IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

SE side of Cockeysville Road, 690' NE of Beaver Dam Road 8th Election District 3rd Council District (227 Cockeysville Road)

Edward F. and Belinda E. Royston

Legal Owners

Laura Duirk, Contract Purchaser

Petitioners

- * BEFORE THE
- * OFFICE OF
- * ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
- * FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 2012-0134-X

ORDER AND OPINION

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County pursuant to a Petition for Special Exception for the property located at 227 Cockeysville Road in the Cockeysville/Hunt Valley area of northern Baltimore County. The Petition was filed by Edward Royston and Belinda Royston, property owners, and Laura Duirk and Timonium Auto Specialists, Inc., contact purchaser (hereinafter collectively "Petitioners"). Petitioners request a special exception as follows:

- To utilize the property as a service garage pursuant to Section 253.2.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), and
- For such other and further relief as may be deemed necessary by the Administrative Law
 Judge of Baltimore County.

The subject property and requested relief are more particularly shown on Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1, the Plan to Accompany the Petition for Special Exception.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing were Laura Duirk and Nelson Fackler, of Timonium Auto Specialists, Inc. (hereinafter "Timonium Auto"). Also appearing was Edward Royston, co-property owner. The Petitioners were represented by Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire of

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Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC. Also appearing was Mitchell Kellman, a land planner and zoning expert from Daft, McCune, Walker, who prepared the Plan to accompany the Petition. The file reveals that the Petition was properly advertised and the site was properly posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. Comments were received from the Department of Planning, dated December 9, 2011, which states:

"The Department of Planning has reviewed the petitioner's request and accompanying site plan. This department supports the petitioner's request for special exception. The property is currently used as bus storage with a house that has been converted to an office. There is a large metal building to the rear of the said office that is to be used in conjunction with the proposed service garage. This department is aware that service garages are permitted in the ML zone only by special exception. As such this department is of the opinion that this use fits in with the character of the corridor, which is primarily industrial/business in nature. Therefore this Department believes that this request will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding community".

At the request of Petitioners' counsel and with the consent of the undersigned Administrative Law Judge, the testimony and evidence were presented through a proffer. However, the witnesses identified hereinabove all corroborated and confirmed the proffered testimony and evidence under oath. The evidence presented established the following facts.

The subject property under consideration is a rectangularly shaped property located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Cockeysville Road and Beaver Court in the Cockeysville/Hunt Valley community of northern Baltimore County. The subject property is approximately 0.46 acres in gross area and 0.392 (17,073 square feet) in net acreage. The property is improved with two (2) structures. To the front of the lot is a small existing two-story office building which is approximately 1,090 square feet in area. It appears that this building was

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originally constructed as a dwelling, however was converted into an office use to service the business on the property many years ago. A larger structure is situated to the rear of the lot. This existing one-story metal building is approximately 3,167 square feet in area. The subject property is zoned ML-IM and is served by public utilities. The property is not located within the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and is generally unremarkable from an environmental standpoint. There are no historic structures on site and neither of the buildings exceeds the maximum permit 40 feet in height.

As noted above, the property is presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Royston and is used as the business headquarters of the Hunt Valley Motor Coach Company. This is a bus touring company and the site is used for the storage/parking of business and maintenance thereof. The office component of the bus company is located in the smaller building located towards the front of the site and the buses are presently serviced in the large existing garage structure to the rear. Variance relief was granted in Case No. 91-492-A for that business operation. Specifically, a series of variances were granted to legitimize the location of the buildings. Although the written opinion and order issued in that case did not address the use of the property per se, it is clear that the bus yard operation was considered to be permitted as of right in the ML-IM zone.

Timonium Auto is under contract to purchase the site from Mr. and Mrs. Royston and relocate its business to this location. Presently, Timonium Auto operates at a leased location on Ridgley Road in Timonium; however, that lease is expiring and the business will move to the subject site. Proffered testimony and evidence regarding Timonium Auto's operation, both at its existing location and as proposed on the subject property, established the following facts.

Timonium Auto has been in operation for approximately 19 years. It was described as a neighborhood business and a typical service garage operation. It performs mechanical repair on

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passenger automobiles, light trucks and similar vehicles. No body or fender work is performed and maintenance is not done on large tractor trailer trucks, buses or similar vehicles. The nature of the mechanical repairs ranges from simple oil changes and light maintenance to more heavy duty engine rebuilds and transmission work. Presently, the business employees six (6) employees, who are trained mechanics, in addition to Ms. Duirk and Mr. Fackler. The existing operation is conducted within a building containing six (6) service bays and the existing garage building at the subject site will be converted to contain six (6) service bays.

Insofar as the actual operation, the service garage business primarily operates five (5) days a week, Monday through Friday. Mr. Fackler typically opens the business at 6:30/7:00 a.m. however, the mechanics arrive and repairs actually begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. Repair work concludes at 5:00 p.m., although Mr. Fackler may conduct administrative duties and meet customers thereafter. Mr. Fackler leaves the premises no later than 6:30 p.m. Some limited Saturday hours of operation are anticipated, however the business will not be open on Sundays.

Much of the business is by appointment, however there is walk-in business. On a typical day, approximately 15 vehicles will be serviced. No additional building improvements or additions are proposed. Although there will be certain interior renovations to the office building and service garage building, the building footprints will remain the same. The site plan shows sufficient areas for parking and storage of vehicles which are being serviced and no zoning variances are required or requested. The business is also an approved Maryland State Inspection Station and tag and title services will be offered. Additionally, periodically, a vehicle may be sold from the property, either by way of a customer who has left the car and not paid the repair bill or for the convenience of existing customers. However, these services are clearly incidental to the primary nature of the

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business as a service garage. They are but a small accessory component of the overall repair/maintenance operation.

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") § 253.2 identifies those uses permitted by special exception in the ML-IM zone. B.C.Z.R. § 253.2.B.3 provides that services garages are permitted. A service garage is defined in B.C.Z.R. § 101.1 as "[a] garage, other than a residential garage, where motor-driven vehicles are stored, equipped for operation, repaired or kept for remuneration, hire or sale." Clearly the nature of the Timonium Auto operation falls within this definition. As is well settled, any request for Special Exception must be judged in accordance with the criteria established under B.C.Z.R. § 502.1. The testimony of the witnesses, specifically that of Mr. Kellman, was persuasive in addressing these criteria. Clearly, there will be no detrimental impact on the health, safety or general welfare of the locale in accordance with the standard in B.C.Z.R. § 502.1.A. The subject locale is commercial/industrial/manufacturing in character and there is no residential use in the immediate vicinity. Immediately next door to the property are an existing body shop and a separate service garage use. The activities proposed on the subject site are limited in impact and consistent with those in the general area and will not be detrimental to the locale.

As to B.C.Z.R. § 502.1.B, Mr. Kellman's proffered testimony is that the use will not tend to create congestion in roads, streets or alleys therein. This is based upon the conclusion that the traffic anticipated to be generated is minimal and the surrounding road network is sufficient. There are no failing intersections in the area and the public roads can clearly handle the anticipated traffic volumes. As to B.C.Z.R. § 502.1.C, the use will not create a potential hazard from fire, panic or other danger. The buildings are built to code and any improvements will be installed pursuant to permit. As to B.C.Z.R. § 502.1.D, the site will not tend to overcrowd land or cause an undue

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concentration of population. The site plan shows that the floor area ratio on the property is under the maximum allowed and no additional construction is proposed. As to B.C.Z.R. § 502.1.E, the proposed use will not interfere with adequate provisions for schools, parks, water, sewerage, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences or improvements. Many of the specific public uses designated in this section will not be impacted at all by the proposed use. The site is served by existing public water and sewer and these public services are sufficient in this area. Moreover, the user will be regulated by standards enforced by the Motor Vehicle Administrative which ensures an appropriate operation. As to B.C.Z.R. § 502.1.F, the proposed use will not interfere with adequate provisions for adequate light and air. As noted above, the buildings are of minimal height and no expansion is proposed. As to .BC.Z.R. § 502.1.G, the proposed use is indeed consistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification and consistent with the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations. This use is specifically identified as permitted via special exception and is consistent with the surrounding locale. Finally, as to B.C.Z.R. § 502.1.H and I, the use can be operated without detrimental impact to the environment. Oils and similar fluids will be disposed of in accordance with County and State criteria and procedure. There will be no clearing of the site or introduction of additional impervious surface. In sum, I am easily persuaded that the criteria established in B.C.Z.R. § 502.1 have been satisfied.

Further, in considering the proposed Special Exception, it is to be noted that B.C.Z.R. § 253.2.B requires that any service garage use approved via a special exception need be located in an IM District or in a planned industrial park of at least 25 acres in net area. This criterion is satisfied based upon the properties current zoning classification and the district (IM) overlay. Moreover, it must be shown that any use will service primarily the industrial uses and related activities in the surrounding area. Proffered testimony was also presented to address these criteria. First, it is to be

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noted that many of Timonium Auto's existing customer base lives and works in the immediate vicinity. It is anticipated that many of the employees of the surrounding industrial area and the uses therein will patronize Timonium Auto with their personal vehicles. Thus, the use will clearly serve these related activities/individuals in the surrounding industrial area. Additionally, proffered testimony was that the use itself will contribute to the economic viability of the surrounding industrial area. In this regard, Timonium Auto already has a business relationship with the Cockeysville Collision Center located next door. That is, Timonium Auto will frequently refer customers to that business for body shop repairs. Moreover, Timonium Auto patronizes a nearby Napa Auto Parts distributer which is located in the surrounding industrial area. Finally, it is anticipated that Timonium Auto will continue to serve certain business clients in the area, including small vehicle fleets of the businesses located in the Hunt Valley industrial vicinity. Thus, I find that the requirements of B.C.Z.R. § 253.2.B are satisfied.

Finally, as is well settled under Maryland law, it is to be observed that any special exception proposed will produce certain inherent impacts associated with that use. However, it is not the existence of these impacts in and of themselves which is significant, but the nature and extent of those impacts on the locale in question. As stated in the seminal case of <u>Schultz v. Pritts</u>, 291 Md. 1 (1981), "Thus, these cases establish that the appropriate standard to be used in determining whether a requested special exception use would have an adverse effect and, therefore, should be denied is whether there are facts and circumstances that show that the particular use proposed at the particular location proposed would have any adverse effects above and beyond those inherently associated with such a special exception use irrespective of its location within the zone" (Pg. 15). Clearly, Timonium Auto will produce certain impacts related to traffic and the operation of the business which are commonly associated with all service garages. However, it is equally clear that those

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impacts will be less significant at this location; given the character of the proposed business and surrounding operation. This business is relatively modest in nature and extent. Only six (6) service bays are proposed and the volume of business is modest. The existing improvements on site are easily large enough to accommodate the nature of the proposed operation. Moreover, the nature of the surrounding locale is of note. This is an industrial manufacturing center in northern Baltimore County and there exist identical businesses in the immediate vicinity. The impacts associated with this proposed Special Exception will not detrimentally impact this locale and will be less than might normally anticipated.

In conclusion, I find that the Petitioner has satisfied its burden at law and that relief should be granted.

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

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the undersigned Administrative Law Judge of Baltimore County, this _______ day of December, 2011, that the Petition for Special Exception to utilize the property as a service garage pursuant to Section 253.2.B.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted is subject to the following:

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

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

LAWRENCE M. STAHL

Managing Administrative Law Judge for

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

LAWRENCE M. STAHL
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Administrative Law Judges

December 28, 2011

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

> Re: Petition for Special Exception Case No. 2012-0134-X Property: 227 Cockeysville Road

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections an appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE M. STAHL

Managing Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

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Enclosure

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PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

Belinda E. Royston

Name #2 - Type or Print

Email Address

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,cmarek@sgs-law.com

Email Address

Signature # 2

City

Telephone #

To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

To the Office of Administrative Law of Baltimore County for the property located at: address 227 Cockeysville Road which is presently zoned ML-IM Deed Reference 8764/453 8764 1453 10 Digit Tax Account # serzectore 0812061610 Royalon Edward & Belinda Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Edward & Bellin CASE NUMBER 2012- 0134- K Filing Date 1/18/201 Estimated Posting Date-(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING X AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION AND PRINT OR TYPE THE PETITION REQUEST) The undersigned legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plan attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for. a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for PLEASE SEE ATTACHED a Variance from Section(s) of the zoning regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (Indicate below your hardship or practical difficulty or indicate below "To Be Presented At Hearing". If you need additional space, you may add an attachment to this petition) TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), 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. Legal Owner(s) Affirmation: I / we do so 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 / these Petition(s). Legal Owners:

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Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Laura Duirk Edward R. Royston Name- Type or Print. Type or Print Signature 4 Red Tree Lane, Reisterstown, MD P.O. Box 1123, Sparks, MD Mailing Address Mailing Address (443) 841-5351 Labrit1@verizon.net 21125 21136 CONTACT ATTORNEY Telephone # Email Address Zip Code Telephone # Zip Code Representative to be contacted: Attorney for Petitioner: Charles B. Marek, III, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC Charles B. Marek, III, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC Name - Type or Print Name-Type or Print Signature Signature 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, MD 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, MD Mailing Address Mailing Address City (410) 821-0070 21204 (410) 821-0070 21204 ,cmarek@sgs-law.com

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ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

227 Cockeysville Road

- 1. To utilize property as a service garage pursuant to BCZR § 253.2.B.3; and
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Baltimore County, Maryland

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November 17, 2011

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S/east side of Cockeysville Road, 690 feet n/east of Beaver Dam Road

8th Election District – 3rd Councilmanic District Legal Owners: Edward & Belinda Royston

Contract Purchaser: Laura Duirk

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Hearing: Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

Arnold Jablon

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections for Baltimore County

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE AT 410-887-3868.

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



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
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C: Charles Marek, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, 600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200, Towson 21204 Mr. & Mrs. Royston, P.O. Box 1123, Sparks 21125 Laura Duirk, 4 Red Tree Lane, Reisterstown 21136

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

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

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

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Towson, MD 21204
Telephone Number: 410-821-0070

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ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS
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December 19, 2011

Mr. & Mrs. Royston P. O. Box 1123 Sparks, MD 21125

RE: Case Number 2012-0134 X, 227 Cockeysville Road

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Royston,

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits and Development Management (PDM) on November 18, 2011. 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

People's Counsel
 Charles Marek, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, 600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200, Towson, MD 21204
 Laura Duirk, 4 Red Tree Lane, Reisterstown, MD 21136

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: December 9, 2011

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

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SUBJECT:

227 Cockeysville Road

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INFORMATION:

Item Number:

12-134

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Petitioner:

Edward and Belinda Royston

Zoning:

ML-IM

Requested Action:

Special Exception

The petitioner requests a special exception from Section 253.2.B.3 of the BCZR to utilize property as a service garage.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petitioner's request and accompanying site plan. This department supports the petitioner's request for special exception. The property is currently used as bus storage with a house that has been converted to an office. There is a large metal building to the rear of the said office that is to be used in conjunction with the proposed service garage. This department is aware that service garages are permitted in the ML zone only by special exception. As such this department is of the opinion that this use fits in with the character of the corridor, which is primarily industrial/ business in nature. Therefore this Department believes that this request will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding community.

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

Prepared by:

Division Chief:

AVA/LL: CM



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Secretary
Darrell B. Mobley, Acting Administrator

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

M. 18.

Date: 11-22-11

Ms. Kristen Matthews
Baltimore County Department of
Permits, Approvals and Inspections
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 2012-0134-X Special Exception Edward & Belinda Royston 227 Cockeysville Road

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. 2012-0134-X

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Richard Zeller at 410-545-5598 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5598. Also, you may E-mail him at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us). Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

Access Management Division

SDF/rz

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: November 28, 2011

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For December 5, 2011

Item Nos. 2012-126,127,128,129,130,132,133

And 134

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

DAK:CEN cc: File

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION *
227 Cockeysville Road; SE/S of Cockeysville
Road, 690' NE of Beaver Dam Road *
8th Election and 3rd Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Edward & Belinda Royston *
Contract Purchaser(s): Laura Duirk

Petitioner(s) *

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

2012-134-X

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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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 29th day of November, 2011, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Charles Marek, III, Esquire, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

January 30, 2012

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TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2012-0134-X

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on January 27, 2012. There being no appeal filed, the subject file is ready for return to the Zoning Review Office and is placed in the 'pick up box.'

c: \(\text{Case File} \)

Office of Administrative Hearings

Tax Exempt: **Exempt Class:**



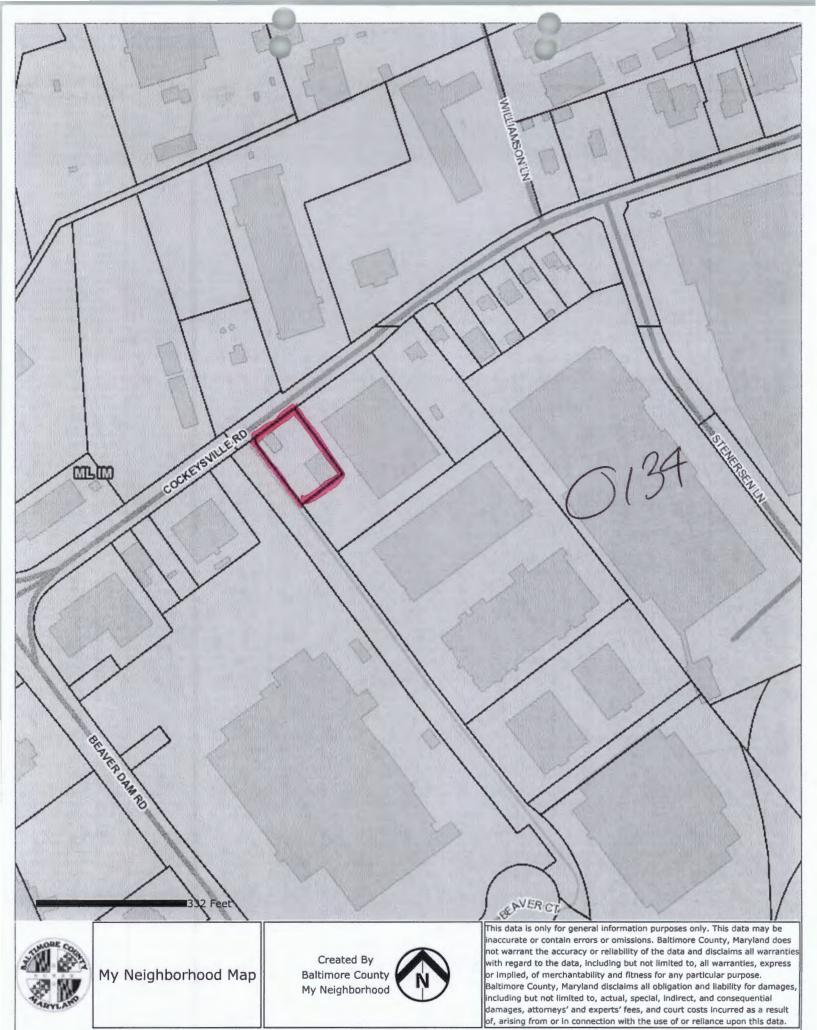
Go Back View Map New Search Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation Real Property Data Search (vw1.1A) GroundRent **BALTIMORE COUNTY** Redemption GroundRent Registration District - 08 Account Number - 0812061616 Account Identifier: **Owner Information** ROYSTON EDWARD F JR INDUSTRIAL Owner Name: Use: ROYSTON BELINDA E Principal Residence: 1) /08764/ 00453 PO BOX 1123 Deed Reference: Mailing Address: SPARKS MD 21152-1123 Location & Structure Information Legal Description Premises Address 227 COCKEYSVILLE RD SS COCKEYSVILLE RD .3902 AC 0-0000 600 E BEAVERDAM RD Map Grid Parcel **Sub District** Subdivision Section Block Lot Assessment Area Plat No: 0000 0325 Plat Ref: 0051 0003 NONE Town Ad Special Tax Areas Valorem Tax Class County Use **Primary Structure Built Enclosed Area Property Land Area** 4295 17,000 SF 1992 Stories Basement Type Exterior SERVICE GARAGE Value Information Base Value Value Phase-in Assessments As Of As Of As Of 07/01/2011 07/01/2012 01/01/2011 350,000 350,000 Land 248,200 246,400 Improvements: 598,200 596,400 596,400 Total: 596,400 Preferential Land: 0 0 **Transfer Information** 04/19/1991 Seller: T L LONG RES US E-CI Date: Price: \$195,000 Deed1: ARMS LENGTH IMPROVED /08764/ 00453 Deed2: Type: Seller: Price: Date: Deed2: Deed1: Type: Seller: Date: Price: Deed1: Deed2: Type: **Exemption Information** 07/01/2012 Partial Exempt Assessments 07/01/2011 Class County 000 0.00 0.00 State 000 0.00 0.00 Municipal 000 0.00 0.00

Special Tax Recapture:



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Case No.: 1 3 2012-0134

Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

Protestants

No. 1	PETHION PLAN/PHOTO	
No. 2	ARIAL PLAN/PHOTO	
No. 3	FINDING OF FACT 91-492-A 8-27-91	
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IN RE:

PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE S/S Cockeysville Road, 700' E

of Beaver Dam Road (227 Cockeysville Road) 8th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District

Edward F. Royston, Jr., et ux Petitioners

BEFORE THE

- DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER
- OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
- Case No. 91-492-A

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Petitioners herein request a variance from Sections 255.1 and 238.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a front yard setback of 1.5 feet in lieu of the required 25 feet and a street centerline setback of 31.5 feet in lieu of the required 50 feet for an existing dwelling; a variance from Sections 255.1 and 238.2 to permit a side yard setback of 6 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet for an existing dwelling, and side and rear yard setbacks of 5 feet each in lieu of the required 30 feet for a proposed building in an M.L. zone; and a variance from Section 301.1 to permit an existing front porch to project more than 25 % of the minimum required front yard depth, all as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioners, by Edward F. Royston, Jr., appeared, testified and were represented by Newton A. Williams, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition was Joseph A. Warfield. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 227 Cockeysville Road, consists of a gross acreage of 0.46 acres zoned M.L.-I.M. and is improved with a two story frame dwelling and accessory frame Petitioners currently operate the Hunt Valley Motor Coach tour building. bus company on property approximately 1/4 mile from the subject location and are desirous of relocating their business to the subject site. Peti-

PETITIONER'S

EXHIBIT NO.

ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

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