	PETITION FOR VARIANCE N/S Baltimore National Pike, (US Rte. 40).	*	BEFORE THE
	1,600' W of Nuwood Road	*	ZONING COMMISSIONER
	(6624 Baltimore National Pike)		
		*	OF
	1 st Election District		
	1 st Council District	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
		*	
.]	Russels, LLC		
]	Petitioner	*	Case No. 2010-0336-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by F. Steven Russel, managing member of Russels, LLC, the owner of the property, by and through their attorney, Leslie M. Pittler, Esquire. The Petitioner requests variance relief from: (1) Sections 238.1 and 303.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front setback of 52 feet in lieu of the required averaged setback of 57.5 feet, and (2) from B.C.Z.R. Section 238.2 to permit a side yard of 20 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Kenneth J. Colbert, Professional Engineer with Colbert, Matz, Rosenfelt, Inc., the consultant who prepared the site plan for this property, and Leslie M. Pittler, Esquire, Petitioner's attorney. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is an irregular (gun shaped) parcel located on the north side of Baltimore National Pike (MD Rte. 40) just west of its intersection with Nuwood Road in Catonsville. The property consists of a gross area of 5.0819 acres, more or less, zoned B.R. and is the site of new car dealerships owned by the Petitioner.

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The Russel family of automobile dealerships is well-known in the Baltimore/Metropolitan area and, in fact, operates other dealerships on nearby property. As shown on the site plan, the subject property features two (2) new car showrooms for Mazda/Subaru and Volkswagen automobiles, a large area for mechanical services, a body/fender repair shop, and a large macadam paved area for the storage of vehicles and customer parking.

The subject of the variance is the Mazda/Subaru new car showroom that is being remodeled in an effort to satisfy requirements imposed by Subaru to equal out its display area in conformance with its new business model. Testimony and evidence offered establishes that the specific need for the variances are generated by the uniqueness of the property. The 6,697 square foot dealership building has existed at this location for many years. As illustrated on Petitioner's site plan and aerial photograph, it was built towards the front and in the southwest corner of the site some 55 feet off of U.S. Route 40 and 20 feet west of the property line. ¹

To maintain its valued connection between the Subaru manufacturer and the Petitioner, Russels, LLC, has designed a 525 square foot addition that will provide the additional showroom space required by Subaru. This will be done by extending the existing western building line 50 feet further south to meet the front exterior building wall. This in essence will present a new showroom image by filling in 10.5 feet of the 30.5 of open space that presently exists at the southwest corner. This is in keeping with the 20 foot side yard space that presently exists and a greater setback than was granted by this Commission in 1964.

As Mr. Colbert pointed out, there is no other feasible area to place the needed addition.

There is no space available to the front or rear and the east side is occupied by the service

¹ The zoning history evidences that on July 9, 1964 then Zoning Commissioner John Rose granted a variance from B.C.Z.R. Section 238.2 permitting a side yard setback of 10.76 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet – See Case No. 2643-5 received in evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 3C. Petitioner, however, located its showroom 20 feet from the property line as opposed to the 10.76 feet granted.

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center's drive aisle. Suffice it to say, these characteristics create substantial and unusual architectural challenges in locating a building addition on the site that will provide a reasonable and significant use. See, Belvoir Farms v. North, 355 Md. 259 (1999) and White v. North, 356 Md. 31 (1999).

The front setback variance is from the "averaging" of setbacks required by B.C.Z.R. Section 303.2. As shown on the aerial photograph (Petitioner's Exhibit 2), many of the existing commercial buildings on either side of Baltimore National Pike are setback as close as 20 feet from the road edge. The front setback variance in this case is driven due to the setback distances of adjoining commercial uses. To the west the Professional Enterprise's two-story building at 64 feet – to the east Russels' Volkswagen showroom at 51 feet. This creates the average setback distance of 57.5 feet $(64' + 51' \div 2 = 57.5')$. The setback required by the B.C.Z.R. appears particularly inappropriate here given the fact that the site and building(s) have existed for decades. The southwest corner of the new addition will only sit 1.8 foot closer to the right-of-way. This is due in chief to the fact that the existing showroom is not parallel with US Route 40. (They get closer as you proceed from east to west). Thus, the requested 52 foot variance is necessary.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the relief. It is clear that the use proposed is appropriate for this site and consistent with the area. The requested relief will allow modernization of the building that has existed at this location for over four (4) decades. The variances are warranted in view of the unique configuration of the lot and dynamic structural changes brought about by the uses that have previously existed on this property. There were no adverse Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments submitted by any County reviewing agency. Thus, it is clear that the requested relief can be granted without detrimental

 impact to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding locale. I find that the Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of B.C.Z.R. Section 307 as it relates to the requested zoning variances. To do otherwise would cause an exceptional hardship to Russels, LLC that has operated at this site for many years without objection.

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

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

day of July 2010, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Sections

238.1 and 303.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), to allow a front setback of 52 feet in lieu of the required 57.5 feet averaged setback, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from B.C.Z.R. Section 238.2 to permit a side yard setback of 20 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

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

Any appeal of this Order shall be taken in accordance with Baltimore County Code

B.C.C.) Section 32-3-401.

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

WJW:dlw



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

Zoning Commissioner

July 27, 2010

Leslie M. Pittler, Esquire 25 Wadsworth Bridge Way Lutherville, MD 21093

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

N/S Baltimore National Pike, (US Rte. 40), 1,600' W of Nuwood Road (6624 Baltimore National Pike)

1st Election District - 1st Council District
Russels, LLC – Petitioner
Case No. 2010-0336-A

Dear Mr. Pittler:

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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WJW:dlw Enclosure

 Kenneth J. Colbert, P.E., Colbert, Matz, Rosenfelt, Inc., 2835 Smith Avenue, Suite G, Baltimore, MD 21209
 People's Counsel; DEPRM; Office of Planning; File



Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 6624 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE

which is presently zoned BR

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

SEE ATTACHED

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

TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING

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

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which Is the subject of this Petition. Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Legal Owner(s): F. Steven Russel/ RUSSELS LLC Name - Type or Print Name - Type or Print MANASING, MEMBER Signature Telephone No. Name - Type or Print Address. City State Zip Code Signature 410-788-8400 6700 Baltimore National Pike Attorney For Petitioner: Address. Telephone No. Leslie M. Pittler Baltimore 21228 Name Type or Print City State Zip Code Representative to be Contacted: Signature Kenneth J. Colbert Company COLBERT MATZ ROSENFELT, INC 25 Wadsworth Bridge Way 443-831-9204 2835 Smith Avenue, Suite G 410-653-3838 Address Telephone No. Address Telephone No. 21093 Baltimore 21209 Lutherville City Zlp Code State Zip Code OFFICE USE ONLY Case No. 2010-0336-A ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING UNAVAILABLE FOR HEARING Reviewed By ____ JNP

PETITION FOR VARIANCE 6624 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE

ATTACHED SHEET

- 1. Section 238.1 and Section 303.2 to permit a front setback of 52 feet in lieu of the required 57.5 feet. a veraged setback
- 2. Section 238.2 to permit a side yard of 20 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet

Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc.

Civil Engineers • Surveyors • Planners



ZONING DESCRIPTION

RUSSEL SUBARU 6624 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE, U. S. ROUTE 40, 150 FEET WIDE, AT A DISTANCE 1600 FEET, MORE OR LESS, WEST OF NUWOOD ROAD, 70 FEET WIDE. THENCE LEAVING SAID POINT OF BEGINNING AND RUNNING:

BINDING ALONG SAID NORTH SIDE OF BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE BY A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 7564.44 FT. AND A LENGTH OF 400.76 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY AND RUNNING

NORTH 27 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST, 325.11 FEET

NORTH 55 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, 274.39 FEET

NORTH 18 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 129.87 FEET

SOUTH 56 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST, 268.49 FEET

SOUTH 61 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST, 131.59 FEET

SOUTH 67 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST, 99.95 FEET

SOUTH 71 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST, 20.55 FEET

BY A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH A RADIUS OF 1,325.00 FEET AND A LENGTH OF 30.06 FEET

SOUTH 71 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST, 86.83 FEET

SOUTH 18 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 51SECONDS WEST, 517.57 FEET

TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 209,275 SQUARE FEET OR 4.8043 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

BEING ALL OF THAT PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 1994 AND RECORDED IN LIBER 10743, FOLIO 516. ALSO KNOWN AS 6624 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE AND LOCATED IN THE 1ST ELECTION DISTRICT, 1ST COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT.

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

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

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

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

For Newspaper Advertising:
Item Number or Case Number: 28/8-0336-A
Petitioner: RUSSELS LLC
Address or Location: 6624 BALTIMORE NAT'L PIKE
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name:
Address: C/O RUSSER MOTOR CARS, INC
6700 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE
BALTIMORE, MD 21228
Telephone Number: 410 - 788 - 8400

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner 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: # 2010-0336-A 6624 Baltimore National Pike N/east side of Baltmore Na-tional Pikke, 1600 +/- feet n/west of Nuwood Road 1st Election District
1st Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s): Russels,
LLC, F. Steven Russel
Variance: to permit a front
setback of 52 feet in lieu of
the required 57.5 feet averaged setback to permit a
side yard of 20 feet in lieu
of the required 30 feet.
Hearing: Wednesday, July
21, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in
Room 104, Jefferson
Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson
21204. 1st Election District

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III
Zoning Commissioner for
Baltimore County
NOTES: (1) Hearings are
Handicapped Accessible;
for special accommodations Please Contact the
Zoning Commissioner's Office at (410) 887-4386.
(2) For information concerning the File and/or
Hearing, Contact the Zoning
Review Office at (410) 8873391.

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

7/8, 2010
THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published
in the following weekly newspaper published in Baltimore County, Md.,
once in each ofsuccessive weeks, the first publication appearing on76,2010
The Jeffersonian
☐ Arbutus Times
☐ Catonsville Times
☐ Towson Times
Owings Mills Times
☐ NE Booster/Reporter
☐ North County News

LEGAL ADVERTISING

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

ATTENTION: KRISTEN MATHHEWS

DATE: 07/07/10

Case Number: 2010-0336-A

Petitioner / Developer: LESLIE PITLER, ESQ.~F. STEVEN RUSSEL~

COLBERT, MATZ & ROSENFELT, INC.

Date of Hearing (Closing): JULY 21, 2010

This is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at: 6624 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE

The sign(s) were posted on: JULY 2, 2010



Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

(City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

410 - 666 - 5366

(Telephone Number of Sign Poster)

TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Tuesday, July 6, 2010 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

James Branson c/o Russel Motor Cars, Inc. 6700 Baltimore National Pike Baltimore, MD 21228 410-788-8400

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N/east side of Baltimore National Pike, 1600 +/- feet n/west of Nuwood Road

1st Election District – 1st Councilmanic District Legal Owner: Russels, LLC, F. Steven Russel

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105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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

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



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

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Department of Permits and

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Timothy Kotroco

Director

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C: Leslie Pittler, 25 Wandsworth Bridge Way, Lutherville 21093
F. Steven Russel, Russels, LLC, 6700 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore 21228
Kenneth Colbert, Colbert, Matz, Rosenfelt, 2835 Smith Ave., Ste. G., Baltimore 21209

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2010.

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JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

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

July 15, 2010

Leslie Pittler 25 Wadsworth Bridge Way Lutherville, MD 21093

Dear: Leslie Pittler

RE: Case Number 2010-0336-A, 6624 Baltimore National Pike

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on June 01, 2010. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

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

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

Very truly yours,

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

F. Steven Russel: Russels, LLC; 6700 Baltimore National Pike; Baltimore, MD 21228 Kenneth J. Colbert: Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc.; 2835 Smith Ave, Ste. G; Baltimore, MD 21209



Inter-Office Correspondence

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco

FROM:

Dave Lykens, DEPRM - Development Coordination

DATE:

June 28, 2010

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item # 10-336-A

Address

6624 Baltimore National Pike

(Russels, LLC Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of June 7, 2010.

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item:

X Development of this property must comply with the Forest Conservation Regulations (Sections 33-6-101 through 33-6-122 of the Baltimore County Code).

Reviewer:

J. Russo

Date: 6/11/10

BW 7-21-10 2PM

DATE: June 22, 2010

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: Zoning Advisory Petition(s): Case(s) 10-336- Variance

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

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

Prepared By:

Division Chief:

CM/LL

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: June 10, 2010

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 June 21, 2010

Item Nos. 2010- 324, 327, 330, 332,

333, 335, 336 and 337

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

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cc: File

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

Maryland Department of Transportation

June 15, 2010

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

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 2010-0336-A US 40 (Balto. Nat. Pike) west Rolling Road

6624 Baltimore Nat'l Pike

Russell Subaru Variance -

Dear Ms. Matthews:

We have reviewed the site plan to accompany special hearing and request for variance on the subject of the above captioned, which was received on June 9, 2010. A field inspection reveals that the existing entrance onto US 40 (Baltimore National Pike) is adequate and consistent with current State Highway Administration requirements. Based on available information this office has no objection to Russell Subaru at 6624 Baltimore Nat'l Pike, Case Number 2010-0336-A approval.

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

Very truly yours,

Steven D. Foster, Chief Engineering Access Permits

Division

SDF/mb

Cc: Mr. David Malkowski, Metropolitan District Engineer, SHA

Mr. Michael Pasquariello, Utility Engineer, SHA

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE *
6624 Baltimore National Pike; NE/S Baltimore
National Pike, 1600' W of Nuwood Road *
1st Election & 1st Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): Russels, LLC

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

10-336-A

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.

Peter Max Zummerman

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Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204

105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 9th day of June, 2010, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Kenneth Colbert PE, Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc, 2835 Smith Avenue, Suite G, Baltimore, MD 21209 and Leslie Pittler, Esquire, 25 Wandsworth Bridge Way, Lutherville, MD 21093, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

7-21@2pm

CASE NO. 2010- 0336 - A

CHECKLIST

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6-10	DEVELOPMENT PLANS REVIEW	No Comments
6-28	DEPRM	Connect
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Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation BALTIMORE COUNTY Real Property Data Search (2007 vw3.1e)

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Account Identifier:

District - 01 Account Number - 2200021359

Owner	Inf	ormati	on
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Owner Name:

RUSSELS LLC

Use:

COMMERCIAL

Principal Residence:

Mailing Address:

C/O RUSSEL MOTOR CARS INC **6700 BALTIMORE NATL PIKE BALTIMORE MD 21228-3909**

Deed Reference:

1) /10743/ 516

2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address

6624 BALTO NATL PIKE

Legal Description

4.8043 AC

NS BALTIMORE NATL PIKE

Sub District Subdivision Section Block Lot **Assessment Area** Plat No: Мар Grid **Parcel** 94 22 279 Plat Ref:

Town

Special Tax Areas

Ad Valorem Tax Class

Primary Structure Built

Enclosed Area

Property Land Area

County Use

0000

45,345 SF

4.80 AC

Type

22

Exterior

Stories

Basement

Value Information

Value **Phase-in Assessments**

As Of 01/01/2009

As Of As Of 07/01/2010 07/01/2009

1,255,400 1,673,900

Land Improvements:

2,063,600 1,610,700

Base Value

Total: 3,319,000 3,284,600

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Preferential Land:

Seller: JBMLH LLC

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07/01/2010

Exemption Information 07/01/2009 **Partial Exempt Assessments** Class 000 0 County 000 0 State

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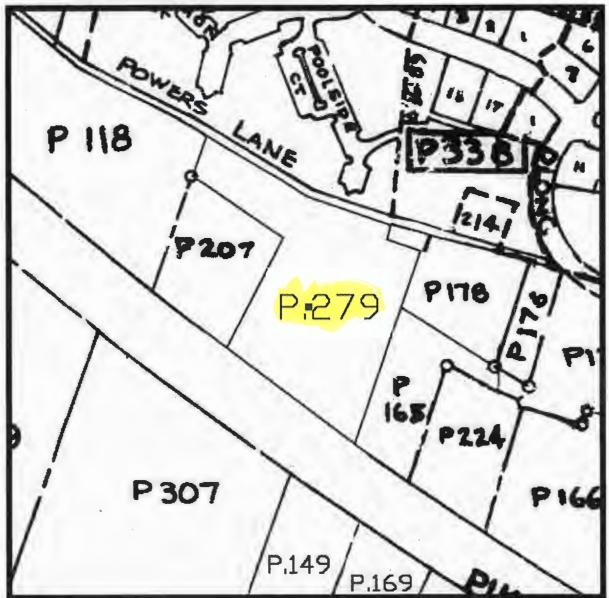
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Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation BALTIMORE COUNTY Real Property Data Search

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Case No.: 2010-0336- A 6624 BALTO-NATE PIKE

Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

Protestant

No. 1	
	SITE PLAN
No. 2	AZRIAL PHOTOGRAPH
No. 3	[SURROUNDING NEIGHBAR FOOD) ZONING HISTORY 3A - CASE 1929 - Reclassification 3B - CASE 2643-5 - USE PERMIT pradvertising structure 3C - CASE 64-199RA - Variance 10.76 suiteyard 3D - CASE 66-4R - Reclassification to BR
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Petition for Zoning Re-Classification

To The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County :-

on the northeast side of Edmondson Avenue extended beginning 4672 feet West of Rolling Road thence Westerly on the northeast side of Edmondson Avenue extended 484.97 feet thence north 18 degrees 29 minutes East 250 feet thence southeasterly parallel to Edmondson Avenue extended 484.97 feet and thence South 18 degrees 23 minutes West 250 feet to the place of beginning.

hereby petition that the soning status of the above described property be re-classified, pursuant to the
Zoning Law of Baltimore County, from Askasidential zone to axCommercial zone.
Reasons for Re-Classification:In order that the property may be used
for a Drive-in-Restaurant.
Size and height of bailding: frontfeet; depthfeet; heightfeet.
Front and side set backs of building from street lines: frontfeet; sidefeet
Property to be posted as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.
Me agree to pay explaces of above re-classification, advertising, posting, etc., upon filing
of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of
Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.
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Legal Owner
Co. 3 Address
CRDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this 19th day of
February 1951, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required
by the "Zoning Law of Baltimore County," in a new spaper of general circulation throughout Baltimore
County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing hereon be had in the office of the Zoning
Commissioner of Baltimore County, in the Reckord Bldg., in Towson, Baltimore County, on the
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Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

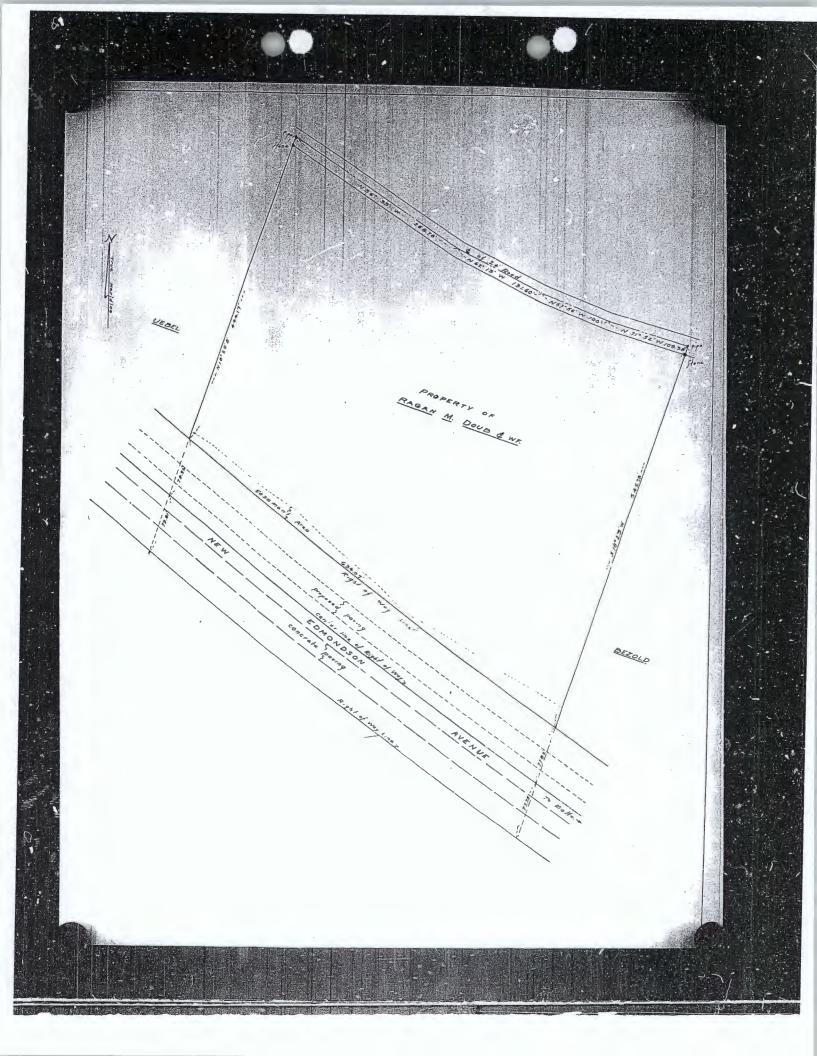
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EXHIBIT NO. 3A

Porsmant to the advortisement, posting of property, and public heading on the above pention. nd it supering that by remon of location, being contiguous to an additing commercial and en the morth blice of Wiscondoon Avenue Extended where a major portion of the land between Rolling Boad and the tree in question has theen somet commercial, the lenginet being suitable for residential development, and it appearing that the granting of this reclassification will not be develontal to the health, entery and general reliate of the community. the above re-classification should be had baraby reclassified, from and after the date of this Order, from a "A" Residence Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of property and public hearing on the above petition and if appearing that by reason of _____

___the above re-classification should NOT be bad: It Is Ordered by the Zoning Commissioner or Saltimore County, this _____day of above described property or area be and the same is hereby continued as and to remain a Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

County Commissioners of Baltimore County



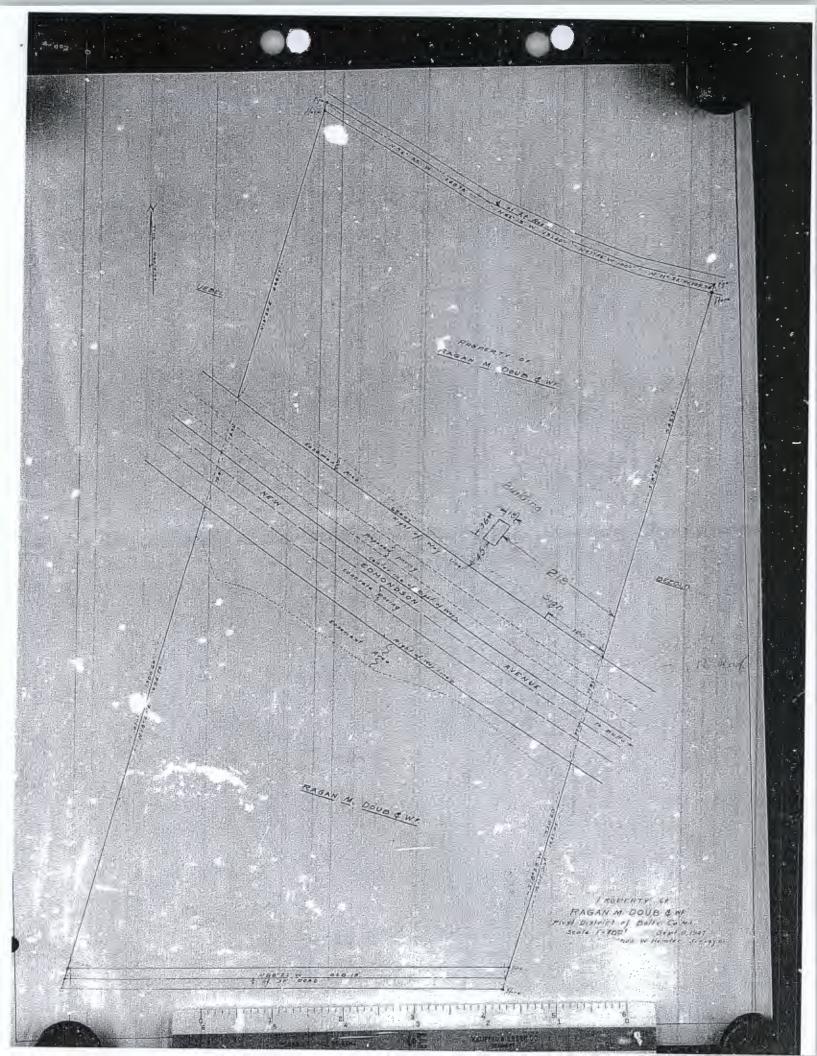
ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 22m day of June , 1366 , tost the subject matter of this petition be advertised in a newspaper of gameral directation throughout Baltimore. County and that the property be posted, as required by the Zoning Regulations and Act of Assembly aforesaid, and that a public hearing thereon be had in the office of the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, Maryland, on the 13th , 1991, at 1:30 o'clock day of July of Baltimore County Upon nearing on petition for a special penuit to use the property described therein for the erection of one Advertising Structure and it appearing that by reason of location, the safety and general selfars of the community not being affected, the special permit petitioned should be granted, therefore: It is this day of July, 1953, OHDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County that the aforesaid petition for a special permit be and the same is hereby granted for a period of two (2) years from the rbove date, subject, however, to a setback for said sign of the 1ve (12) feet from the northeasternmost right-of-way line of Edmondson Avenue, Externed. Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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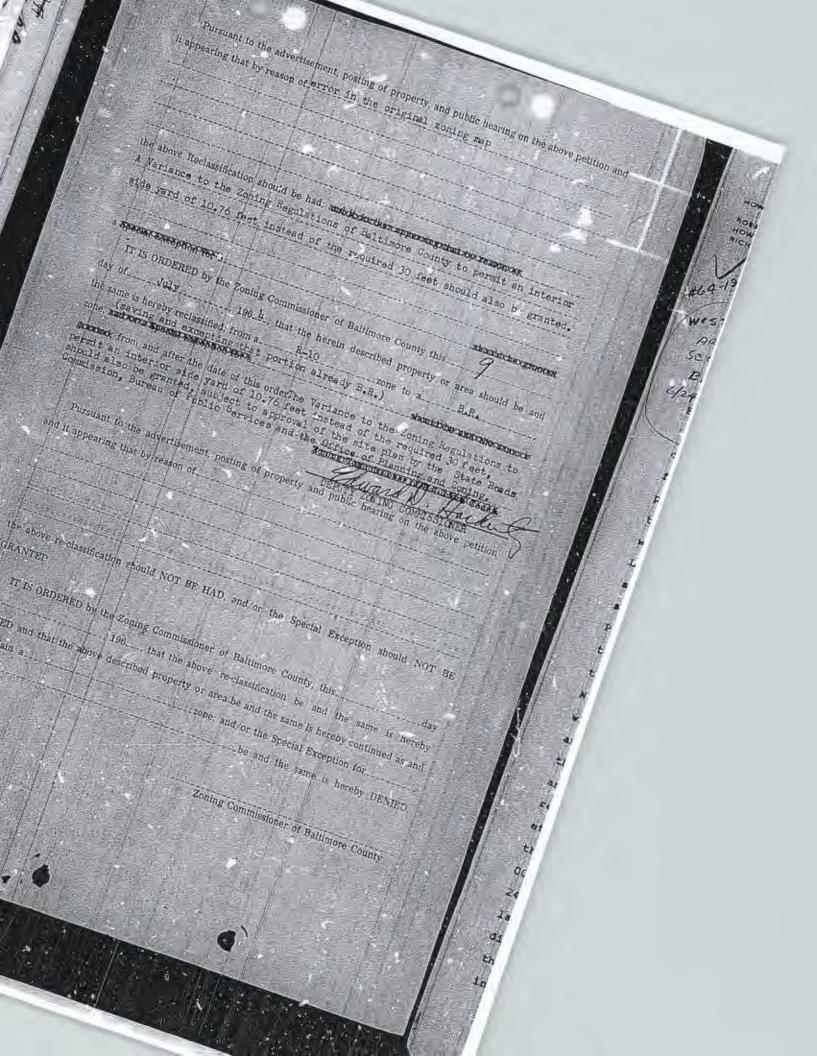
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TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY: I, or we, Forty lest Botors, Inc. legal owner of the property situate in Baltimore MA County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof and hereby petition (1) that the zoning status of the herein described property be re-classified, pursuant to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, from an R-10 zone to an process RPzone; for the following reasons: 5W-1-1. There was an error made in the zoning map and classifaction. . There has been a change in the area requiring the type of use requested. See attached description and concomposite Exception contorate and Tentago in control to the guidence of the Control of th Geanty, obvious action chemical described open perty of the Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above re-classification and/or Special Exception advertising posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore FORTYWEST MOTORS, THE. by Chula B. Dielet L. Charles d. Gillat, President Legal Owner Contract purchaser Address 6624 Baltimore dational Pike Address . Maltimore, Maryland, 21223 Pelitioner's Attorney Elroy J. Snoviler Protestant's Attorney Address Old Yourn Bank building Bultimore, Maryland, 21202 ORDERED By The Zoning Commissioner of Baitimore County, this , 196-5, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation through out Ballimore County, that properly be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoniag Consissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson Baltimore

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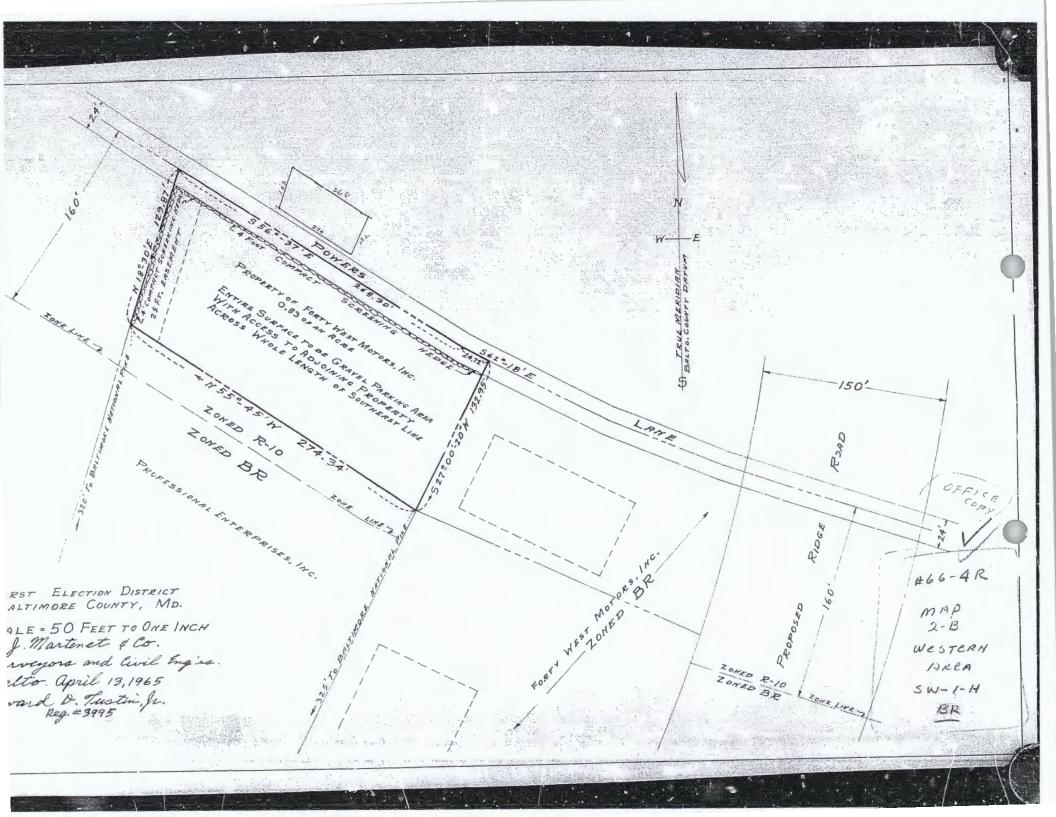
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Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of property, and public hearing on the above petition and
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Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore Coun'y
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DENIED and that the above described property or area be and the same is hereby continued as and
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be and the same is hereby DENIED.
Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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Prior Order

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

N/S Baltimore National Pike, 1800' W

Of the c/l Nuwood Road

(6624 Baltimore National Pike)

1st Election District 1st Council District

Russel Motor Cars, Inc. Petitioners

* BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 01-277-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, Russel Motor Cars, Inc., by F. Steven Russel, through their attorney, Harvey A. Epstein, Esquire. The Petitioners seek relief from Section 450.4.5.g of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a freestanding sign for a new car dealership of 72 sq.ft. in lieu of the maximum allowed 50 sq.ft. The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were F. Steven Russel, a principal of Russel Motor Cars, Inc., property owners, Kenneth Colbert, Professional Engineer who prepared the site plan for this property, and Harvey A. Epstein, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioners. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property is an irregular shaped parcel located on the north side of Baltimore National Pike (Maryland Route 40), just west of its intersection with Nuwood Road in Catonsville. The property consists of a gross area of 5.0819 acres, more or less, zoned B.R., and is the site of a new car dealership owned by the Petitioner. The Russel family of automobile dealerships is well-known in the Baltimore/ Metropolitan area and in fact, operates other dealerships on nearby property. As shown on the site plan, the subject property features two new car showrooms for Mazda/Subaru and Volkswagen

automobiles, a large area for mechanical services, a body/fender repair shop, and a large macadampaved area for the storage of vehicles and customer parking.

The subject of the variance is a proposed sign for the Mazda dealership. Presently, the property features three identification signs, which are located immediately adjacent to the right-of-way for Baltimore National Pike. One sign is located at the western end of the property, another at the eastern end of the property, and a third between these two. The Petitioners propose to eliminate the third sign and replace same with a sign advertising the Mazda brand. However, due to Mazda's policy of uniform freestanding signage nationwide, the proposed sign will be 72 sq.ft. in area, larger than the 50 sq.ft. permitted. Thus, the requested variance is necessary. Testimony indicated that the proposed sign is appropriate for this site and consistent with other commercial signs in the area.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the requested relief. In my judgment, the Petitioners have satisfied the requirements of Section 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. as they relate to the grant of variances. The proposed sign is consistent with the nature and use of the property, and commercial character of the surrounding locale. Moreover, a schematic drawing submitted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2, shows that the proposed sign will be attractive. It is also to be noted that the subject property is quite large and the sign package proposed does not overwhelm the site. For all of these reasons, I am persuaded to grant the requested variance.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth herein, the relief requested shall be granted.

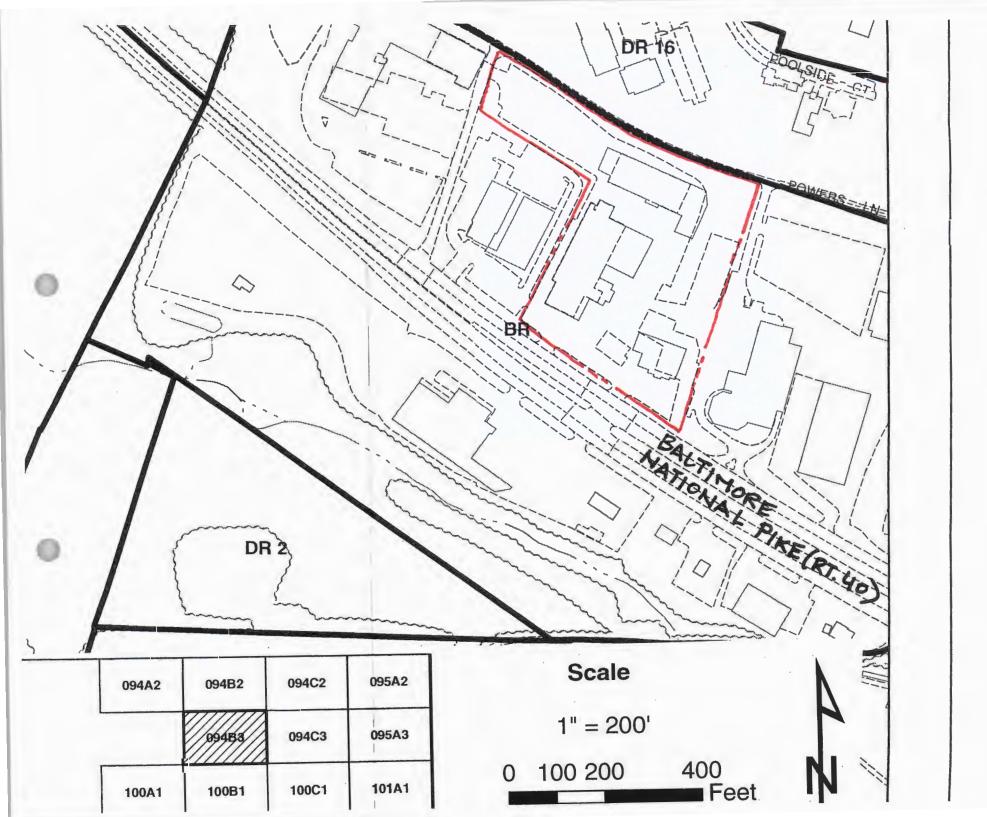
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of March, 2001 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 450.4.5.g of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a freestanding sign for a new car dealership of 72 sq.ft. in lieu of the maximum allowed 50 sq.ft., in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibits 1 and 2, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

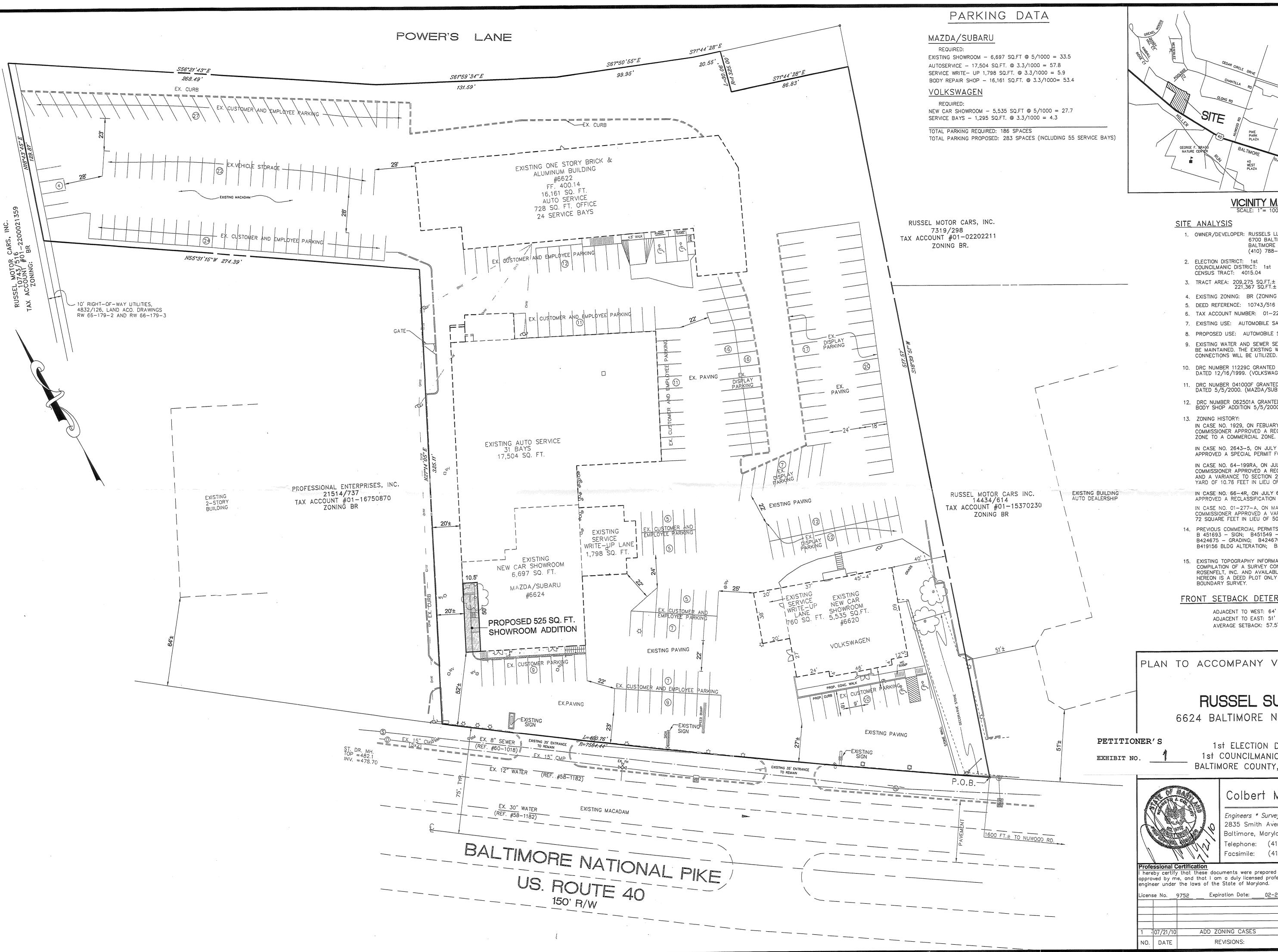
1) The Petitioners may apply for their sign permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order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

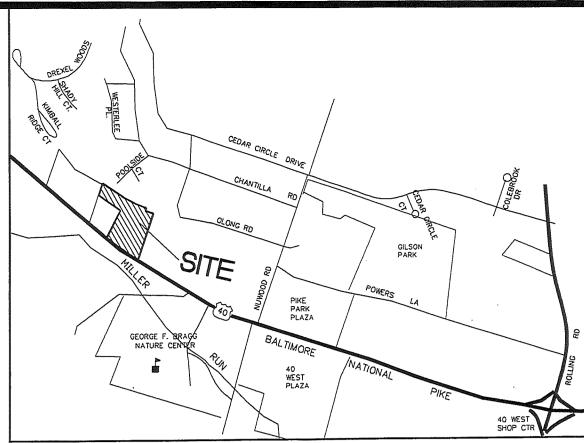
LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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VICINITY MAP SCALE: 1"= 1000'

 OWNER/DEVELOPER: RUSSELS LLC 6700 BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE BALTIMORE , MARYLAND 21228-3909 (410) 788-8400

- 2. ELECTION DISTRICT: 1st COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT: 1st
- 3. TRACT AREA: 209,275 SQ.FT.± OR 4.8043 Ac± (Net)/ 221,367 SQ.FT.± OR 5.0819 Ac± (Gross)
- 4. EXISTING ZONING: BR (ZONING MAP 94-B3)
- 6. TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER: 01-2200021359
- 7. EXISTING USE: AUTOMOBILE SALES & SERVICE
- 8. PROPOSED USE: AUTOMOBILE SALES & SERVICE
- 9. EXISTING WATER AND SEWER SERVICE IS PUBLIC AND WILL BE MAINTAINED. THE EXISTING WATER AND SEWER HOUSE CONNECTIONS WILL BE UTILIZED.
- 10. DRC NUMBER 11229C GRANTED AN A-7 LIMITED EXEMPTION, DATED 12/16/1999. (VOLKSWAGEN)
- DRC NUMBER 041000F GRANTED AN A-7 LIMITED EXEMPTION, DATED 5/5/2000. (MAZDA/SUBARU)
- 12. DRC NUMBER 062501A GRANTED AN A-7 LIMITED EXEMPTION, BODY SHOP ADDITION 5/5/2000. (MAZDA/SUBARU)
- IN CASE NO. 1929, ON FEBUARY 15, 1951, THE ZONING COMMISSIONER APPROVED A RECLASSIFICATION FROM A RESIDENTIAL
- IN CASE NO. 2643-5, ON JULY 27, 1953, THE ZONING COMMISSIONER APPROVED A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR AN ADVERTISING STRUCTURE.
- IN CASE NO. 64-199RA, ON JULY 9, 1964, THE ZONING COMMISSIONER APPROVED A RECLASSIFICATION FROM R-10 TO BR AND A VARIANCE TO SECTION 238.2 TO PERMIT AN INTERIOR SIDE YARD OF 10.76 FEET IN LIEU OF THE REQUIRED 30 FEET.
- IN CASE NO. 66-4R, ON JULY 6, 1965, THE ZONING COMMISSIONER
- IN CASE NO. 01-277-A, ON MARCH 12, 2001, THE ZONING COMMISSIONER APPROVED A VARIANCE FOR A FREESTANDING SIGN OF 72 SQUARE FEET IN LIEU OF 50 SQUARE FEET.
- 14. PREVIOUS COMMERCIAL PERMITS:
 B 451693 SIGN; B451549 SIGN; B437079 BLDG ADD'N
 B424675 GRADING; B424670 BLDG ADD'N
 B419156 BLDG ALTERATION; B305416 RAZING
- 15. EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY INFORMATION SHOWN HEREON IS A COMPILATION OF A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY COLBERT MATZ ROSENFELT, INC. AND AVAILABLE RECORDS. BOUNDARY SHOWN HEREON IS A DEED PLOT ONLY AND DOES NOT REPRESENT A BOUNDARY SURVEY.

FRONT SETBACK DETERMINATION:

ADJACENT TO WEST: 64' ADJACENT TO EAST: 51' AVERAGE SETBACK: 57.5'

PLAN TO ACCOMPANY VARIANCE PETITION

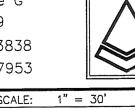
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