. Thank you for the update.

L. Scott

>>> "Andrea Dodge" <andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com > 1/8/2009 12:41 PM >>> Hi Latoshia.

I was wondering what was happening with this case???? Two more boys moved in this past Sunday. The one resident said they were there until their dorms were ready. This is out of control. I reread the article in Towson Times and I know for a fact that they have 4 and now plus students in there. The owner doesn't have to always rent to college students. They could find other suitable tenants. I had to call the police again last night because of noise violations (basically a party).

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Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2008 8:27 AM

To: Mike Mohler; Andrea Dodge

Cc: Fay.Citerone@bdk.com; 'evelyn grudza' Subject: Re: 16 Skidmore Court Hearing

Hello Mrs. Dodge:

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From: evelyn grudza [genesish@verizon.net]

Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2009 9:17 PM

To: Mike Mohler
Cc: Andrea Dodge

Subject: Re: Towson University

Mike.

We attempted to have designated parking spaces when we first moved into Skidmore Court twelve years ago. That proved useless, however, when someone with some authority wanted Radcliffe to be one way, before you knew it, it happened. We just don't know the right people.

As for my e-mail address, I have e-mailed you many times in the past. I can only judge from what I seem to know since the facts were not presented to me at all. It seems that even the neighbor next to #16 did not know about the date of the inquiry. She is the one most affected by the students.

Mike, what in the world is an LLC? You are stating information that I don't understand. I thought this was a neighborhood residence.

Is this a business???

I did not read my e-mail until today (Wednesday).

PEACE! Sr. Evelyn

I did appreciate Loni giving me the information.

---- Original Message -----From: Mike Mohler

To: evelyn grudza

Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2009 6:23 AM

Subject: Re: Towson University

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If they have set up the LLC with 3 owners there can be a total of 5 people living in the house. That is the code.

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>>> "evelyn grudza" <genesish@verizon.net> 02/02/09 8:29 PM >>>

I can't believe that Mr. Vetter can get away with this!!! It seems that if you find a good lawyer who can find loopholes you can do just what you want to do and still be within the law.

He now has other students living there!!! How long will this situation continue? Today, it was virtually impossible to find a parking space at 3:30PM.

By the way, no one from Mike Mohler's office gave us any information about the situation. If it were not for

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you, we would still be in the dark. How's that for being a good communicator?

Towson University has no control over what happens outside their campus but the rest of the neighbors live with the consequences.

Thank you so much for taking time out to send this information to me. It is greatly appreciated. At least, I know one person who attempts to communicate with us who live in the area. Keep up the good work Loni. PEACE!

SR. Evelyn Grudza, OSF

---- Original Message ----From: Loni Ingraham
To: evelyn grudza

Sent: Monday, February 02, 2009 4:38 PM

Subject: Re: Towson University

Well, I guess you know by now, but if not, I looked at the file today and found they had ruled Vetter guilty on jan. 29 of operating a roominghouse-boarding house, because the sales transaction he claimed didn't become valid until Dec. 30. However, the citation was for \$6,000 in fines and the county only hit him for \$800. (In all fairness the citation was for not only violating the rooming house baording house law but also for failing to register the house as a rental, but the latter charge was dismissed because the county had postponed the registration deadline, . I am trying to find out how much of the \$6,000 was for that..) Because he did put it into an IIc, he can now legally continue to have the three or four people living there

Considering Vetter claims in the file that teach of the three occupants pay \$500 per month, what would you like to say about this.

On 1/30/09 8:50 AM, "evelyn grudza" <genesish@verizon.net> wrote:

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Subject: 16 Skidmore CT

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A hearing has been scheduled for 09/02/09 at 9a.m. Room 106 of the County Office Bldg. Please contact me with any questions.

L. Scott

From: Latoshia Rumsey-Scott [LRumsey-Scott@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 4:44 PM

To: Andrea Dodge

Subject: Re: FW: Rooming House Questions for Complaint

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Flagged

Thanks for completing the questions. Unfortunately the hearing has been postponed due to a conflict scheduled approved by the Hearing Officer. I will forward the new hearing date once received.

>>> "Andrea Dodge" <andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com> 8/31/2009 2:42 PM >>> Dear Ms. Scott.

Attached please find my questionnaire per your request. I believe a hearing is scheduled for this Wednesday at 9:00 am. I plan to attend.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Regards

Andrea C. Dodge
Y.E.M. Corporation
410-308-2280 (3222) tel
410-308-2192 fax
andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com
----Original Message----

From: Y.E.M. Corporation [mailto:copier@yemcorp.com]

Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 2:31 PM

To: ANDREA DODGE
Subject: Attached Image

Latoshia Rumsey-Scott [LRumsey-Scott@baltimorecountymd.gov] From:

Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 4:25 PM To: evelyn grudza; andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com

Cc: Mike Mohler

Subject: Re: questionnaire for Latoshia Rumsey-Scott 8 30 09

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Hello,

The attorney for 16 Skidmore LLC has filed a Petition for Special Hearing. Therefore, we are forced to suspend the Rooming/Boarding Hearing until the Zoning Commissioner makes a ruling.

Latoshia

>>> "evelyn grudza" <genesish@verizon.net> 9/3/2009 4:02 PM >>> Thank you Latoshia! PEACE! Have a good weekend! Sr. Evelyn

---- Original Message -----From: Latoshia Rumsey-Scott

To: evelyn grudza

Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 3:53 PM

Subject: Re: questionnaire for Latoshia Rumsey-Scott 8 30 09

thanks for the latest, hopefully by the end of the week i will have a new hearing date

>>> "evelyn grudza" <genesish@verizon.net> 9/2/2009 3:48 PM >>>

We have noticed that the latest is that the boys who live in the house now are shuttled back and forth by one of the boys. It seems that they don't want us to know that they have four students in there. Hope to hear about the hearing date soon.

PEACE! Sr. Evelyn

> ---- Original Message ----From: Latoshia Rumsey-Scott

To: evelvn grudza

Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 3:07 PM

Subject: Re: questionnaire for Latoshia Rumsey-Scott 8 30 09

Has me wondering... if they we attempt to move anyone out

>>> "evelyn grudza" <genesish@verizon.net> 9/1/2009 3:06 PM >>>

It is very interesting! The other day the owner and his wife cleaned up the front porch and the yard which has been a mess most of the summer and part of spring. Who knows what that was all about!

Thank you! PEACE! Sr. Evelyn

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----- Original Message ----From: Latoshia Rumsey-Scott

To: evelyn grudza

Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 11:06 AM

Subject: Re: questionnaire for Latoshia Rumsey-Scott 8 30 09

Hello

Yes, owners are allowed to request postponements. Sorry.

>>> "evelyn grudza" <<u>genesish@verizon.net</u>> 9/1/2009 10:55 AM >>>

Latoshia,

I am quite upset about this! We are about to report #14 Skidmore Court who now has four people and four cars in it. So how do we get some satisfaction when hearings are postponed?

Do you know if the owner has the ability to do this????

Thank you! Sr. Evelyn

> ----- Original Message -----From: Latoshia Rumsey-Scott

To: evelyn grudza

Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 8:38 AM

Subject: Re: questionnaire for Latoshia Rumsey-Scott 8 30 09

Hello

The hearing officer has granted a postponement for 16 Skidmore Court, I will forward the new date once received thanks for completing the questions.

Latoshia

>>> "evelyn grudza" <genesish@verizon.net> 8/30/2009 8:00 PM >>>
Attached is the questionnaire regarding 16 Skidmore Court for the upcoming hearing.

Peace!

Sr. Evelyn Grudza, OSF

PS I submitted a similar form to your office several years ago with the same complaint.

From: Latoshia Rumsey-Scott [LRumsey-Scott@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 7:34 AM

To: Andrea Dodge
Cc: 'evelyn grudza'

Subject: Re: 16 Skidmore Court

Hello

At this point my hands are tied, I will continue to check for a date for the Special Hearing they have requested????

>>> "Andrea Dodge" <andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com> 9/28/2009 7:19 AM >>> Good morning Latoshia.

I was wondering what the status was on 16 Skidmore Court? Remember their hearing was cancelled and the owner's lawyer requested a special hearing. Is there anything else that can be done???? In the mean time it is business as usual over there as they continue to house four people.

Please let me know if there are other options to get this problem resolved once and for all.

Look forward to hearing from you.

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From: Mike Mohler [mmohler@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Trom:

Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2010 1:40 PM

To: Andrea Dodge

Cc: nancypivec@aol.com; Latoshia Rumsey-Scott; 'Fay Citerone'; genesish@verizon.net; 'Ed

Kilcullen'

Subject: Re: 16 Skidmore Court Hearing

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Tim Kotroco and I met this morning with Mr. Vetters attorney. He will be sending a letter outlining his argument along with possible dates for the hearing. Just so you know the issue:

Mr. Vetters argument will be the LLC continues in effect regardless of ownership. (think in terms of a non-conforming restaurant- the owner sells to another party- there is new ownership but the non-conforming use remains) Additionally he will argue that the County can't impose new restrictions(the 51% rule) on a property that conformed to the old rules.

That's the argument, obviously we have a different view and will be represented by the law office. This will be decided on the legal merits, it won't be about behavior or noise or parking, trash etc.. I have no idea how it will turn out but in speaking with some attorneys Mr. Vetter has a valid argument, whether the Hearing Officer agrees or not we will find out.

As soon as the date is set I will alert you.

Mike Mohler, Deputy Director Permits and Development 410-887-3375

From: Mike Mohler [mmohler@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2010 12:14 PM

To: Andrea Dodge

Cc: nancypivec@aol.com; Latoshia Rumsey-Scott; 'Fay Citerone'; genesish@verizon.net; 'Ed

Kilcullen'

Subject: Re: 16 Skidmore Court Hearing

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>>> "Andrea Dodge" <andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com> 1/14/2010 1:27 PM >>>

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From: Mike Mohler [mmohler@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 2:37 PM

To: Andrea Dodge

Cc: nancypivec@aol.com; Latoshia Rumsey-Scott; NBarker@carrollcc.edu; 'Ruth Adams'; 'Fay

Citerone'; genesish@verizon.net; 'Ed Kilcullen'

Subject: RE: 16 Skidmore Court Hearing

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Right now the date of the hearing is March 4- hopefully that's a hard date and it doesn't change March 4
9:00AM
Room 104 -Jefferson Building

Mike Mohler, Deputy Director Permits and Development 410-887-3375

>>> "Andrea Dodge" <andrea.dodge@yemcorp.com> 1/25/2010 12:41 PM >>>
Thank you for the update and I will do whatever is necessary to resolve this issue once and for all.

Again, thank you for you help - it is greatly appreciated.

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History of problems with #16 Skidmore Ct.

2005-2006

- -Mr. Vetter purchased the property in 2005
- -Four students moved in (including son Brian)
- -Efforts were made to prove that there was a code violation

Through the Towson Park Association

Through personal contact with other communities

Checking car tags (as we were advised)

Connecting with Towson University through Dr. Moriarty

2006-2007

- -Noise and parking problems; still attempting to reach code enforcement
- -Reported three houses that seemed to violate the code (#4, #6, #16)
- -Claudia Fisher from Code Enforcement responded that inspectors would be coming to all three houses.

2008

- -Reported houses to Code Enforcement again
- -Returned form "Rooming House Questions for Complainant" for #4,#6, #16
- -#16 had a separate form sent to Latoshia Rumsey-Scott (Code Enforcement)
- More Correspondence with Mike Mohler (why was Mr. Vetter not fined as were other houses who were reported in the Towson Area),⁷
- -Mr. Vetter had his lawyer create a LLC (did not know what that meant at that time)
- -Discovered that the case was dismissed (led to believe that we did not need to attend the hearing because it was not important for us to be there)

(Question: How did Mr. Vetter circumvent the original law? Why was he not fined after Code Enforcement was notified?)

April 2009

-County enacted the law regarding Boarding houses.

September 2009

-Code Enforcement has sent up a hearing to discuss the issue but it was postponed in order to set up this special hearing in 2010.

NB – Beside the issue of violation of the original Code Enforcement Law as well as the existing law, issues pursuant to noise, parties, too many cars for a small court, dogs that ran away, jumped on people etc.Mr. Vetter wants to continue to ignore the neighborhood situation, and personal and public problems caused by his illegal use of #16 Skidmore Ct.

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Submitted by:

Sister Evelyn J. Grudza, OSF (rental resident since 1997)

9 Skidmore Ct.

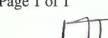
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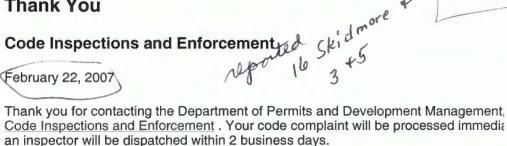
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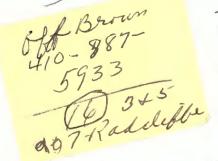


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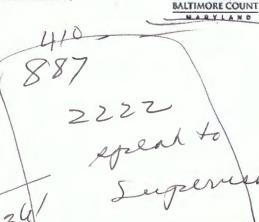
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September 5, 2007

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Department of Permits & Development Management 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 213 Towson, MD 21204

The following errors were found:

This form has already been submitted.

Complaint Location«: Skidmore Court

Towson, MD

Complaint Location Zip

Code «:

Description of Problem«: To whom it may concern:

Recently, it was reported that there are housing code violations occuring on

Skidmore Court.

To my knowledge, no one has come to check on these violations. Towson University College students are moving into the small houses in this area. I can

only speak for my Court (Skidmore Court).

There are three houses that have more than two unrelated people living in

Complainant Information

Email: genesish@verizon.net

Name: Sister Evelyn J. Grudza, OSF

Address: 9 Skidmore Court

Zip Code: 21204

Home Phone Number: 410-296-8071

Work Phone Number:

Additional Information: I have been in touch with Towson State University and with Ms. Deb Moriarty

about the influx of students into this small court. She states that the University is working with the community and Towson Chamber. For the past three years, I have NOT seen a Code Enforcement officer in my court to check on this

situation.

I hope to have someone check into this situation in the very near future.

Thank you!

Send Form

Fields marked with "«" are required.

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ROOMING HOUSE QUESTIONS FOR COMPLAINANT

Case Number: Inspector's Name: _Latoshia Rumsey-Scott_ Alleged Violation Address:16 Skidmore Ct. Towson, MD 21204 Return Questionnaire by:, the Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management needs your help to correct code violations at the address above, which relate to your complaint. To aid us in taking corrective action, we request that you write out answers to the following questions in the space provided and mail them in the self-addressed and stamped envelope enclosed for your convenience to:					
111 V	rtment of Permits and Development Management W. Chesapeake Avenue, Rm. 213 on, Maryland 21204				
	hank you in advance for your assistance in helping to correct this rent Code violation.				
1. OSF	Print your full name:_Sister Evelyn J. Grudza, osf; Sister Michele Kriczky,				
2.	Print your current address: 9 Skidmore Court				
3.	Please provide your telephone number and/or e-mail address to assist us in communicating with you more efficiently. Due to our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, this information may be available to anyone requesting it, including owner and occupants of the subject property.				
	410-296-8071; e-mail: genesish@verizon.net				
4.	How long have you lived at this address? 12 years				
5.	If you believe the rooming/boarding house at the subject property ("Alleged violation address") is owner occupied, what is the basis of such belief?				

This house has consistently had more than two un-related members because we see them coming and going on a daily basis and their cars are parked out front.

- 6. How many people do you believe reside at this address and describe the basis of such understanding on your part including, if possible, the length of occupancy time for each resident?

 At this time, it seems that there are four people residing there.

 In the past it has been as much as five. They stay one or two years or more.
- 7. If you are aware that any residents of the subject property are related to the owner please state the source of such knowledge on you part.

At this time, I do not believe they are related to the owner.

- 8. For what period of time have you observed more than 2 unrelated individuals living at the subject property?
 - As stated previously, we have seen more than two unrelated individuals living at the property for the past six years.
- 9. Do you know the names, sex and/or approximate ages of any of the residents of the subject property? Yes ____ No ___ If yes, please provide below any information known.

It seems that the residents range from 18-27 years of age. They are males but often have females who stay overnight. We are not sure of their names but I did meet a "Joe" and I understand that there are two who are either "Steve" and "Stever".

10. How often do you observe the resident of the subject property (i.e., at least daily, weekly, other)?

They are there on a daily basis.

11. Do any residents drive a vehicle? Yes _x__ No ____

If yes, provide the make, and State of origin and number of the license plate attached to the vehicle.

License plates observed this year:

Silver Toyota RAV – 2931-14M1 (has only one license plate) Toyota – 311-BBB (has a LaCross sticker on the back bumper) Dodge SUV – 375-M556

Signature: Sister Evelyn J. Grudza, osf Date: 8/30/09

Thank You for your assistance.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Thank You

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Code Inspections and Enforcement

August 14, 2008

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Tougher boarding house rules enacted by Baltimore Co. Council

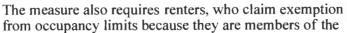
New zoning regulations to deter landlords from crowding rental units

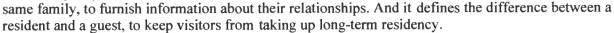
By Mary Gail Hare

April 7, 2009

On Monday, the Baltimore County Council unanimously enacted stronger zoning regulations governing rooming and boarding houses in an effort to deter irresponsible landlords from crowding rental homes with tenants.

The law, which takes effect in 45 days, eliminates a loophole that allowed absentee landlords to circumvent zoning and create limited-liability corporations that gave tenants a small share of ownership. Rules limiting the number of unrelated tenants in a house to two do not apply to owners. The practice has become a problem in neighborhoods near college campuses.











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History of Problems with #16 Skidmore Court

August – 2005

#16 Skidmore Ct was purchased by Stephen Vetter.

October 7, 2005

Sent a letter to Towson Park Association President (Herb Shankroff) to complain about new neighbors in #16 Skidmore Ct. (E-mail attached) who were being disruptive and that there were more than two people living in the house and asked what we could do.

October 13, 2005

Was told I had to prove there was a code violation. Advise was to call the police for the disruptive behavior(which I did). He was absolutely no help.

May 8, 2006

Continued to attempt to find solutions to the code violation. Wrote to Sean Flanagan (Annapolis contact for St. Joseph Medical Center) (E-mail attached)

May 18, 2006

Information was forwarded to Dr. Moriarty (TU). She admitted that there was not enough room on the campus for the students and therefore, they were moving into the surrounding communities. (E-Mail attached)

August, September, 2006

Tried to network with other communities that were having the same problem (items in the Towson Times) (E-Mails attached)

December, 2006

More correspondence with Dr. Moriarty from TU regarding violations in #16 Skidmore Ct.

January, 2007

Called Police about #16 Skidmore Ct. (E-Mail attached).

February 6,7, 2007

Networked with another community through Faye Citerone. (See attachment)

February 22, 2007

Reported #16 Skidmore Ct. to Code Enforcement (See attachment)

March 8, 2007

President of Towson Park once again could not give us any help with the problem about #16 Skidmore Ct. (E-Mail attached).

June 11, 2007

Sent a letter to Councilman Vincent Gardina in regard to the Code violations that were taking place on Skidmore Ct. NO RESPONSE (See attachment)

September 1, 2, 3, and 4 2007

Reported the #16 Skidmore Ct. as well as #2 and #4 houses to Code Enforcement, Mike Mohler and to Dr. Moriarty from TU. Sent a message to Jim Smith's office in regard to the situation. (No response)

September 4, 2007

Claudia Fischer from Code Enforcement finally sent me response. Said that inspectors would be out to all three houses.

September 12, 2007

Sister Michele (my housemate) reported all three houses to Code Enforcement again. (See attached form)

August 14, 2008

Code enforcement was again contacted. (See attachment)

September, 2008

Returned "Rooming House Questions for Complainant" to Latoshia Rumsey-Scott who was now our contact for Code Enforcement. This included several other houses as well. See attachment)

Also sent Latoshia Rumsey-Scott another Rooming House Questions for Complainant form for #16 Skidmore Ct. (See attachment)

September, 2008

More Correspondence from Mike Mohler RE: Code violations. (See attachment)

October 30, 2008 – November 5, 2008

More correspondence from Latoshia Rumsey-Scott to Mike Mohler regarding the zoning violation situations. (See attachments)

November 5, 2008

Latoshia Rumsey-Scott stated that she was issuing a Code Enforcement Citation (E-mail attached)

February 4, 5, 2009

More correspondence from Mike Mohler RE: Code Enforcement and found out that the case had been dismissed. I was directed to discuss disruptive behavior with TU officials.

February 18, 2009

Other e-mails regarding the Code Enforcement Laws. (See attachment)

July 23, 2009

#16 Skidmore Ct's occupant's dog jumped on me while I was visiting #18 Skidmore Ct and nearly knocked me over. Sent a letter to Mr. Vetter (See attachment April, 2009

Baltimore Sun article on the new zoning regulations for Baltimore County. (See attachment)

August 18, 2009

Received word that there would be a hearing scheduled for #16 Skidmore Ct. on September 2, 2009

Hearing was postponed due to a special hearing requested by Mr. Vetter's lawyer.

November 19, 2009

E-mail from Mike Mohler regarding that because of the LLC the individuals were owners. (See attachment)

March 4, 2010

Special Hearing requested by Mr. Vetter's lawyer to request that Mr. Vetter was able to establish the LLC before the law was passed.

Submitted by: Sister Evelyn J. Grudza, OSF 9 Skidmore Court J. Evelyn Towson, MD 21204

A resident since 1997

Case No.: 2010-0133-SPH 16 SKIDMORE COURT

Exhibit Sheet

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In the Matter of 16 Skidmore Court LLC Re: 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204

- Before the Hearing Officer
- Civil Citation No. FAO149449 / CO0066495

Special Hearing

* Matter No. 0210-0133-SPH

MEMORANDUM OF LAW

16 Skidmore Court LLC, Petitioner, by its undersigned counsel, pursuant to Maryland Rules of Procedure, submits this Memorandum of Law in advance of the Special Hearing.

Introduction

This proceeding concerns the Baltimore County rowhouse located at 16 Skidmore Court, Towson, Maryland 21204 (the "Property").

Prior to June 2005, the Property was owned by Janenne J. Corcoran. Attached as Exhibit "A" is a copy of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation's Real Property Data Sheet. On or about June 16, 2005, Stephen Vetter and his son, Brian Vetter (the "Vetters"), purchased the Property from Ms. Corcoran for \$225,000.00. Attached as Exhibit "B" is a copy of the Deed evidencing the transfer of the Property to the Vetters. The Vetters purchased the Property as a place for Brian Vetter to reside during his college years at Towson University. Stephen Vetter participated in the purchase of the property because there was insufficient on-campus housing and a Towson University athletic department representative suggested that Stephen Vetter purchase a property in the neighborhood where his son Brian could reside and where additional tenants could assist in satisfying the mortgage obligation.

The Vetters purchased the Property in June 2005 without knowing of Baltimore County's boarding house/rooming house regulations.

Baltimore County defines a boarding house or rooming house in Section 101.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. There, the definition is two-pronged, with one def

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addressing a resident owner and the other prong describing a boarding house where the owner does not reside. Specifically, Section 101.1 defines a boarding or rooming house as follows:

A. A building:

- 1. Which is the domicile of the owner and in which rooms with or without meals are provided, for compensation, to three or more individuals who are 18 years old or older and not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner; or
- 2. Which is not the owner's domicile and which is occupied in its entirety, for compensation, by three or more individuals who are 18 years old or older and not related to each other by blood, marriage or adoption.

The Property was first subject to a Code Enforcement proceeding as a result of a March 22, 2007 citation. On April 11, 2007, at a proceeding before Code Enforcement Hearing Officer Raymond S. Wisnom, Jr., evidence was presented that the owner and three unrelated college students occupied the property. Mr. Wisnom found the owner in violation and ordered the owner to "reduce the number of unrelated tenants to 2 on or before July 1, 2007."

In fact, certain of the tenants did vacate the premises at the end of the school term and the Property became compliant.

Thereafter, in order to afford an opportunity for the Property to continue to be used by the Vetters as a place for Brian Vetter to reside during his college experience at Towson University and to create lawful means for others to reside there in order to assist in meeting the mortgage obligation, 16 Skidmore Court LLC (the "LLC") was created and ownership of the Property was transferred from the Vetters to the LLC, effective September 21, 2007. A copy of the Deed transferring ownership of the Property to the LLC is attached as **Exhibit "C"**.

It is important to note that, at the time the LLC was created (September 11, 2007 – see **Exhibit "D"**) and the Property transferred, the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations defined an

ROYSTON, MUELLER, CLEAN & REID, LLP SUITE 600 102 W PENN. AVE. TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4575 410-823-1800 "owner" for purposes of boarding house or rooming house law as: "a person who. . .has more than a 25% legal or equitable interest in the property." See Exhibit "E."

On November 25, 2008 another Code Enforcement citation was issued with respect to the Property, alleging a violation of boarding house/rooming house law. Following a December 9, 2008 hearing before Officer Rick Wisnom (who retired on December 24, 2008), Baltimore County Hearing Officer, Donald Brand, on February 4, 2009, dismissed charges, finding that there were "not three or more persons not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner residing at the Property." *See* Exhibit "F."

On December 30, 2008, an Amended and Restated Operating Agreement was executed by the LLC's members, evidencing three individuals possessing an ownership interest in the LLC (and, therefore, the Property) greater than 25%. Those owners and their interests on December 30, 2008 were as follows: Stephen Vetter (37%), Brian Vetter (37%) and Steve Plimack (26%). A copy of Exhibit A of the LLC's Amended and Restated Operating Agreement (evidencing the membership percentages), dated December 30, 2008, is attached as **Exhibit "G."**

On or about March 2, 2009 (effective April 19, 2009), the County Council passed Bill No. 17-2009, which amended the definition of "owner" for boarding or rooming house purposes so that, as of April 19, 2009, an "owner" is defined as: "an individual who. . . has more than a 50% legal or equitable interest in the property." *See* Exhibit "H."

Thereafter, on or about August 18, 2009, Baltimore County again issued a citation with respect to the Property (Case No. FAO149449 /CO0066495), alleging that the LLC violates the boarding house/rooming house law. *See* Exhibit "I."

On or about August 18, 2009 and through the citation period ending September 2, 2009, the Property had three residents: Steve Plimack, Joe Wascavage and Steve Catalano. At that time, Mr. Plimack and Mr. Wascavage were (and still are, as of the date of this Memorandum)

ROYSTON, MUELLER, CLEAN & REID, LLP SUITE 600 102 W PENN. AVE. TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4575 410-823-1800 each 26% interest holders in the LLC. A copy of an Amendment to the LLC's Operating Agreement dated May 14, 2009 is attached as **Exhibit "J."** On September 7, 2009, a fourth unrelated individual, Christian Pastrick, moved into, and currently resides at, the Property. At the end of 2009, Mr. Catalano graduated and moved away. Presently, Messrs. Plimack, Wascavage and Pastrick reside at 16 Skidmore Court. Messrs. Plimack and Wascavage are both "owners" pursuant to the law which was in effect when the LLC was created.

This Special Hearing was scheduled in an effort to establish that the LLC is a valid, non-conforming use, having been created consistent with the prior law, and, hence, that Baltimore County Council Bill No. 17-09 does not preclude the 26% LLC owners and up-to-date unrelated tenants from lawfully occupying the Property. Such a situation is fully compliant with BCZR § 101.1(A)(1).

Issue

To confirm that Baltimore County Council Bill No. 17-09 (the "New Legislation"), which changed the definition of a boarding house (effective April 19, 2009), applies "prospectively" such that 16 Skidmore Court, LLC, a limited liability company organized and operating prior to the effective date of the New Legislation (and which became the legal owner of the Property prior to the effective date of the New Legislation), may continue to own, operate and manage the Property as a lawful nonconforming use.

Argument

In WSSC v. Riverdale Heights Fire Co.,¹ the Court of Appeals validated four principles of Maryland law with respect to the application of new legislation: "(1) statutes are presumed to operate prospectively unless a contrary intent appears; (2) a statute governing procedure or remedy will be applied to cases pending in court when the statute becomes effective; (3) a statute

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¹ 308 Md. 556, 520 A.2d 1319, (1987).

will be given retroactive effect if that is the legislative intent; but (4) even if intended to apply retroactively, a statute will not be given that effect if it would impair vested rights, deny due process, or violate the prohibition against *ex post facto* laws."²

The Court of Appeals in *Allstate Insurance Company v. Kim*³ set forth a two-pronged analysis to determine whether a statute may be retroactively applied to events that occurred prior to the statute's effective date. The general rule is that "statutes are presumed to operate prospectively" unless there is clear legislative intent to the contrary.⁴

There is an exception to the general rule that statues are presumed to operate prospectively. In *Layton v. Howard County Board of Appeals, et al.*, the Court of Appeals, in reaffirming *Yorkdale Corporation v. Powell*, held that, with respect to zoning and land use cases, a substantive change in statutory law that takes place during the course of litigation of a land use or zoning issue shall be retrospectively applied by appellate courts. Although the case at bar is a land-use/zoning case, *Layton* and *Yorkdale* are distinguishable in that the New Legislation was not enacted during the course of litigation or pending some sort of administrative appeal with respect to the Property. Therefore, the general rule of prospective statutory application must still apply to the Property, inasmuch as the LLC was organized prior to the effective date of the New Legislation, became the owner of the Property prior to the effective date, and the case at bar is not an example of a zoning law that was amended during the time period between an administrative action or decision and subsequent appellate review.

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If the trier of fact concludes that a legislative body intended for a particular statute to have retroactive effect, the second step in the analysis is to determine "whether such effect would

² Allstate Insurance Company v. Kim, 376 Md. 276, 289, 829 A.2d 611, 618 (2003).

³ 376 Md. 276, 829 A.2d 611 (2003).

⁴ Id. at 289, citing WSSC v. Riverdale Heights Fire Co., supra.

⁵ 399 Md. 36, 922 A.2d 576 (2007).

⁵ 237 Md. 121, 205 A.2d 269 (1064).

⁷ *Id.* at 596.

contravene some Constitutional right or provision" or, with respect to Article 24 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights and Article II, §40 of the Maryland Constitution, whether it "abrogates or impairs 'vested rights'."

Legislative Intent

To determine legislative intent, courts will first look to "the plain meaning of the statutory language." Where a statute is clear on its face that it is to be applied retroactively, the analysis moves to the second "prong" of the two-prong test – whether the statute is constitutional. However, if legislative intent cannot be determined from the statutory language alone, the Court will look to legislative history or other sources. In the case at bar, there is no statutory language or other evidence that the Baltimore County Council intended for the New Legislation to be applied retroactively. For example, there is no provision for an amortization period of time for a valid entity to become compliant with the new law.

Constitutional Issues

However, assuming, *arguendo*, that the trier of fact finds that the Baltimore County Council intended for the New Legislation to apply retroactively (or that the *Layton/Yorkdale* exception to the general rule is somehow applicable), the New Legislation would still have to pass constitutional muster in order for it to be applied to the LLC and the Property. With respect to the LLC and the Property, there are primarily two constitutional issues that come into play.

Contract Impairment

Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution declares that no state shall pass any law impairing the obligation of contracts. "In determining whether an enactment violates the

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⁸ Allstate, supra, at 290.

⁹ *Id.* at 296.

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¹² *Id*.

[Contracts Clause], a court engages in a three part inquiry: whether there is a contractual relationship, whether a change in law impairs that contractual relationship, and whether the impairment is substantial."

In the case at bar, the members of the LLC entered into an Operating Agreement on December 30, 2008. Retroactive application of the New Legislation would frustrate the purpose of the Operating Agreement setting forth the LLC's membership interests among its three members.

The Property is and has been in compliance with the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. Up to and until April 19, 2009, the effective date of the New Legislation, the Property was in compliance by virtue of having no more than two individuals who are not related to an owner residing at the Property. Since the effective date of the New Legislation, the Property is in compliance because it is a valid non-conforming use. Any other conclusion would cause a consequence that can only be described as a substantial impairment of a contractual relationship.

Taking Without Just Compensation or Due Process of Law

Another constitutional argument is that the New Legislation impairs the vested property rights of the members of the LLC and application would deprive them of property without due process of law. The Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the taking of private property for public use without just compensation. Article III, §40 of the Maryland Constitution states that "[t]he General Assembly shall enact no Law authorizing private property, to be taken for public use, without just compensation..."

The LLC owned and operated the Property prior to the effective date of the New Legislation and even prior to the date the New Legislation was drafted (March 2, 2009). The

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¹³ Allstate, supra, at 299.

LLC's sole source of income is rent collected from the occupants of the Property. The New Legislation, were it to be applied retroactively to the Property, would reduce the maximum number of permitted occupants, ¹⁴ thus reducing the LLC's income potential by approximately twenty-five percent. Such a reduction in income potential amounts to a "taking" of private property for which no compensation has been provided by Baltimore County.

Nonconforming Use

Because "[e]very zoning regulation...effects some curtailment of 'vested' rights..."¹⁵ it is necessary to view the aforementioned constitutional issues in the context of zoning law. In the early stages of the development of zoning law, "most, if not all, zoning ordinances provided that lawful uses existing on the effective date of the law could continue although such uses could not thereafter be begun."¹⁶ These so-called "nonconforming uses" are defined as "uses permitted by zoning statutes or ordinances to continue notwithstanding that similar uses are not permitted in the area in which they are located."¹⁷

In Shifflett et al. v. Baltimore County, ¹⁸ the Court of Appeals held a Baltimore County Council ordinance eliminating all existing junk yards within two years to be constitutional. The Court reasoned that, "[b]ecause every zoning regulation affects property owned by someone at the time of its enactment, it brings about some curtailment of property rights either by restricting prospective uses or prohibiting existing ones." The Court went on to say that the junkyard's owner had "no right to expect that the classification of the property in which it operated would

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¹⁴ Due to the fact that two "owners" and two "non-owners" could lawfully reside in the Property prior to the effective date of the New Legislation. If the New Legislation is deemed to apply to the Property, there can be, by definition, only one "owner" and therefore only two additional "non-owners" could reside at the Property, unless related to the "owner."

¹⁵ Grant v. Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, 212 Md. 301, 315, 129 A.2d 363, 370 (1957).

¹⁶ *Id.* at 307.

¹⁷ *Maryland Law Encyclopedia*, §32, pp. 457-458 (2000).

¹⁸ 247 Md. 151, 230 A.2d 310 (1967).

¹⁹ *Id*. at 311.

remain unchanged indefinitely."20 However, the Court of Appeals in Shifflett based its holding that the ordinance eliminating junkyards was constitutional largely on the fact that existing junkyards were given a two-year grace period to operate as lawful nonconforming uses.

Similarly, in Grant v. Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, 21 the Court of Appeals held constitutional a Baltimore City zoning ordinance providing for removal of billboards from residential areas after a five-year grace period. The Grant court reasoned that the constitutionality of the elimination of a nonconforming use "depends on overall reasonableness and on the importance of the public gain in relation to the private loss."22 In its holding, the Grant court declared: "We think that in requiring billboards to leave residential areas after a tolerance period of five years, the City Council has not overstepped the line that divides the reasonable and constitutional from the arbitrary and invalid."²³ In so holding, the *Grant* court stated that, while it "generally is held that it is unreasonable to require immediate cessation of nonconforming uses otherwise lawful...many legislative bodies have come to the technique of statutes or ordinances that call for the cessation of the extraneous use after a tolerance or amortization period, varying in length with the nature of the use...from one year to sixty years."24

In contrast to *Shifflett* and *Grant*, the New Legislation (if applied retroactively) contains no amortization provision. The New Legislation is intended to have prospective application.

Conclusion

The New Legislation must be viewed to be applied prospectively with respect to the LLC and the Property. There is a general presumption that favors the prospective application of a

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²¹² Md. 301, 129 A.2d 363 (1957).

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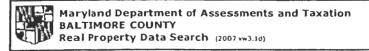
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statute and there is no statutory language or other evidence to rebut the presumption of prospective application of the New Legislation. Further, any attempted retroactive application of the New Legislation to the Property violates the United States Constitution, the Maryland Constitution and the Maryland Declaration of Rights. Accordingly, the LLC must be allowed to continue to operate and manage the Property as a lawful nonconforming use because the New Legislation does not contain any amortization period that might alleviate the aforementioned constitutional concerns.

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This Deed, made this $\underline{\mathbb{W}}$ day of June, 2005, by and between Janenne J. Corcoran, party of the first part, Grantor; and Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, Father and Son, parties of the second part, Grantees.

- Witnesseth -

That for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Five Thousand And 00/100 Dollars (\$225,000.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Grantor does grant and convey to the said Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, as joint tenants, and not as tenants-in-common, the survivor, and the Personal Representatives heirs and assigns of the survivor, in fee simple, all that lot of ground situate in Baltimore County, Maryland and described as follows, that is to say:

BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED as Lot No. 14, Block 4, as shown on the Subdivision Plan of Towson Park, which Plat is recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book GLB No. 19, folio 110. The improvements thereon being known as No. 16 Skidmore Court.

BEING the same property which by Deed dated August 4, 1993 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber SM. No. 10037, Page 023, etc., was granted and conveyed by Albert Lemieux and Cynthia Lemieux, et al. unto Janenne J. Corcoran, in fee simple.

Together with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, made or being; and all and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

To Have and To Hold the said tract of ground and premises above described and mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed, together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, as joint tenants, and not as tenants-in-common, the survivor, and the Personal Representatives heirs and assigns of the survivor, in fee simple.

And the said party of the first part hereby covenants that she has not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that she will warrant specially the property hereby granted; and that she will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

Grantor(s) hereby declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that Grantor(s) is/are a Maryland resident(s)/entity and therefore exempt from the income tax withholding requirements of Section 10-912 of the Tax-General Article, annotated Code of Maryland.

As Witness the hand and seal of said Grantor, the day and year first above written.

WITNESS:

Janenne J. Corcoran

EXHIBIT "B"

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STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF BALTIMORE, to wit:

I hereby certify that on this 16th day of June, 2005, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Janenne J. Corcoran, the Grantor herein, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged the same for the purposes therein contained, and further acknowledged the foregoing Deed to be her act, and in my presence signed and sealed the same, giving oath under penalties of perjury that the consideration recited herein is correct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

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Notary Public

My commission expires:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the within Deed was prepared by, or under the supervision of the undersigned, an Attorney duly admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

James D

Connor, Attorney

AFTER RECORDING, PLEASE RETURN TO:
Mid-Atlantic Title Company
100 West Road

Suite 215 Towson, MD 21204

OWNER OCCUPANCY AFFIDAVIT

Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, the Grantees in the within Deed hereby certify under the penalties of perjury, as evidenced by the joinder herein, that the land conveyed in this Deed is residentially improved owner-occupied real property and that the residence will be occupied by Brian Vetter.

WITNESS:

As to All

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Brian Vener

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STATE OF MARYLAND, Bultimore, to wit

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this 16th day of June, 2005, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, the parties herein, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged the foregoing to be their act, and in my presence signed and sealed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

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Deed converting a real estate enterprise to a limited liability company

THIS DEED, made this 21 day of Sept., 2007, by and between Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter ("Grantors"), and 16 Skidmore Court LLC, a Maryland limited liability company ("Grantee").

This transaction is exempt from all transfer and recordation tax pursuant to Section 12-108(bb) of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland in that:

- (1) The transfer is for no consideration other than the issuance of membership interests in the Grantee;
- (2) The members of the Grantee are identical to the Grantor;
- (3) Each member's allocation of profits and losses of the Grantee is identical to that member's allocation of the profits and losses of the conveying Grantors; and
- (4) All real property owned by the individual Grantors and used in the conduct of any real estate enterprise is being conveyed to a single limited liability company, Grantee.

WITNESSETH, that pursuant to the above, the Grantors do hereby grant and convey unto the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, all that lot of ground situate, lying and being in Baltimore County, State of Maryland, and described as follows, that is to say:

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BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED as Lot No. 14, Block 4, as shown on the Subdivision Plan of Towson Park, which Plat is recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book G.L.B. No. 19, folio 110.

The improvements thereon being known as No. 16 Skidmore Court.

BEING the same property described in a Deed dated June 16, 2005, and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber S.M. No. 22109, folio 361, from Janenne J. Corcoran to Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, the Grantors herein.

TOGETHER with the buildings and improvements thereupon; and the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said described lot of ground and premises to the said Grantee, its successors and assigns, in fee simple.

AND the said Grantors hereby covenant that they have not done or suffered to be done any act, matter, or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that they will warrant specially the property hereby granted; and that they will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

WITNESS the hands and seals of said Grantogs.

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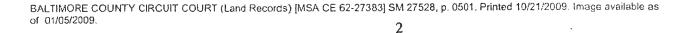
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STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF BALTIMORE, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this ________ day of September, 2007, before me, a Notary Public in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, personally appeared Stephen Vetter and Brian Vetter, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained as their act and deed.

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Certification of Exemption from Withholding Upon Disposition of Maryland Real Estate Affidavit of Residence or Principal Residence

Based on the certification below, Transferor claims exemption from the tax withholding requirements of § 10-912 of Maryland's Tax General Article. Section 10-912 states that certain tax payments must be withheld when a deed or other instrument that affects a change in ownership of real property is recorded. The requirements of § 10-912 do not apply when a transferor provides a certification of Maryland residence or certification that the transferred property is the transferor's principal residence.

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Martin O'Malley Governor

C. John Sullivan, Jr. Director

Paul B. Anderson Administrator

Date: 09/11/2007

ROYSTON, MUELLER, MCLEAN & REID

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102 W PENN AVE

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MD 21204-4526

THIS LETTER IS TO CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING FILING:

ENTITY NAME

: 16 SKIDMORE COURT LLC

DEPARTMENT ID

: W12120739

TYPE OF REQUEST : ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

DATE FILED

: 09-11-2007

TIME FILED

: 02:54 PM

RECORDING FEE

: \$100.00

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: \$70.00

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: \$22.00

FILING NUMBER

: 1000361995272253

CUSTOMER ID

: 0002019351

WORK ORDER NUMBER : 0001462389

PLEASE VERIFY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS LETTER. NOTIFY THIS DEPARTMENT IN WRITING IF ANY INFORMATION IS INCORRECT. INCLUDE THE CUSTOMER ID AND THE WORK ORDER NUMBER ON ANY INQUIRIES. EVERY YEAR THIS ENTITY MUST FILE A PERSONAL PROPERTY RETURN IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS EXISTENCE EVEN IF IT DOES NOT OWN PERSONAL PROPERTY. A BLANK RETURN WILL BE MAILED BY FEBRUARY OF THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE RETURN IS DUE.

EXHIBIT "D"

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having less than 100 square feet of floor area shall be considered a bedroom. [Bill No. 100-1970]

BILLIARD OR POOL ROOM — A business establishment where the principal use is the playing of pool or billiards and at least 75% of the net floor area of the establishment's interior space is devoted exclusively to this use. The net floor area does not include space that is not available for use by the public. [Bill No. 30-1983]

BOARDING- OR ROOMING HOUSE [Bill Nos. 44-1982; 124-1993; 86-2001; 102-2001]:

A. A building:

- 1. Which is the domicile of the owner and in which rooms with or without meals are provided, for compensation, to three or more adult persons not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner; or
- Which is not the owner's domicile and which is occupied in its entirety, for compensation, by three or more adult persons not related to each other by blood, marriage or adoption.
- B. The term does not include a hotel, motel, apartment building or a facility for foster care (as defined in the Family Law Article, Section 5-501(g) of the Annotated Code of Maryland and COMAR 07.06.16). The term does include a care home (as defined in the Health General Article, Section 19-307(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.) [Bill No. 137-2004]
- C. For purposes of this definition only, "owner" means a person who:
 - 1. Has more than a 25% legal or equitable interest in the property; and
 - 2. Shares in more than 25% of the profits or losses derived from the compensation paid under Paragraph A. of this definition.

BOATYARD — A commercial or nonprofit boat basin with facilities for one or more of the following: sale, construction, repair, storage, launching, berthing, securing, fueling and general servicing of marine craft of all types. [Bill No. 64-1963]

BREWERY — An establishment with a valid alcoholic beverage manufacturer's license Class 5, 6 or 7 issued in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 2B, Section 2-206, 2-207 or 2-208. [Bill No. 185-1995]

BREWERY, CLASS 5A — A brewery with a state Class 5 license which produces 100,000 or more barrels of malt beverage per year. [Bill No. 185-1995]

BREWERY, CLASS 5B — A brewery with a state Class 5 license which produces less than 100,000 barrels of malt beverage per year. [Bill No. 185-1995]

BREWERY, CLASS 6 — A brewery with a state Class 6 (pub-brewery) license. A Class 6 brewery is accessory to a standard restaurant and produces no more than 2,000 barrels of malt beverage per year. [Bill No. 185-1995]

BREWERY, CLASS 7 — A brewery with a state Class 7 (micro-brewery) license. A Class 7 brewery is established in conjunction with a standard restaurant and produces no

Department of Permits and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

In the Matter of

Civil Citation No. 46307

Stephen Vetter Brian Vetter

16 Skidmore Court

Respondents

AMENDED FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer for the Department of Permits and Development Management on December 9, 2008, for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, Sections 101: Definition of Boarding-or Rooming House, 102.1: Conformance with Regulations, 1801.1: Applicability and 408B: Boarding-and Rooming Houses in D.R. Zones; and failure to register the property as a rental Code in a D. R. Zone known as 16 Skidmore Court, Baltimore, MD 21204.

Subsequently, the Respondents, by and through their attorney, Edward J. Gilliss, hand-delivered to Timothy M. Kotroco, Director, Department of Permits & Development Management, a letter on February 3, 2009, requesting a modification or amendment of the Final Order dated January 29, 2009. Mr. Gilliss argues that Section 3-201 of the Real Property Article is controlling which section says: The effective date of a deed is the date of delivery, and the date of delivery is presumed to be the date of the last acknowledgment, if any, or the date stated on the deed, whichever is later. Every deed, when recorded, takes effect from its effective date as against the grantor, his personal representatives, every purchaser with notice of the deed, and every creditor of the grantor with or without notice. The action brought against the Respondents was for a violation of a zoning regulation not in any way related to the grantor, his Personal Representatives, a purchaser with notice or creditor. The citation dated December 9, 2008, not November 25, 2008 as incorrectly stated in the January 29th order, charged the Respondents with violations for the period of September 17, 2008 through November 25, 2008, not through December 9, 2008 as set out, due to the fact that any violation after the date of the citation was speculative. During that time and even up to the date of the hearing no deed had been recorded which changed the ownership interests of the occupants and therefore I do not find Section 3-201 controlling.

Mr. Gilliss also argues that even if the property had not been effectively transferred as of September 21, 2007, one of the three occupants was a first cousin of one of the owners, a fact unfortunately not previously recognized by the undersigned Hearing Officer and which was set forth in Mr. Gilliss' December 30, 2008, letter, which must be considered as the Hearing Officer, Rick Wisnom, agreed to allow the record to remain open until December 30, 2008 to accept additional information regarding ownership of the property. As a result, there were not three or more persons not related by blood, marriage or adoption to the owner during the violation period discussed above.

WHEREFORE, it is this 4th day of February 2009, ordered that the charge of operating a Boarding-Rooming House in the above-entitled matter is dismissed.

Signed:

Dohald E. Brand

Baltimore County Hearing Officer

NOTICE TO VIOLATOR: The violator is advised that (1) pursuant to §3-6-206(g)(2) of the Baltimore County Code, the Violator may make written application to the Director of the Department of Permits & Development Management within 10 days to modify or amend this order and (2) pursuant to §3-6-301(a), Baltimore County Code, the Violator may appeal this order to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals within fifteen (15) days from the date of this order. Any such appeal requires the filing of a petition setting forth the grounds for appeal, payment of a filing fee of \$150 and the posting of security to satisfy the penalty assessed.

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Amended and Restated Operating Agreement

Of

16 Skidmore Court LLC,

A Maryland Limited Liability Company

Dated: December 30, 2008

16 Skidmore Court LLC, A Maryland Limited Liability Company Operating Agreement

Exhibit A List of Members, Capital, and Percentages

Name and Address Of Taxpayer	Initial Cash Capital	D
	Contribution	Percentages
Stephen G. Vetter 1749 Broadlee Trail Annapolis, MD 21401	Contribution of 50% interest in property having an address of 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	37%
Brian Vetter 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	Contribution of 50% interest in property having an address of 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	37%
Steve Plimack 16 Skidmore Court Towson, MD 21204	\$1.00	26%

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Legislative Session 2009, Legislative Day No. <u>5</u>

Bill No. 17-09

Mr. <u>Joseph Bartenfelder</u>, Chairman and Councilmembers <u>Gardina</u>, <u>Moxley & Olszewski</u> By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, March 2, 2009

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Boarding- or Rooming House - Definition and clarification

FOR the purpose of raising the level of ownership interest an individual must have to be considered an owner of a property for purposes of boarding- or rooming house analysis; providing that an individual who lives in a building for a certain amount of time may be considered to reside in a building for purposes of boarding- or rooming house analysis under certain circumstances; providing for the burden of proof under certain circumstances; clarifying the intent of county rental housing law; clarifying a certain term; and generally relating to boarding- or rooming houses.

By repealing and reenacting, with amendments

Section 101, Definition of "Boarding- or rooming house" Baltimore County Zoning Regulations

EXPLANATION:

CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from bill. Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

Permits and Development Management Code Enforcement 410-887-3351 Code Inspections and Enforcement **Building Inspection** 410-887-3953 County Office Building, Rm. 213 **Electrical Inspection** 410-887-3960 111 West Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Maryland 21204 Plumbing Inspection Signs/ Fences 410-887-3620 410-887-3896 5 GODE ENFORCEMENT & INSPECTIONS CITATION SHOWS IN Iowson, Maryland 2 MAILING ADDRESS: JISSESSION ILIES Pursuant to Section 1-2-217, Baltimore County Code, civil penalty has been assessed, as a result of the violation(s) cited herein, in the amount indicated: Co A quasi-judicial hearing has been pre-scheduled in room 116, 111 W. Chesapeake Ave, Towson, Maryland, 21204, for: DATE: TIME: / P.M. I do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalty of perjury, that the contents stated above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. **Inspector Printed Name:** INSPECTOR SIGNATURE:

PRINT NAME

DEFENDANT

EXHIBIT "I"

16 Skidmore Court, LLC a Maryland limited liability company

AMENDMENT TO OPERATING AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT TO OPERATING AGREEMENT ("Amendment") is made this day of May, 2009, by and among Stephen G. Vetter ("Stephen") and Brian Vetter ("Brian"), Class A Members, Steve Plimack ("Plimack") and Joe Wascavage ("Wascavage"), Class B Members, and 16 Skidmore Court, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company (the "Company").

WHEREAS, The Company was formed by the filing of Articles of Organization with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation on September 11, 2007.

WHEREAS, Stephen and Brian have heretofore entered into an Operating Agreement effective September 21, 2007 (the "Original Operating Agreement") for the organization, operation and conduct of the Company.

WHEREAS, Stephen, Brian and Plimack entered into an Amended and Restated Operating Agreement on December 30, 2008 (the "Operating Agreement"), which superseded the Original Operating Agreement.

WHEREAS, the parties desire to admit Wascavage as a Class B Member upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Operating Agreement and to further amend the Operating Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree that the Operating Agreement be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

- 1. <u>New Class B Member</u>. Effective the day and year set forth above, Wascavage shall be admitted as a Class B Member of the Company and shall own a Percentage equal to 26%.
- 2. <u>Adjustments to Percentages</u>. Effective the day and year set forth above, Stephen's Percentage shall decrease from 37% to 24% and Brian's Percentage shall decrease from 37% to 24%. Exhibit A of the Operating Agreement is hereby amended to reflect the new Percentages consistent with this Amendment.
- 3. <u>Defined Terms</u>. All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Operating Agreement.
- 4. <u>Ratification</u>. The Operating Agreement, except as expressly amended by or inconsistent with the terms hereof, is hereby ratified and affirmed to be controlling and binding upon the Company and its Members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment by their hands and seals below.

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WITNESS:	CLASS A MEMBERS
	Stephen & Vetter
	Brian Vetter (SEAL)
	CLASS B MEMBERS:
	Steve Plimack (SEAL)
	Joe Wascavage (SEAL)
,	By: Stephen G. Vetter, authorized person

ROYSTON, MUELLER, McLEAN & REID, LLP

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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Re:

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ZONING COMPLUSIONER

Dear Mr. Wiseman:

This letter follows the March 4, 2010 hearing in the above-captioned matter.

Consistent with your request at the conclusion of the hearing, I now provide you with a "rent roll" identifying the individuals who have resided at the above-referenced property since the Vetters and/or the LLC have owned the property.

Please advise me if you desire or require any additional information.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Gilliss

EJG/ges Enclosure

cc: Mr. Stephen B. Vetter

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Skidmore Summary

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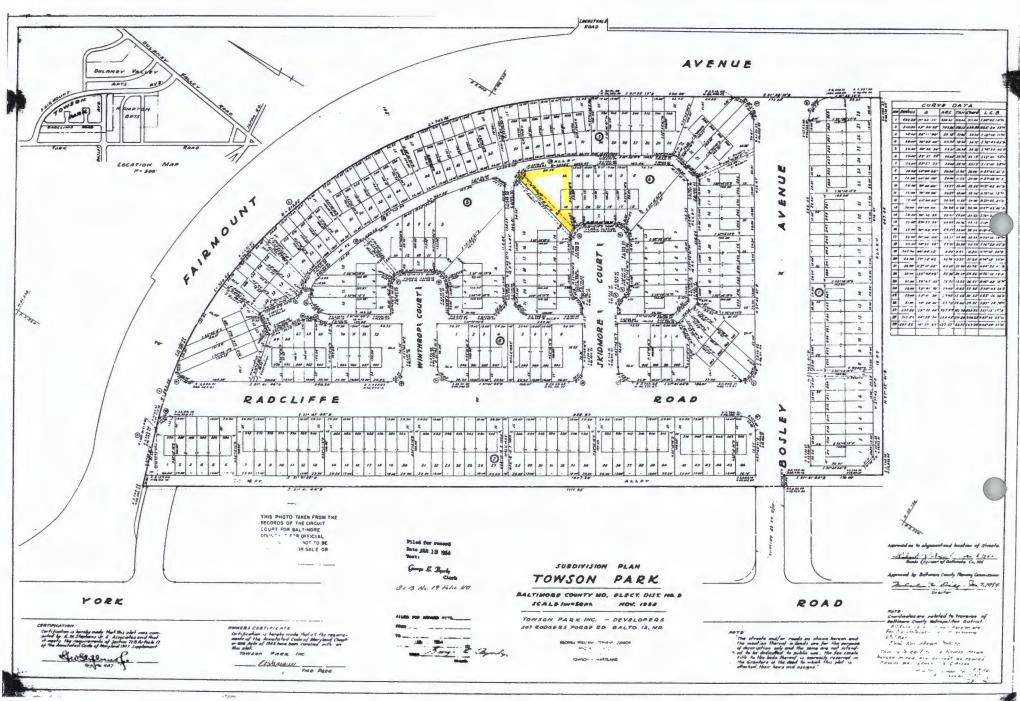
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PLAT TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE SPECIAL HEARING PROPERTY ADDRESS 16 SKIDMORE COURT SEE PAGES 5 & 6 OF THE CHECKLIST FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INFORMATION								
SUBDIVISION NAME TOWSON PARK	-							
	PLAT BOOK # 19 FOLIO # 110 LOT # 14 SECTION #							
OWNER ROBERT S HANDZO	AL	LEY.	1	FAIRMOUN				
R=697.85' L=127.47' 83.3	5	z vi		To WHITHOD SITE				
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37.1		AC DoneE	S+C WALTERS	COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 5TH				
*				1"=200' SCALE MAP # 070A1				
	#16	#18	# 20	ZONING DR 10.5				
	FRONT	FRONT	FRONT	LOT SIZE 5760				
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