IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (5401 Baltimore National Pike)

Catonsville Plaza, LLC Petitioner

- BEFORE THE
- * OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
- * HEARINGS FOR
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * CASE NO. 2013-0030-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) as a Petition for Variance filed by Jeffrey H. Scherr, Esquire, on behalf of the legal owner, Catonsville Plaza, LLC. The Petitioner is requesting Variance relief from § 450.4 Attachment 1.7(b) as follows:

- (1) To permit two free standing joint identification signs along the same frontage at Baltimore National Pike (US Route 40) in lieu of the permitted one per frontage,
- (2) To permit six lines of copy for the display of tenant names on the existing lower level joint identification sign in lieu of the permitted five lines of tenant copy, and
- (3) To permit an existing double faced, 241.08 sq. ft. per face joint identification sign (lower level) and an existing double faced, 232.96 sq. ft. per face joint identification sign (upper level) in lieu of the permitted one per frontage at 150 sq. ft per face.

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

Appearing at the public hearing in support for this case was Jeffrey H. Scherr, Esquire and David L. Taylor, Jr. with Dewberry & Davis, LLC, the consulting firm that prepared the site plan. The file reveals that the Petition was properly advertised and the site was properly posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

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The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and made a part of the file. There were no adverse ZAC comments received from any of the County review agencies.

Testimony and evidence revealed that the subject property is approximately 15.33 acres in size, and is zoned BM-CCC. The site is improved with a shopping center, that has been in existence for approximately 50 years. In 1989, former Zoning Commissioner Haines granted variance relief allowing two freestanding joint identification signs at the site. <u>See</u> Order 09-384-A, Exhibit 2. In light of the County's sign abatement laws, the Petitioner required variance relief to continue using the two signs in question, which were erected 22 years ago.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I will grant the request for variance relief, and do so on the same grounds recited in Zoning Commissioner Haine's Order. Under *Cromwell* and its progeny, to obtain variance relief requires a showing that:

(1) The property is unique; and

(2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

Trinity Assembly of God v. People's Counsel, 407 Md. 53, 80 (2008).

Petitioner has met this test.

Petitioner's engineer David Taylor, who was accepted as an expert, testified via proffer that the site is unique in that it is over 15 acres in size, while surrounding parcels are much smaller. There is also a 30' topographical change along Route 40, onto which the center fronts. In addition, Mr. Taylor noted that the buildings on site face each other rather than the roadway. In other words, the buildings in the center are perpendicular to Route 40, which reduces visibility into the site.

If the B.C.Z.R. were strictly enforced, the Petitioner would indeed suffer a practical difficulty and/or hardship. The Petitioner would be unable to use the signs which were erected

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over 20 years ago. Finally, I find that the variance can be granted in harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R., and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety, and general welfare. This is demonstrated by the lack of opposition from the community and the lack of negative comments from Baltimore County reviewing agencies.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this petition, and after considering the testimony and evidence, I find that Petitioner's variance request should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 11th day of October, 2012 by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from § 450.4 Attachment 1.7(b) as follows:

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be and is hereby GRANTED.

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

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JOHN B. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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Administrative Law Judges

October 11, 2012

Jeffrey H. Scherr, Esquire Kramon & Graham, P.A. One South Street, Suite 2600 Baltimore, Maryland 21202-3201

RE: Petition for Variance

Case No.: 2013-0030-A

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Property: 5401 Baltimore National Pike

Dear Mr. Scherr:

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 Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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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 5401 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore, MD

which is presently zoned BM CCC

Deed References: 14735/604 10 Digit Tax Account # 0 1 0 2 0 0 4 3 6 0 Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Catonsville Plaza LLC

(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

3. X a Variance from Section(s)

450.4 SEE Attached

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)

See attached

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).

Contract Purchaser/Lessee:	Legal Owners (Petitioners):
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Catonsville Plaza LLC ECEIVED FOR FILIN Name #2 - Type or Print Name- Type or Print Signature #1 A Signature # 2

e/o The Hutensky Group 100 Constitution Plaza, 7th Floor Hartford Mailing Address City State

06103 **Email Address** Zip Code Telephone # Email Address

Attorney for Petitioner:

Jeffrey H. Scherr Name - Type or Print

Representative to be contacted:

Do Not Schedule Dates:

Signature MD One South Street, Suite 2600 Baltimore

City State Mailing Address State **Mailing Address** 21202 410-752-6030 jscherr@kg-law.com

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2013-0030-A Filing Date 8,9,12

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Variance Request for 2013-0030-A

Section: 450.4 Attachment 1 #7(b)

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ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR VARIANCE

5401 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore, MD

Petitioner seeks a variance from Section 450.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations to permit the following, with respect to two free standing, joint identification signs located along Baltimore National Pike (US Route 40) relating to a two-tier, multi-building shopping center:

- (i) Two free standing, joint identification signs along the same frontage, Baltimore National Pike (US Route 40), in lieu of one per frontage;
- (ii) Six lines of copy for the display of tenant names on one free standing, joint identification sign in lieu of five lines of copy;
- (iii) 212.48 square feet of area per face for the lower level free standing, joint identification sign in lieu of 150 square feet; and
- (iv) 200.09 square feet of area per face for the upper level free standing, joint identification sign in lieu of 150 square feet.

Petitioner seeks the above-referenced variances for the reasons hereinafter set forth. The subject property is a large 15.233 acre parcel zoned BM-CCC and is improved by four separate commercial buildings housing various businesses and services. The building uses include a grocery store, fitness center, restaurant, automobile service center and armed forces recruitment center. The improvements consist of: one multi-story, multi-tenant building; one single-story, multi-tenant building; and two additional single-story, single-tenant buildings.

The property is topographically unique in that it consists of two tiers of varying heights. The "upper level" of the property is approximately 30 feet higher than the "lower level" of the property. The large multi-story building is a two-tier building with the upper level being serviced from the west side of the building and the lower level being serviced from the east side of the building. As a result of the height difference, the property is served by two separate parking areas. The height difference between the two levels of the property as well as the separate parking areas are shown on the satellite image attached hereto as <code>Exhibit A</code>. Despite the varying height and multiple buildings with multiple postal addresses, the property is considered only one parcel of record according to the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

The two separate free standing, joint identification signs located along Baltimore National Pike have existed for approximately twenty years and are currently legally

nonconforming signs pursuant to Section 450.8(C). Photographs and detailed specifications of the signs are provided on the Plan to Accompany Variance Hearing attached hereto as Exhibit B (the "Plan"). The two separate, large signs are necessary due to the uniqueness of the property with respect to its multiple levels, separate parking areas and parcel size. One of the free standing, joint identification signs is located on the upper level of the property and lists the tenants of the multi-level building. That sign is located on the westernmost side of the property prior to the entrance of the upper level parking area. The other free standing, joint identification sign is located on the lower level of the property and lists the anchor tenants of the single-story buildings as well as the multi-story building. This lower level sign is located on the easternmost side of the property prior to the entrance of the lower level parking area. The property frontage on Baltimore National Pike is nearly 1100 feet. The two signs are located on opposite sides of this frontage, approximately 850 feet apart. The locations of the signs are shown on the Plan.

The improvements located upon the property are also unique in that the multistory building was constructed perpendicular to the fronting roads. As a result, the front of the shops and wall-mounted signs are not easily visible from the roadway. The free standing, joint identification signs are located adjacent to the roadway and allow drivers to identify the services located within the shopping center without creating a danger on the road as a result of drivers slowing and straining to see the wall-mounted signs or becoming distracted in an attempt to locate a particular retailer or service provider located within the shopping center.

The unique topography of the property, building location, large size of the property and location of multiple buildings on the property necessitate the two separate free standing, joint identification signs. The number and varying types of tenants and need to identify the location of tenants located on the multiple levels of the property also create a need for larger signs with additional tenant identifications. Strict compliance with Section 450.4 would create practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship to the property owner due to the unique nature of the property. The identification of the separate entrances and levels is necessary to inform drivers of the locations of the services and to maintain the utility of the site. The variances requested can be granted in harmony with the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations and without causing injury to the public health, safety and general welfare. Due to the size and naure of the subject property and the significant distance between each sign, the existing signage is not excessive. The signs not only do not create a distraction to drivers, but actually add utility and ease of identification of services.



ZONING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR:

Catonsville Plaza Address: 5401 Baltimore National Pike Parcel 242, Tax Map 95 Grid 21

Beginning at a point on the North side of Old Frederick Road, which is 60' wide at the distance of 1006 feet +/- East of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Academy Road, which is 60' wide.

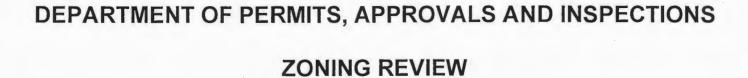
Thence with said Catonsville Plaza, LLC property the following courses and distances:

- 1) North 08° 08' 40" East 543.66 feet to a point on the south side of Baltimore National Pike.
- 2) Thence with said south side of Baltimore National Pike 1,098.90 feet along a curve deflecting to the right having a radius of 14,248.95' with a chord bearing and distance of North 80° 08' 55" East 1,098.63 feet to a point.
- 3) Thence leaving said Pike South 36° 40' 20" East 305.18 feet to a point on the north side of said Old Frederick Road running with said north side of Old Frederick Road the next seven (7) courses and distances.
- 4) Thence South 60° 55' 40" West 179.22 feet to a point.
- 5) Thence 190.90 feet along a curve deflecting to the left having a radius of 940.00 feet with a chord bearing and distance of South 55° 06' 35" West 190.57 feet to a point.
- 6) Thence South 49° 17' 30" West 333.09 feet to a point.
- 7) Thence 400.26 feet along a curve deflecting to the right having a radius of 470.00 feet with a chord bearing and distance of South 73° 41' 19" West 388.27 feet to a point...
- 8) Thence North 81° 54' 50" West 246.80 feet to a point.
- 9) Thence 106.90 feet along a curve deflecting to the left having a radius of 700.00 feet with a chord bearing and distance of North 86° 17' 20" West 106.80 feet to a point.
- 10) Thence South 89° 20' 10" West 52.69 feet back to the POINT OF BEGINNING as recorded in Deed Liber S.M. 14735, Folio 604, containing 15.3291 acres. Located in the 1st Election District and 1st Council District.

This description is based on deed information only, no survey was performed



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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:
Petitioner: Catomsville PLASA LLC
Address or Location: 5401 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore, Me
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: Name: Catorsville Plaza LLC
Address: do Jeffry H. Scher
ONE South Street - 26th Floor Baltimore, Maryland 21202
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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW

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Baltimore, Maryland 21202
Telephone Number:



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Please forward billing to:

Catonsville Plaza, LLC c/o Jeffrey Scherr One South Street, Ste. 2600 Baltimore, MD 21202

410-752-6030

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Administrative Law Judges of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing in Towson, Maryland on the property identified herein as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 2013-0030-A 5401 Baltimore National Pike

N/side of Old Frederick Road, 1006 ft. east of centerline of Academy Road

1st Election District – 1st Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Catonsville Plaza, LLC

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Hearing: Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 11:00 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

August 30, 2012

ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
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C: Jeffrey Scherr, One South Street, Ste. 2600, Baltimore 21202 Hutensky Group, 100 Constitution Plaza, 7th Fl., Hartford CT 06103

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012.

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5401 Baltimore National Pike; N/S Old Frederick

Road, 1006' E of c/line of Academy Road 1st Election & 1st Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): Catonsville Plaza LLC

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

2013-030-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.

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Peter Max Zimmerman

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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 14th day of August, 2012, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Jeffrey H. Scherr, Esquire, One South Street, Suite 2600, Baltimore, MD 21202, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zummerman

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Arnold Jablon Deputy Administrative Officer & Director, Department of Permits, Approvals & Inspections

TELEFAX TRANSMISSION

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VARIANCE REQUESTS:

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Variance Request for 2013-0030-A

Section: 450.4 Attachment 1 #7(b)

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Corrected copy

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

November 13, 2012

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2013-0030-A - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on November 9, 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: Case File

Office of Administrative Hearings

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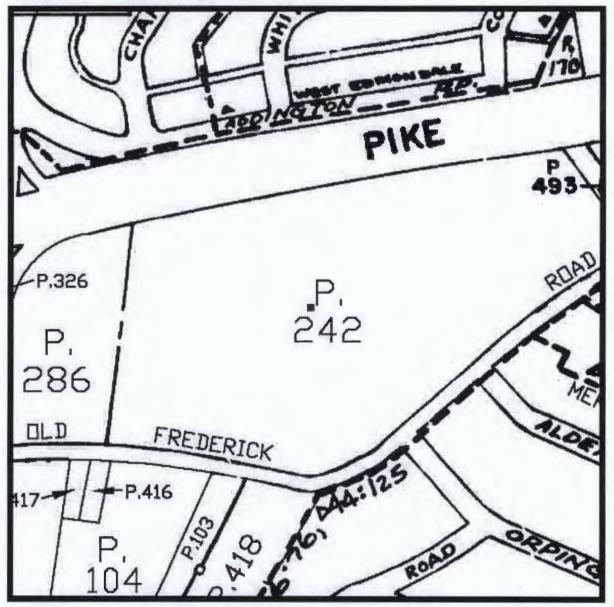
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Debra Wiley - ZAC Comments - Distribution Mtg. of 8/13

From:

Debra Wiley

To:

Kennedy, Dennis; Lanham, Lynn; Livingston, Jeffrey; Lykens, David; M...

Date:

8/15/2012 11:09 AM

Subject: ZAC Comments - Distribution Mtg. of 8/13

Good Morning,

Please see the cases listed below and the hearing date, if assigned. If you wish to submit a ZAC comment, please be advised that you must do so before the hearing date. If it's not received by the hearing date, it will not be considered in our decision.

2013-0022-A - 1734 York Rd. No hearing date in data base as of 8/15

2013-0024-A - 2533 Farringdon Rd.

Administrative Variance - Closing Date: 9/3

2013-0025-A - 7 Overhill Rd.

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2013-0026-SPHX - 13801 Jarrettsville Pike No hearing date in data base as of 8/15

2013-0027-A - 1508 Leslie Road No hearing date in data base as of 8/15

2013-0028-A - 1319 Malbay Drive

Administrative Variance - Closing Date: 9/3

2013-0029-A - 309 Delight Meadows Road Administrative Variance - Closing Date: 8/27

2013-0030-A - 5401 Baltimore National Pike No hearing date in data base as of 8/15

2013-0031-A - 12 Oakwood Road No hearing date in data base as of 8/15

Thanks.

Debbie Wiley . Legal Administrative Secretary Office of Administrative Hearings 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, Md. 21204 410-887-3868 410-887-3468 (fax) dwiley@baltimorecountymd.gov



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

October 3, 2012

Catonsville Plaza LLC C/O The Hutensky Group 100 Constitution Plaza 7th Floor Hartford CT 06103

RE: Case Number: 2013-0030 A, Address: 5401 Baltimore National Pike

To Whom It May Concern:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on August 9, 2012. 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
 Jeffrey H. Scherr, Esquire, One South Street, Suite 2600, Baltimore MD 21202

Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor



Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Secretary Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

Date: 8-14-12

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

Dear Ms. Lewis:

RE: Baltimore County
Item No. 2013-2030-A.

Variance
Cotonsville Plaza LLC
5401 Baltimore National
Pike.

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We have reviewed the site plan to accompany petition for variance on the subject of the above captioned, which was received on 8-13-12. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto 01540 consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for Variance.

Case Number 2013-0030-A

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

Sincerely,

Steven D. Foster, Chief

Access Management Division

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE:August17,2012.

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Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For August 27, 2012

Item Nos. 2013-0022,0024, 0025,0026, 0027,0028,0029,0030 and 0031

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

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Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

Protestant

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No. 1	Site Plan	
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OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 89-384-A

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The Petitioners herein request a variance to permit two (2) double-faced identification signs to be located on the same street; to permit each of the two signs to contain 1.184 sq.ft. total (532 sq.ft. per side) to lieu of the maximum permitted 300 sq.ft.; to permit said signs to be located on the subject property where the land on the opposite side of the thoroughfare is not more' commercial; and to permit said signs to be 38 feet, 6 inches high in liet of the maximum permitted 25/35 feet height, all as more particularly described in Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioners, by high D. Robinson, Tri-Land Properties, Inc., a General Partner, appeared, testified and were represented by Robert W. Campon, Esquire and Steven C. Hilses, Esquire. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition were D. S. Thalar with D. S. Thalar and Associates, Inc., and Adva Masserman, Revitalization Coordinator for Saltienre County. There were no Protestants.

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Baltimore County
Zoning Commissioner
Office of Planning & Zoning
Toward, Maryland 21204
(301) 587-3353

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April 4, 1989

Robert W. Cannon, Esquire Staven C. Hiisee, Esquire 100 S. Charles Street, 14th Floor Baltimore, Maryland 21201



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BE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

3/S Baltimore Hotional Pike, 330' E af the c/l of St. Agnes Lane

(Catomeville Flaza)

Int Election District - let Councilmanie District Catonsville Plaza Limited Partnership - Petitioners Case No. 89-384-3

Coar Mr. Cannon:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in sconrdance with the ottached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorshie, 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 filling an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radoliffe et 494-3391.

Very truly yours,

G. ROBERT HAIRES Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: People's Coursel

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PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE

TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:

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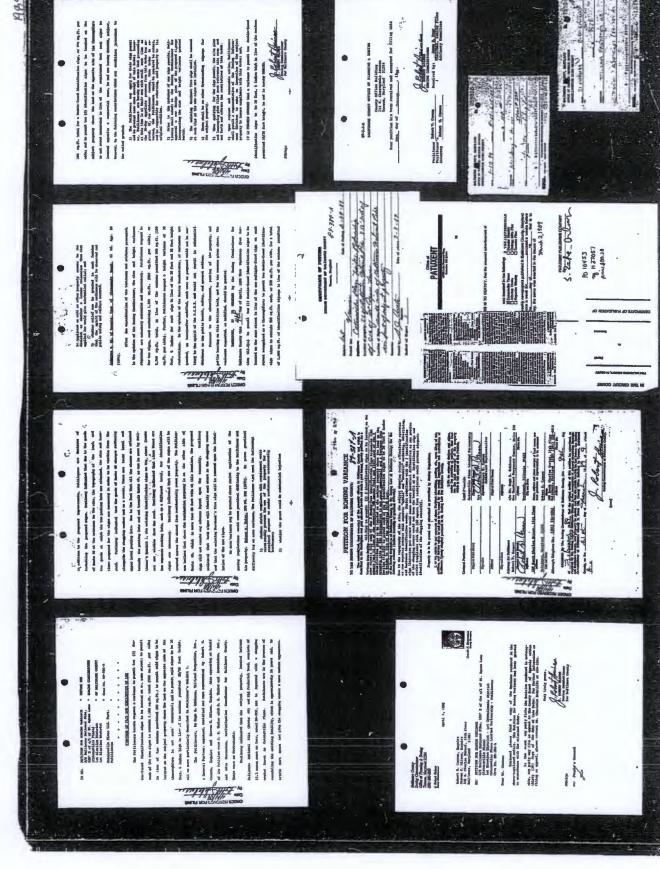
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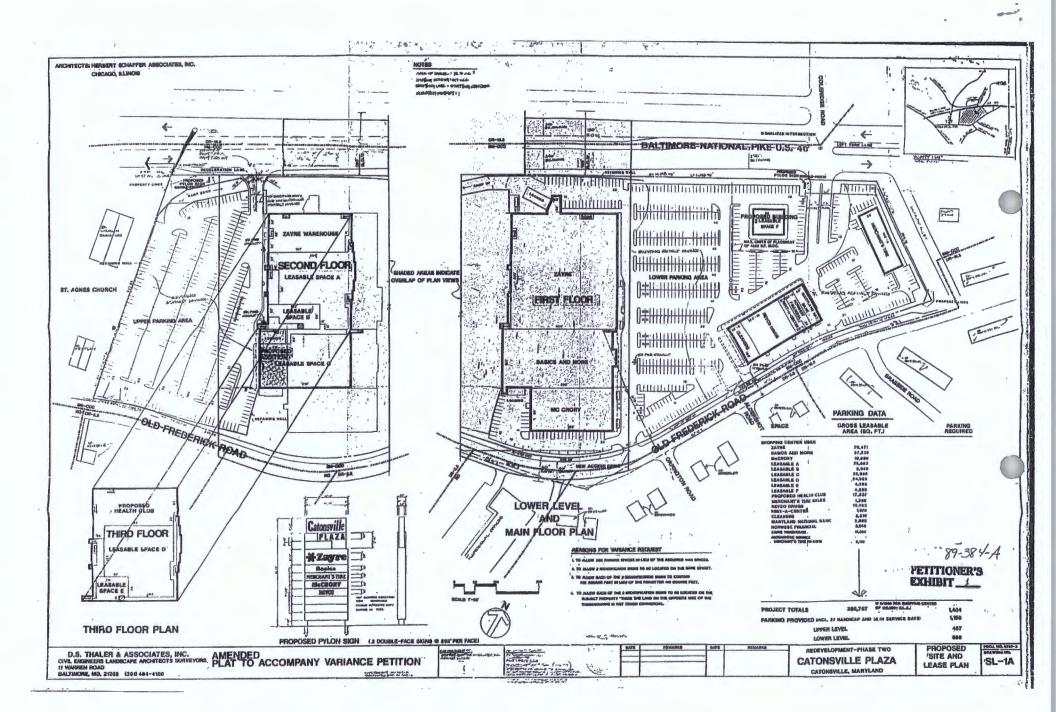
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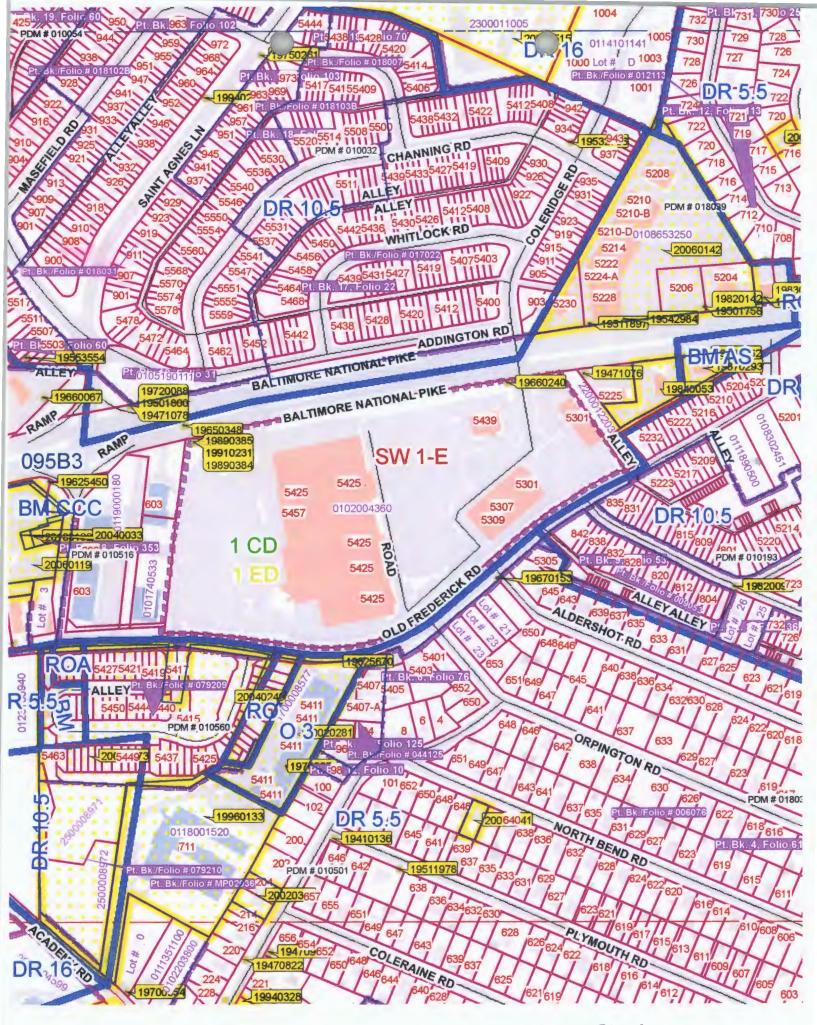
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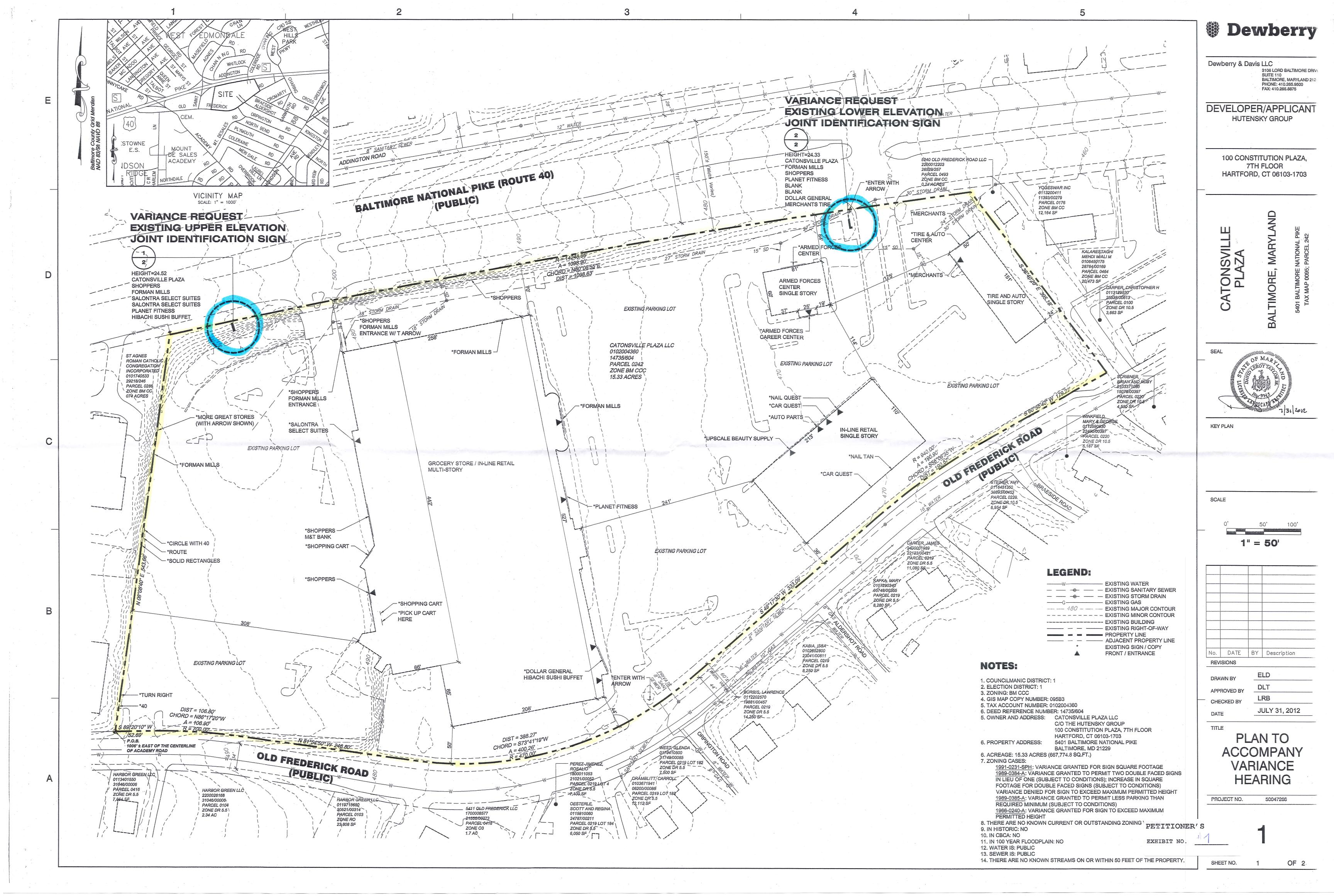
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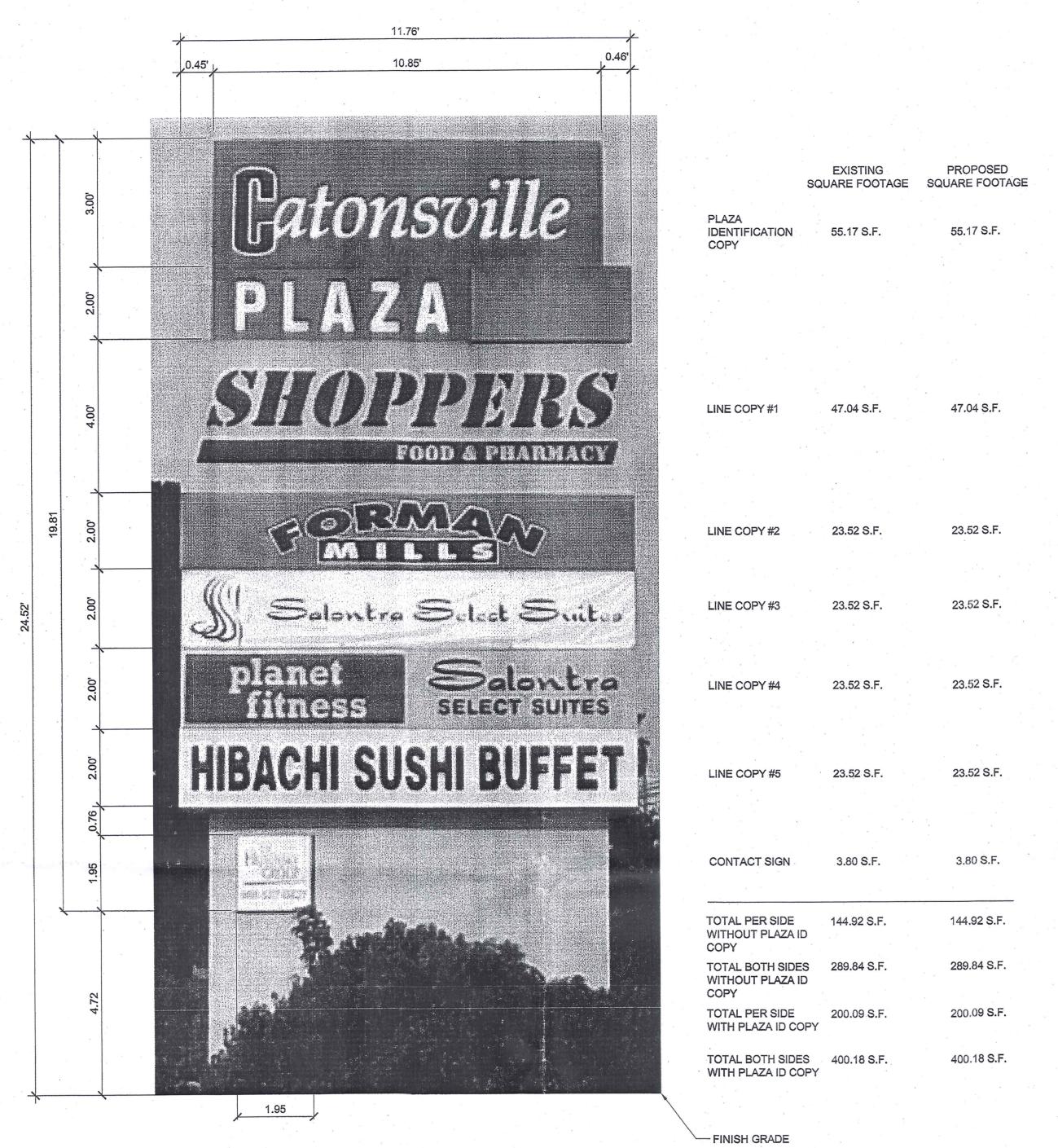








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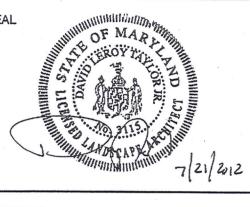
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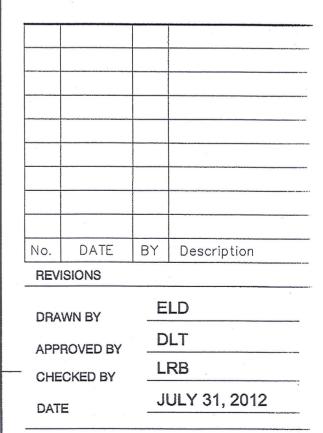
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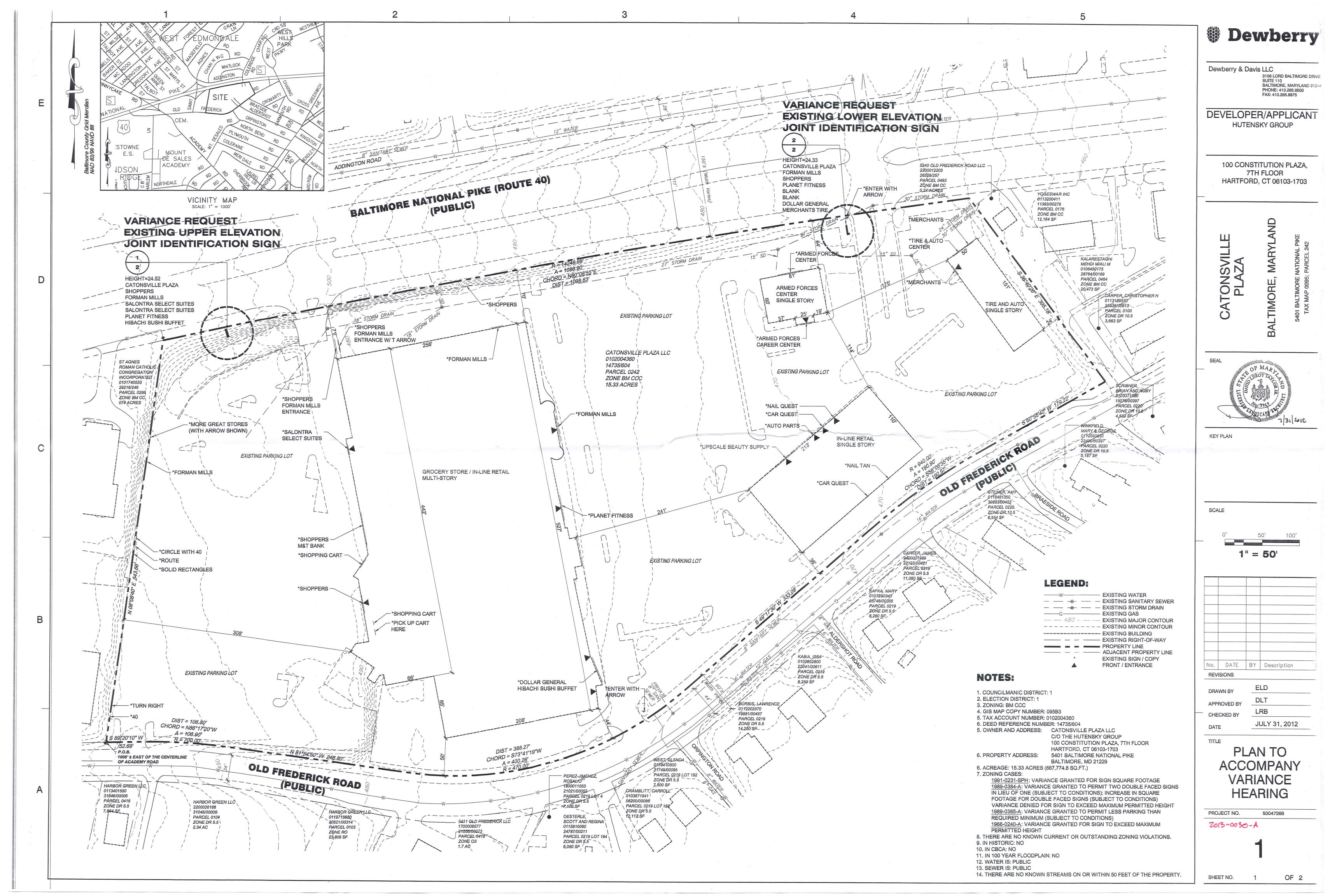
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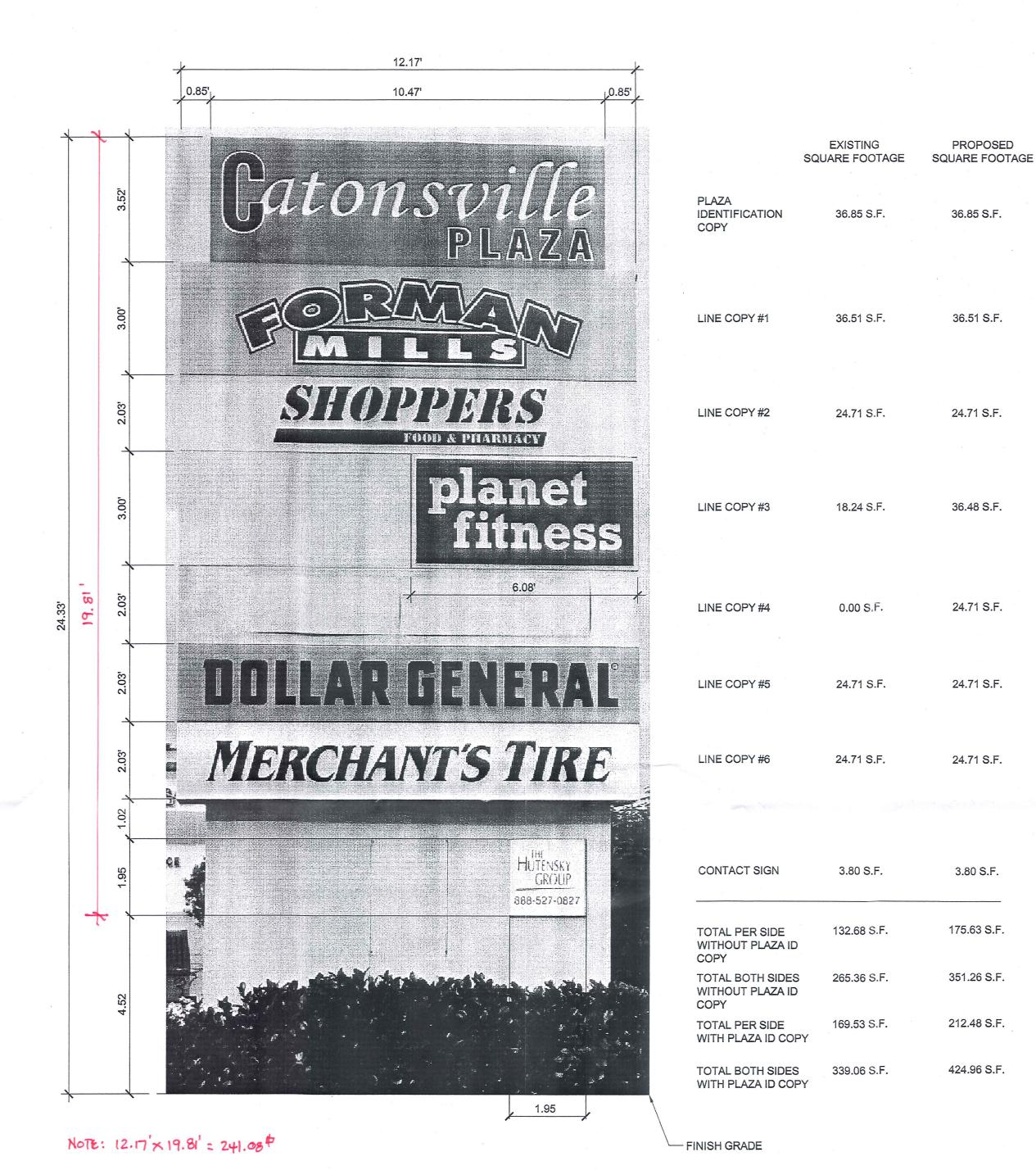
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