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IN THE MATTER OF

WILLIAMSBURG RESTAURANT AND

MOTEL, LLC – LEGAL OWNERS/PETITIONERS \*
PETITION FOR VARIANCE ON THE PROPERTY
LOCATED ON THE S/E SIDE PULASKI \*
HIGHWAY, 705' SW OF C/L OF STEVENS RD.

(11131 PULASKI HIGHWAY) \*
11<sup>TH</sup> ELECTION DISTRICT
6<sup>TH</sup> COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT \*

BEFORE THE

**BOARD OF APPEALS** 

OF

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

CASE NO.: 14-048-A

# ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This matter comes to the Board of Appeals by way of an appeal filed by Howard L.

Alderman, Jr., Esquire on behalf of Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC, Petitioner, from a decision of the Administrative Law Judge dated December 17, 2013 in which the requested Petition for Variance was granted in part and denied in part. Petitioner filed a Motion for Reconsideration and on January 29, 2014 the Administrative Law Judge issued a Ruling denying the Motion for Reconsideration. Protestant, Michael Pierce, was involved in this matter pro se.

WHEREAS, the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Board of Appeals, Rule 3.b.1. states: "An appeal may be withdrawn or dismissed at any time prior to the conclusion of the hearing on said appeal;"

WHEREAS, said Counsel for Petitioners filed a Motion to Dismiss on June 10, 2015;
 WHEREAS, said Protestant filed a Response to Petitioner's Motion to Dismiss on June 15,
 2015;

## Case No. 14-048-A/Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC/Order of Dismissal

Practice and Procedure of the Board of Appeals of Baltimore County; the Petition for Variance in this matter is hereby **DISMISSED** without prejudice, thereby rendering the December 17, 2013 and January 29, 2014 Orders of the Administrative Law Judge as **null and void** in this matter.

BOARD OF APPEALS
OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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James H. West



# Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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September 11, 2015

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Levin & Gann, P.A. 502 Washington Avenue, Suite 800 Towson, Maryland 21204 Michael Pierce 8448 Bradshaw Road Kingsville, Maryland 21087

RE.

In the Matter of: Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

Case No.: 14-048-A

Dear Messrs. Alderman and Mr. Pierce:

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

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the Maryland Rules, WITH A PHOTOCOPY PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE CONCURRENT WITH FILING IN CIRCUIT COURT. Please note that all Petitions for Judicial Review filed from this decision should be noted under the same civil action number. If no such petition is filed within 30 days from the date of the enclosed Order, the subject file will be closed.

Very truly yours,

Krysundrå "Sunny" Cannington

Administrator

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C:

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC
Mitchell Kellman/DMW, Inc.
Office of People's Counsel
Lawrence M. Stahl, Managing Administrative Law Judge
Arnold Jablon, Director/PAI
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**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

**BOARD OF APPEALS** 

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (11311 Pulaski Highway)

11th Election District 6th Councilmanic District

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC Owner/Appellant

**BEFORE THE COUNTY** 

BOARD OF APPEALS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No: CBA 2014-0048-A

#### RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR DISMISSAL

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC, by and through its legal counsel, has filed a Motion requesting Dismissal of the Limited Appeal which was originally filed on February 28, 2014. The undersigned, acting as an individual, respectfully submits the following response and hereby objects to the dismissal of this appeal without clarification of the result via a Board of Appeals Order. It would appear from the motion that the appellant is requesting a dismissal with prejudice, although the proposed Order states without prejudice.

- 1. While the appellant had originally requested a Limited Appeal, the intention of the undersigned was to object to this in the scheduled hearing. Since the original case pertained to two signs, and the issue and Order of the ALJ primarily concerned whether the existing two signs could both be retained, as well as both being oversized, an appeal of the decision that one sign had to be removed cannot be considered in isolation from the variance for the other to be more than twice the size of what would otherwise be allowed<sup>1</sup>.
- 2. Appellant refers to the legislation passed by the County Council during the intervening period since the decision of the ALJ and claims that it renders the appeal moot. That legislation provides that nonconforming signs erected prior to 1960 would be exempt from the removal requirements. The existing BCZR in 450.8.C.8 already provided for an exemption for signs with

<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that, after the ALJ granted a generous size variance for the first and only sign, that pre-existing Williamsburg Inn sign that many had considered "iconic" was replaced with a modern sign with an electronic changeable copy component.

historical, cultural, or aesthetic value and stipulated that the Director of the Department of Planning makes the determination. This new legislation, in adding text just after that paragraph, did not specify how this new determination was to be made. Thus, it would appear that it should be the responsibility of the ALJ or, alternatively, the BoA.

- 3. Appellant's motion includes, as an attachment, a letter which claims that a determination was made based on two affidavits. That undated determination was signed by Mr. Leonard Wasilewski who does not have authority to make such determinations.<sup>2</sup>
- 4. On August 18, 2014 the undersigned delivered a letter to the office of the Director of PAI requesting that
  - ... I be notified of the owner's submission so that I may examine the same, that I be given an opportunity to contest that evidence and its application in relation to the second sign at this property, and that I be invited to attend any meeting or discussion you or any member of your staff may have with the owner or his attorney relative to this matter.

No such notification was ever received, thus the undersigned was denied the opportunity to examine the claimed affidavits or other evidence. This is the purpose of a public hearing.

5. The present sign, which is the subject of this matter, still advertises the Williamsburg Inn, although the name of the business has already been changed to Parker's. The BCZR allows for such a sign, once approved, to be refaced in any way desired without a new permit. Further, the common practice would allow the owner to significantly improve or change the structure of the sign in the future without a new permit. The common practice would even allow a permit to be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> When previously asked for interpretations of the Sign Code, a letter from Mr. Wasilewski's, serving in the same position, while providing an opinion, included the disclaimer "The foregoing is merely an informal opinion. It is not an expert or legal opinion. It is not intended to be relied on as expert or legal advice," etc.

granted for such changes. Thus, the pre-1960 sign could essentially be completely replaced, unless specific restrictions were put in place. Again, it the responsibility of the ALJ or, alternatively, the BoA to address this issue and place appropriate restrictions on future changes to this sign, if it were allowed at all.

FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS, the undersigned objects to the Dismissal of this appeal and respectively requests that the Board schedule a hearing to consider the issue, examine evidence, and hear arguments, after which it may:

A. Dismiss the case

B. Consider the matter in light of the intervening legislation

C. Remand the matter for the ALJ to consider the original case in light of the intervening legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael A Pierce

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#### CERIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 15th day of June, 2015, a copy of the foregoing Response to Motion for Dismissal was hand-delivered to the following:

Peter Max Zimmerman, People's Counsel for Baltimore County Howard L Alderman, Jr, Levin & Gann, PA, 502 Washington Ave, Towson

Michael A Pierce

6/10/15



BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (11131 Pulaski Highway)

11<sup>th</sup> Election District 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC,

Owner/Appellant

BEFORE THE

COUNTY BOARD OF

APPEALS FOR

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

Case No.: CBA 2014-0048-A

# MOTION FOR DISMISSAL

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC ("Owner" or "Appellant"), a Maryland limited liability company by and through its undersigned legal counsel, in accordance with the *Rules of Practice and Procedure Baltimore County Board of Appeals*, hereby moves that this limited appeal and any hearing to be scheduled for the above-referenced, limited appeal be dismissed as MOOT and in support of its request, the Owner states as follows:

- The Owner filed a Notice of Limited Appeal in the above-referenced matter,
   which Notice was received by the Board on February 28, 2014.
- 2. The Limited Appeal pertains to certain signage located on the property of the Owner; namely the "Motel" sign existing on the property of the Owner/Appellant.
- 3. The Baltimore County Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), in his Opinion and Order dated December 17, 2013, <u>denied</u> a variance request to maintain an existing, accessory, freestanding enterprise sign having a total area of 145 sq. ft. in lieu of the 110 sq. ft. allowed, pursuant to sign abatement policies of the *Baltimore County Zoning Regulations* ("BCZR").

- 4. The variance relief denied by the ALJ was appealed to this Board.
- 5. On July 7, 2014, the Honorable Cathy Bevins, a Member of the County Council, introduced Council Bill No. 42-14 to exempt certain legally nonconforming signs from the sign abatement provisions of the BCZR as enacted in 1997.
- 6. At the Council's legislative session of August 4,2014, Council Bill 42-14, as amended, was passed by an affirmative vote of five members of the County Council and it has now become law. (A copy of County Council Bill 42-14 is attached hereto and incorporated herein.)
- 7. The specific provisions of Council Bill 42-14 apply retroactively to legally nonconforming signs as provided therein.
- 8. Following the effective date of Council Bill 42-14, the Owner submitted to Baltimore County incontrovertible evidence of the sign at issue in this case having been erected prior to 1960, at the subject property which adjoins Pulaski Highway, a "numbered U.S. Highway."
- 9. A determination by Baltimore County has now been made that the sign at issue in this limited appeal qualifies under the provisions of Council Bill 42-14, and therefore "is exempt from the abatement provisions of BCZR § 450.8.D.1 and may remain as located. (See "Determination by Baltimore County" at the bottom of page two (2) of the letter, dated April 15, 2015, from the undersigned to Arnold Jablon, Director, Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections, a copy of which is attached hereto and

incorporated herein.)(Emphasis supplied.)

10. The above-referenced determination by Baltimore County, permitting the existing "Motel" sign to remain as located, not subject to any abatement requirement, renders the relief sought by this limited appeal moot.

FOR ALL OF THE FOREGOING REASONS, the Owner respectfully requests that the Board:

- A. GRANT this motion after having determined that the relief requested has been rendered MOOT by act of the Baltimore County Council; and
- B. Grant such further relief as the nature of this case may require.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard L. Alderman, Jr.

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Attorneys for Owner/Appellant

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this Lord day of June, 2015, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Postponement was mailed, postage prepaid, First Class United States Mail to:

Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire
Carole S. Demilio, Esquire
People's Counsel for Baltimore County
The Jefferson Building
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 204
Towson, MD 21204

and

Mr. Michael A. Pierce 7448 Bradshaw Road Kingsville, Maryland 21087

Howard L. Alderman, Jr.

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (11131 Pulaski Highway)

11th Election District 6th Councilmanic District

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC,

Owner/Appellant

**BEFORE THE** 

COUNTY BOARD OF

APPEALS FOR

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

Case No.: CBA 2014-0048-A

# **ORDER**

Upon considerati	ion of the	Motion	for	Dismissal	filed	on	behalf	of	the
Owner/Appellant in this	matter and	any respe	onse 1	received in	relatio	on th	ereto, a	nd a	fter
review of County Counci	il Bill 42-14	and the I	Deterr	nination by	Baltin	nore	County	that	the
sign at issue is exempt fro	m the abate	ment prov	isions	of BCZR	450.8	.D.1	and may	rem	ain
as located, it is this	da	y of			, 2015,	ORD	ERED,		
That the enactment	of County C	ouncil Bill	42-14	and the sub	sequen	t dete	erminatio	on by	the
Baltimore County D	Department of	f Permits, A	Approv	vals and Insp	ections	that	the sign	at is	sue
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located, renders the	issues on app	oeal MOOT	and th	nerefore this	appeal	is her	eby DIS	MISS	ED
without prejudice.									
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June 10, 2015

ELLIS LEVIN (1893-1960) CALMAN A. LEVIN (1930-2003)

Krysundra Cannington, Administrator County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 203 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

Case No. 14-048-A

Motion for Dismissal & Proposed Order

Dear Ms. Carrington:

Regarding the above-referenced case as affected by the passage of County Council Bill No. 42-14 which amended Section 450.8.D.1 of the *Baltimore County Zoning Regulations*, I enclose herewith for filing a Motion for Dismissal and proposed Order. Attached to the Motion is the determination by the County that the 'Motel' sign which is the subject of the appeal taken by the Owner is now removed from the abatement requirements of the Zoning Regulations.

Should you or the Board desire any additional information in support of this Motion, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Howard L. Alderman, Jr.

HLA/gk Enclosure

c (w/encl.):

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

Mr. Michael Pearce

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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April 15, 2015

ELLIS LEVIN (1893-1960) CALMAN A. LEVIN (1930-2003)

Arnold Jablon, Director
Baltimore County Department of Permits
Approvals and Inspections
111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: 11131 Pulaski Highway, U.S. Route 40

Non-Conforming Signage

Dear Mr. Jablon:

I represent the owner of the property at 11131 Pulaski Highway, home of the Williamsburg Motel and Parker's (formerly Williamsburg Inn). There exists on the property a Motel sign that has been there for many, many years. In a recent zoning hearing, resulting from a complaint by Mr. Michael Pierce, Judge Beverungen ruled that the Motel sign had to be removed. Although that decision is still on appeal, my client and other similarly situated clients approached the County Council for relief.

The Council passed Bill No. 42-14 which amended Section 450.8.D.1 of the *Baltimore County Zoning Regulations*. That legislation removed from the abatement requirement "legally nonconforming signs erected prior to 1960 along numbered U.S. Highways, excluding U.S. Route 1." My client's property is located on U.S. 40, also known as Pulaski Highway.

Enclosed are copies of affidavits of one Baltimore County resident and one Harford County resident that have historical familiarity of U.S. 40 and the Williamsburg Motel. Each Affiant has described their earliest recollection of the Motel sign on this property. Based upon the personal knowledge of each Affiant set forth on the enclosed, we request that you find the Williamsburg Motel sign is excluded from the above-described required abatement as a result of the specific language adopted by Bill No. 42-14. I have also enclosed a highlighted copy of the relevant section of the BCZR for your use and reference.

Arnold Jablon, Director April 15, 2015 Page 2

Should you need any additional information in regard to this request, please do not hesitate to contact me. I have reviewed the Schedule of Fees posted on the County's website and did not see any fee regarding nonconforming uses. If such a fee is applicable, please let me know and I will have our client deliver a check promptly.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Howard L. Alderman, Jr.

HLA/gk Enclosures

c (w/encl.):

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel LLC

The Honorable Cathy Bevins
The Honorable David Marks

# **Determination by Baltimore County:**

Having reviewed the modifications to the *Baltimore County Zoning Regulations* ("BCZR") made by County Council Bill No. 42-14, together with the sworn affidavits of personal knowledge submitted with the above request, it is the determination of the Baltimore County Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections that the "Motel" sign at the Williamsburg Inn is exempt from the abatement provisions of BCZR § 450.8.D.1 and may remain as located.

Baltimore County Department of Permits,

Approvals and Inspections

By:

[PRINTED/TYPED NAME]

[TITLE/CAPACITY/AUTHORITY]

# AFFIDAVIT WILLIAMSBURG MOTEL SIGN

I, <u>/</u>	atricia Guldan the undersigned Affiant, am over the age of eighteen,					
am competen	t to make this affidavit and have personal knowledge of the following facts:					
1.	I have lived in Baltimore County since 1950					
2.	I am familiar with Pulaski Highway, Maryland U.S. 40.					
3.	I am familiar with the Williamsburg Motel located on Pulaski Highway in White Marsh.					
4.	I am familiar with the sign, adjacent to U.S. 40 that has advertised the Williamsburg Motel					
for many year	rs.					
5.	I have, over the course of my life, travelled past the Williamsburg Motel on a frequent basis.					
6.	My earliest recollection of the sign advertising the Williamsburg Motel is 1950					
and that sign	has been continuously located on the property to advertise the existence of the motel to					
passersby.						
I do so	olemnly declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the above statements are true					
and correct.						
	Patricia Guldan [TYPED/PRINTED NAME]					
Date:	3/25/5					
Date.						
STATE OF M	MARYLAND, CITY/COUNTY OF Baltinge to wit:					
me, the subs	EBY CERTIFY, that on this					
AS W	ITNESS my hand and notarial seal.					
	Mosemeie Meaver NOTARY PUBLIC					
My Commiss	ion Expires: $\frac{2/3/19}{2}$					

# AFFIDAVIT WILLIAMSBURG MOTEL SIGN

I, Joan K 622 , the undersigned Affiant, am over the age of eighteen,
am competent to make this affidavit and have personal knowledge of the following facts:
1. I have lived in Baltimore County since 1930
2. I am familiar with Pulaski Highway, Maryland U.S. 40.
3. I am familiar with the Williamsburg Motel located on Pulaski Highway in White Marsh.
4. I am familiar with the sign, adjacent to U.S. 40 that has advertised the Williamsburg Motel
for many years.
5. I have, over the course of my life, travelled past the Williamsburg Motel on a frequent basis.
6. My earliest recollection of the sign advertising the Williamsburg Motel is 1962
and that sign has been continuously located on the property to advertise the existence of the motel to
passersby.
I do solemnly declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the above statements are true
and correct.
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TOAN K GEET [TYPED/PRINTED NAME]
Date: 3 30 2015
STATE OF MARYLAND, CITY/COUNTY OF, to wit:
I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this 3 day of MARCH, in the year 2014, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public for the state and city/county aforesaid, personally appeared the subscriber, a Notary Public for the state and city/county aforesaid, personally appeared the foregoing Affidavit to be his/her Act, under oath, and IN MY PRESENCE SIGNED AND SEALED THE SAME.
AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 7~/-/8

#### D. Abatement.

1. Because the indefinite continuation of many nonconforming signs would perpetuate conditions contrary to the policies expressed in Section 450.1.A, all nonconforming signs except as provided herein must be brought into compliance or be removed within a certain time limit. Fairness will be enhanced in the future through uniform application of these regulations. Sign owners will be encouraged to comply with Section 450 and will be given a reasonable time period to recover their investments in existing signage. Therefore, except for enterprise signs in residential zones, temporary signs, and legally nonconforming signs erected prior to 1960 along numbered U.S. Highways, excluding U.S. Route 1, all legally nonconforming signs, including those approved by variance pursuant to Section 307 of these regulations, must be removed, at no expense to the County, no later than 15 years from the effective date of Bill No. 89-1997. [Bill No. 42-2014 Editor's Note: Section 2 of Bill No. 42-2014 stated that it would take effect 8-18-2014

and would apply retroactively to legally nonconforming signs, as provided in the bill.

2/28/14

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
(11131 Pulaski Highway)
11<sup>th</sup> Election District
6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC,

Petitioner/Owner

BEFORE THE OFFICE

**OF ADMINISTRATIVE** 

HEARINGS FOR

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

Case No.: 2014-0048-A

### NOTICE OF *LIMITED* APPEAL

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC, Owner of the above-referenced property and a party in the above-captioned case, by and through its attorneys, Howard L. Alderman, Jr., and Levin and Gann, P.A., hereby notes a *limited* appeal to the County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County of the Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge rendered on December 17, 2013 and the denial of the Owner's Motion for Reconsideration denied January 29, 2014 (setting the appeal time) (collectively the "Opinion and Order"), a copy of each being attached hereto and incorporated herein. This appeal is *limited* to only the following portions of the Opinion and Order: i) only the characterization as an "Enterprise Sign" instead of a "Joint Identification Sign" of the otherwise approved (and not appealed hereby) replacement, accessory, illuminated, freestanding sign together with an integrated changeable copy sign, having a total area of 208 sq. ft.; and ii) the denial of the variance to "retain an existing, accessory, freestanding Enterprise sign having a total area of 145 sq. ft. in lieu of the 110 sq. ft. allowed. No other portions of the Opinion and Order are appealed hereby, rather the Owner is appealing only those portions specifically described herein.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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Attorneys for Appellant

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this <u>27<sup>th</sup></u> day of February 2014, a copy of the foregoing Notice of *Limited* Appeal was mailed, postage prepaid, First Class United States Mail to:

Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire
Carole S. Demilio, Esquire
People's Counsel for Baltimore County
The Jefferson Building
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 204
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and

Mr. Michael A. Pierce 7448 Bradshaw Road Kingsville, Maryland 21087

Howard L. Alderman, Jr.

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (11131 Pulaski Highway)

> 11th Election District 6<sup>th</sup> Councilman District

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

Petitioner

BEFORE THE OFFICE

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HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2014-0048-A

#### ORDER ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Now pending is the Petitioner's motion for reconsideration, and an opposition thereto has been filed by Michael Pierce. As an initial matter, it seems clear that under long-standing Maryland law Mr. Pierce has sufficient "standing" to enable him to contest the zoning relief. In Dorsey v. Bethel A.M.E. Church, 375 Md. 59, 72 (2003), the court of appeals held that the "requirements for administrative standing under Maryland law are not very strict." Essentially, one who attends and testifies or advances arguments at an administrative hearing (regardless of their proximity to the property at issue) has sufficient standing to participate in the proceedings. As such, I do not believe that issue merits any additional discussion.

The crux of this case turns on whether the Petitioner can have both a joint identification and enterprise sign on the property, under the theory that the restaurant and lounge are two separate "uses" within one building (and are entitled to a joint identification sign), while the motel is an entirely separate use housed in a freestanding building on site (entitled to an enterprise sign). The regulations, as is often the case, are not especially helpful in resolving the question. Petitioner's counsel notes that the Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual (ZCPM), which was referenced in the December 17, 2013 Order, is inapplicable in this scenario, given that the sign regulations were revised after the ZCPM was adopted. I think that point is probably well taken, ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

but I do not believe it alters the outcome of this case.

I also do not believe that the <u>Lan Lea Realty</u> case attached to Petitioner's motion is particularly helpful or relevant. As Mr. Pierce notes, that case did not involve the same issue. It is also clear that in the strip shopping center at issue in that case, the Best Buy store is a separate entity/use/occupant, and the Petco store is the second such entity/use/occupant in the center. But here, there is only one legal entity (the LLC which filed the Petition), although there may very well be 3 separate "uses" on the property; i.e., motel, restaurant & lounge.

The BCZR, however, does not refer to either "uses" or "users" when it defines a joint identification sign. Instead, it provides that such a sign is "an accessory sign displaying the identity of a multi-occupant nonresidential development such as a shopping center, office building or office park." BCZR §450.4, Table.

Here, as noted in the original order, I do not believe there are multiple "occupants" on the site. There may indeed be separate uses, but the regulations do not make reference to "uses" in defining the joint-identification sign. To the extent there is ambiguity on the point, I think the doctrine of ejusdem generis would compel a similar result.

Specifically, the BCZR provides three examples of when a joint identification sign may be warranted: shopping centers, office buildings and office parks. While it does not state that this is an exhaustive list, the statutory construction principle of ejusdem generis indicates that the regulation should be interpreted to include things "of the same class or general nature as those specifically antecedently mentioned." Rucker v. Harford County, 316 Md 275, 295 (1989). Here, I do not believe the Petitioner's business operation bears any resemblance to the types of enterprises listed in the definition.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 29th day of January, 2014, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, for the foregoing reasons, that Petitioners Protein for Reconsideration be

Date 109119 By Sln and is hereby DENIED.

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

JOHN E. BEVERUNCEN
Administrative Law Judge for

**Baltimore County** 

JEB:sln

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Date

By\_



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive LAWRENCE M. STAHL
Managing Administrative Law Judge
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge

January 29, 2014

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq. Levin & Gann, PA 502 Washington Avenue, Suite 800 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

Motion for Reconsideration - Petition for Variance

Case No.: 2014-0048-A

Property: 11131 Pulaski Highway

Dear Mr. Alderman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Motion for Reconsideration Opinion and Order 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

JEB:sln Enclosure

c: Ron Parker, 11450 Pulaski Highway, White Marsh, MD 21162 Barbara Pollitt, 718 Girard Street, Havre de Grace, MD 21078 Kathy McCourry, 7306 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore, MD 21237 Sheree Opdyke, 10099 Bird River Road, Baltimore, MD 21220 Mitchell J. Kellman, DMW, 200 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, MD 21286 Mike Pierce, 7448 Bradshaw Road, Kingsville, MD 21087 1/23/14

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (11311 Pulaski Highway)

11th Election District
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Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC
Petitioner/Owner

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Case No: 2014-0048-A

# RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND TO ALTER/AMEND ORDER

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC, by and through its legal counsel, has filed a Motion requesting a reconsideration of the *Opinion and Order* of the Administrative Law Judge in this case. Protestant, functioning as an individual, respectfully submits the following response to points in that Motion and to reiterate issues raised during the hearing.

- 1. Petitioner again seems to be questioning, at 7, protestant's standing to contest this variance by living "over ten miles from the subject property". For the record, Protestant lives 4 miles distant, and 5 miles by road. Since Baltimore County, in its present configuration, was formed without local jurisdictions, one must conclude that all residents have an interest in all issues county-wide. In fact, Protestant has had an active role in several past sign cases, one, 2012-0136-A, actually being nearly ten miles distance. It should be noted that the objection is not based on the usual neighborhood issues of impact to local property values, increased traffic, noise, etc., but rather, general defense of the county's Sign Code.
- 2. Petitioner, in its Motion at 2, makes note that these signs have been there for "more than fifty years", although this was not substantiated, implying that this has some bearing on the case by making them "grandfathered". When the Council County passed Bill 89-1997 to completely revamp the Sign Code, thus repealing the previous Section 413, as Petitioner relates (but misidentifies in Petitioner's Motion at 3 as Bill 97-1988), it included a very generous 15-year

abatement period, but stipulated in 450.8.D.1 that, after that time, all signs must be brought into conformance or removed. Thus, it should be clear that they intended for there to be no "grandfathering" of any non-compliant sign. It even voided previous variances. The 15-year abatement period ended in October 2012, and the "policy" of the Zoning Department to then require compliance is reflected in a letter dated 4 Sept 2008 (attached) regarding another property.

- 3. As part of demonstrating the practical difficulty and hardship if the variances were not granted, Petitioner mentioned two competitors, Mo's to the south and House of Rock to the north. For the record, Mo's is 2.75 miles distant and House of Rock is nearly a mile. The testimony included a statement that these two competitors each had a changeable-copy sign. In fact, both have a single free-standing sign and neither has an electronic changeable copy sign. Mo's has manual changeable copy on the freestanding sign and House of Rock has a small freestanding sign and a wall sign with manual changeable letters. Neither has requested a variance for a larger sign<sup>1</sup>
- 4. The Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual ("ZCPM") presents an interesting conundrum. Although it is certainly a logical argument that the revision of the Sign Code in 1997 should have completely replaced and rescinded the ZCPM Section on signs, such did not happen. No legislative or administration action has ever occurred to do so. The authority of the ZCPM was recognized in *Antwerpen v. Baltimore County*, 163 Md. App 194, 197 (2005), and its continued validity has been recognized in numerous Zoning cases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This writer is of the opinion that the success of such a business is more a function of the service and product than of the size of the signs. Following a visit for dinner, it appears that the Williamsburg Inn will have no trouble succeeding and that the House of Rock, or whatever it is called this month, is not even in the same league.)

5. Petitioner presented an interesting argument that the property contains 3 uses, viz., a motel, a restaurant, and a bar. Their Motion refers to the "uninformed and unsubstantiated comments" made by the Protestant that the owner of the subject property was the "sole occupant", as if it were the Protestant's responsibility to disprove an assertion being made without its own substantiation. In a variance hearing, it is the Petitioner's responsibility to demonstrate the need and substantiate the claims based on facts or expert testimony.

Firstly, the notion that the bar and restaurant are separate and distinct uses is fanciful, at best. The two operate under a single liquor license, a common name, and a common entrance.

That license, dated April 30, 2013 allows "to keep for sale, and to sell all alcoholic beverages at retail at the hotel or restaurant herein described".

Secondly, is the motel separate and distinct from the restaurant/bar? Again, they operate under a common trade name "Williamsburg Inn" as was registered by the owner on June 23, 2012, with the description of the business as "Restaurant and Motel" (attached). They share, not only a single building entrance, but a common front desk. Again, the liquor license covers both.

Whatever the determination on this question, the requirement in the ZCPM that there be separate and distinct entrances still stands, although Petitioner is apparently correct that the requirement is "two", not "three" to meet this "multi-tenant" rule. This practice of requiring separate entrances as the basis for allowing other signage continues in Section 450 of the BCZR. Section 5(d) in the Table of Permanent Signs limits wall signs for "multi-tenant" to one per entity

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Note that the Petition for Reconsideration is being made by "Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC" clearly as a single entity.

with a "separate exterior customer entrance". It is not a contradiction between the BCZR and the ZCPM for the latter to continue to stipulate this requirement.

6. This case revolves mostly around the question of whether this is a "multi-tenant" situation or not. Petitioner seems to be arguing that it is both, thus that they are entitled to both types of signs. It is puzzling why the Petitioner, at 16, refers to Case 98-244-SPHXA as supporting their contention that the subject property is entitled to both a Joint Identification and an Enterprise sign. No such mention can be found in that referenced case which was initially about a requested variance (besides the one wall sign) for one freestanding Joint Identification sign of 150 sq ft in lieu of two freestanding Enterprise signs of 100 sq ft each. It was ruled moot, since they were already allowed what they wanted, i.e., one joint identification sign.<sup>3</sup>

As stated in Zoning Case 98-244-SPHXA, attached to Petitioner's Motion, while ruling that the subject property was "multi-tenant", it did not allow for two freestanding signs. In fact, the letter from Mr. Arnold Keller of February 25, 1998, also attached to the Petitioner's Motion, while opining that two tenants is sufficient to be called "multi-tenant" thus entitled such a property to the larger joint identification sign, he notes that "a freestanding enterprise sign for each tenant is *not* permitted" (his emphasis).

Further, it should be noted that the definitions of the applicable terms and the specified use, as contained in the Table of Permanent Sign Types (BCZR 450), is as follows: firstly in 5.

(b) Enterprise: Freestanding, BM, "excluding Multi-tenant office, retail or industrial building", and secondly in 7: "Joint Identification, meaning an accessary sign displaying the identity of a multi-occupant nonresidential development such as a shopping center, office building, or office

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> There is, as of today, one freestanding sign on this property, identifying both Best Buy and Petco, two distinctly different businesses. Each has a wall sign (and a separate entrance).

park."<sup>4</sup> It should be clear that these definitions make these two sign types mutually exclusive and that it was never the intention to allow both on one property. The letter from Mr. Keller supports this argument.

7. The determination of whether the present case is a multi-tenant or single-tenant situation should decide whether it is permitted a Joint Identification sign, with a maximum 150 sq ft, or an Enterprise sign, with a maximum of 100 sq ft, respectively. Given the testimony and findings, the question is moot. It would only determine whether the variance granted for 206 sq ft is "very generous" or "very, very generous".

FOR ALL OF THE FOREGOING REASONS, the respondent respectfully requests that the ALJ sustain the original Opinion and Order issued of December 17, 2013 granting substantial variances but not permitting the second freestanding sign.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> One could certainly make the case that the subject property does not fit this definition, but it would only be an academic exercise, not impacting the outcome. One could also argue that a Joint Identification sign is not intended to display any advertising, only the identity, while only an Enterprise sign may "advertise products or services".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The plan presented was actually for a 224 sq ft sign, measured in the standard manner with a single rectangle encompassing the entire sign, as done by the Zoning office.

#### CERIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 23rd day of January, 2014, a copy of the foregoing Response to Motion for Reconsideration and exhibits attached thereto were hand-delivered to the following:

Peter Max Zimmerman, People's Counsel for Baltimore County Carole S Demillio, Deputy People's Counsel for Baltimore County Howard L Alderman, Jr, Levin & Gann, PA, 502 Washington Ave, Towson

Michael A Pierce



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

September 4, 2008

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

The Greater Kingsville Civic Association P.O. Box 221 Kingsville, MD 21087 Attention: Leigh Keller, President

RE: Letter Dated June 19, 2008
Castle Motors Sports
11717 Belair Road
Baltimore, MD 21087

11<sup>th</sup> Election District
5<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Dear Ms Keller,

Your recent letter to Councilman McIntire, regarding the above referenced property was forwarded to me for reply. Based upon the information provided therein and my review of the available zoning records, the following has been determined:

The property at 11717 Belair Road, also known as Castle Motor Sports, has a zoning classification of BM-CR, as per the official Baltimore County Zoning Map 064A1, (copy enclosed). The aforementioned building, type of use and structure were present prior to the enactment of Bill NO. 103-1988 therefore, pursuant to Section 259.3.F of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR), they are non-conforming to the sign restrictions located in Section 259.3.C.7 (BCZR).

Additionally, the property enjoys a non-conforming use to the current sign regulations, Section 450, as a result of its legal roof sign erected under Section 413 of the BCZR prior to October 19,1997. As long as the building and type of use remain the same, a mixture of the prior regulations with the current regulations will not be allowed. Therefore, the entire site will continue to be controlled by Section 413 until either the roof sign is permanently removed or until October 19, 2012 when the non-conformity to the sign regulations expires.

I trust that the information set forth in this letter is sufficiently detailed and responsive to the questions. If you disagree with the information provided above a Special Hearing may be initiated pursuant to Section 500.7(BCZR). If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-887-3391.

THE FOREGOING IS MERELY AN INFORMAL OPINION. IT IS NOT AN EXPERT OR LEGAL OPINION. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO BE RELIED ON AS EXPERT OR LEGAL ADVICE, AND IS NOT LEGALLY OR FACTUALLY BINDING ON BALTIMORE COUNTY OR ANY OF ITS OFFICIALS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES. BALTIMORE COUNTY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF, OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS DOCUMENT, OR ANY INTERPRETATION THEREOF.

Sincerely,

Leonard Wasilewski

Planner II

Zoning Review

CC: Councilman T. Brian McIntire
Tim Kotroco, Director of Permits and Development Management

Carl Richards, Zoning Supervisor John Lewis, Planner II

Enforcement Case # 08-3634

# State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation Charter Division

# TRADE NAME APPLICATION

NON EXPEDITED FEE: \$25.00

EXPEDITED FEE: ADDITIONAL \$50.00 | TOTAL EXPEDITED SERVICE: \$75.00

(Make checks payable to Department of Assessments and Taxation)

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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (11131 Pulaski Highway)

11<sup>th</sup> Election District 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC,

Petitioner/Owner

BEFORE THE OFFICE

**OF ADMINISTRATIVE** 

**HEARINGS FOR** 

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

Case No.: 2014-0048-A

# MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION AND TO ALTER/AMEND ORDER

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC ("Owner" or "Petitioner") by and through its undersigned legal counsel, in accordance with the *Code of Baltimore County Regulations*, Title 2, Chapter 1, Rule 4K., hereby moves that the *Opinion and Order* of the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), dated December 17, 2013 (the "Order"), be reconsidered, altered and/or amended. In support of its request, the Owner states as follows:

- 1. The ALJ for Baltimore County granted in part and denied in part Petitioner's requested variance relief for a replacement, accessory, illuminated, freestanding Joint Identification Sign together with an integrated changeable copy and retention of an existing, accessory, illuminated freestanding Enterprise sign as described in the Petition for Variance as filed and as shown more particularly on the site plan that accompanied the Petition for the property owned by the Petitioner (the "subject property").
  - 2. The signs to be replaced have been in existence for more than fifty (50) years

on the subject property.

- 3. In denying Petitioner's requested relief and granting altered relief, the ALJ relied on the Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual ("ZCPM") "Joint Identification Signs (Class 14)" (the "JIS Policy") as promulgated prior to the adoption of County Council Bill No. 97-1988 ("Bill 97").
- 4. Bill 97 repealed <u>all</u> of the *Baltimore County Zoning Regulations* ("BCZR") pertaining to signs, including the regulations for which the JIS Policy was developed.
- 5. Bill 97 adopted entirely new and revamped regulations pertaining to signs, codified in BCZR § 450, as amended. None of the policies in the ZCPM were revised to apply to the new sign regulations created by Bill 97.
- Reliance on policies of the ZCPM developed to assist in the interpretation and application of now repealed regulations is misplaced and unwarranted.
- 7. The ALJ concluded, erroneously, based on uninformed and unsubstantiated comments from a Protestant that lives over ten (10) miles from the subject property and contrary to the evidence presented by the Petitioner, that the Owner of the subject property was also the "sole occupant" of the subject property. [Order at 2.]
- 8. The uncontradicted evidence presented was that there are numerous buildings and three (3) separate uses on the subject property; the restaurant, the tavern and the motel.
- 9. The uncontradicted evidence presented by the Petitioner is that two uses occupy portions of one of the buildings (restaurant and tavern) and the motel use is located

in several buildings, the office in one and motel rooms in several other buildings.

- 10. The ALJ rejected Petitioner's argument that multiple uses on one property, even when the real property is owned by a single entity, are permitted to have both a joint identification sign for one building with two or more uses and a separate enterprise sign for a use conducted in a separate building as authorized by the BCZR.
- 11. The Department of Planning recognized this new Owner's change of "business model" for the uses on the subject property to provide a new use/venue for live music and entertainment. [Department of Planning's ZAC Comment, dated October 2, 1013]
- 12. The Department [Office] of Planning has recognized and opined on behalf of the County that the new sign regulations [BCZR § 450] permit signs, not based solely on the number of buildings, but on the <u>basis of uses</u> and that the term "multi-tenant" applies to a building with "two or more uses". [Inter-Office Correspondence, from Planning to Permits and Development Management, dated February 25, 1998; copy attached and incorporated herein.]
- 13. Determinations of signage based on uses or users, was enunciated and clarified by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County applying the new sign regulations shortly after their adoption, in Case No. 98-244-SPHXA, dated February 3, 1998, *Lan Lea Realty Company*, Petitioner. [Copy attached and incorporated herein.]
- 14. Deference to an agency's decision has long been recognized, especially when the matter in dispute involves areas within that agency's particular realm of expertise.

People's Counsel for Baltimore County v. Dorothy Surina, 400 Md. 662, 681 (2007)

15. Judicial deference to agency expertise is less deferential on issues of law. Charles County Department of Social Services v. Vann, 382 Md. 286, 295 (2004). "Even with conclusions of law, however, an agency's legal interpretation of the statute it administers or of its own regulations is entitled to some deference from the courts. Id. at 295-96. That deference to the position of the administrative agency is warranted because it is that agency's task:

to interpret the ordinances and regulations the agency itself promulgated. Thus, "[e]ven though the decision of the Board of Appeals was based on the law, its expertise should be taken into consideration and its decision should be afforded appropriate deference in our analysis of whether it was 'premised upon an erroneous conclusion of law.'" *Surina*, 400 Md. at 682-683 (citations omitted).

- 16. The Department of Planning's expertise and interpretation of BCZR § 450 that, for a building, like that housing the restaurant and the tavern [including live music and entertainment] uses on the subject property, a "freestanding joint identification sign is permitted" [emphasis supplied], but a freestanding enterprise sign is not permitted for each of those separate uses is directly on point and should be afforded all appropriate deference in the legal analysis of the relief requested by the Petitioner. The motel use on the subject property is in separate buildings and a wholly separate use and as such is entitled to a separate enterprise sign. (See, Lan Lea Realty Case No. 98-244-SPHXA)
  - 17. Unlike the Petitioner, Protestant Pearce provided no credible or expert

testimony or evidence, beyond his bald supposition, regarding the separate uses modified or established on the subject property since the Owner took title to the land.

FOR ALL OF THE FOREGOING REASONS, the Owner respectfully requests that the ALJ:

- A. Reconsider the Order issued December 17, 2013; and
- B. Revise, alter and amend the Order, by granting the requested Variance relief requested for: (i) a replacement, accessory, illuminated, freestanding Joint Identification Sign together with an integrated changeable copy sign having a total area of 208 sq. ft. (replacing existing signage of 160 sq. ft.) in lieu of the allowable 150 sq. ft.; and (ii) retention of an existing, accessory, illuminated freestanding Enterprise sign having a total area of 145 sq. ft. in lieu of the 110 sq. ft. allowed, together with such further relief as the nature of this case may require.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2014, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Reconsideration and to Alter/Amend Order and the exhibits attached thereto were mailed via First-Class, United States Mail to the following:

Peter Max Zimmerman, People's Counsel for Baltimore County Carole S. Demilio, Deputy People's Counsel for Baltimore County Jefferson Building, Suite 204

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# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

## INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Carl Richards

DATE: February 25, 1998

Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT: Sign Classes 5a and 5b (Enterprise Signs for Shopping Centers

and Multi-tenant Buildings)

The Office of Planning would like to bring to your attention two issues regarding how the County interprets the term "multi-tenant building." The County's interpretation affects implementation of the new sign regulations. It is important to clarify Sec. 450.a and 450.5b, that signs are permitted on the basis of the shopping center designation and not the number of buildings at the shopping center.

Second, it is our understanding that the word "multi-tenant" applies to a building with two or more uses. The Zoning Regulations defines "shopping center" as a "group of three or more commercial uses under common ownership." When Council amended Bill 89-97, the intent of substituting the term "multi-tenant" for "shopping center" was to clarify that if a building has two or more tenants, a freestanding joint identification sign is permitted but a freestanding enterprise sign for each tenant is *not* permitted.

The County's interpretation of a "multi-tenant" to mean a building with three or more uses will defeat Council's intent to include buildings with two or more uses. Since the Webster's Third International Dictionary includes both two or more, or three or more, as the definition of "multi," the County can interpret the word based on the Council's intent that a multi-tenant building is a building with two or more tenants. The Deputy Zoning Commissioner's opinion on Lan Lea (98-244 SPH XA) reflects this interpretation.

Thank you for your help and consideration of this issue.

Amold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

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IN RE. PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE E/S York Road, 570' S of Ridgely Road

(1725 York Road) 8th Election District 4th Councilmanic District

Lan Lea Realty Company Petitioner BEFORE THE

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

\* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 98-244-SPHXA

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance filed by the owner of the subject property, Lan Lea Realty Company, by Robert E. Morrow, President of Royal York Realty Corporation, a General Partner, through their attorney, Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire. The Petitioner seeks approval of an amendment to the previously approved site plan for the subject property in prior Case No. 98-63-SPH and a special exception to permit a service garage use (for the installation of car radios, telephones and similar electronic equipment). In addition to the special hearing and special exception requests, the Petitioner seeks variance relief from Section 450 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a wall-mounted enterprise sign of 390 sq.ft. in lieu of the maximum permitted 150 sq.ft., and one (1) freestanding enterprise sign of 150 sq.ft. total in lieu of the permitted two signs of 100 sq.ft. total each. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petitions were Robert Morrow, General Partner, Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioner, Charles Main, II and Mitchell Kellman, representatives of

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The Honorable John E. Beverungen,
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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

RE: 11131 Pulaski Highway

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC/Petitioner

Case No. 2014-0048-A
Motion for Reconsideration

Dear Judge Beverungen:

Enclosed, please accept for filing the enclosed Motion for Reconsideration and to Alter/Amend Order in the above-referenced case. A separate copy is enclosed for your use. This Motion is filed within thirty (30) days of your Order, issued December 17, 2013. Therefore, the filing of this Motion, in accordance with the *Code of Baltimore County Regulations*, Title 2, Chapter 1, Rule 4K., shall stay all further proceedings in the matter, including the time limits/deadlines for the filing of an appeal.

Should you need any additional information in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Howard L. Alderman, Jr.

HLA/gk Enclosure

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Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

(11131 Pulaski Highway)

11<sup>th</sup> Election District 6<sup>th</sup> Councilman District

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

Petitioner

BEFORE THE OFFICE

**OF ADMINISTRATIVE** 

**HEARINGS FOR** 

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

CASE NO. 2014-0048-A

# **OPINION AND ORDER**

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Baltimore County as a Petition for Variance filed by Howard L. Alderman, Esq., on behalf of the legal owner of the subject property, Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC. The Petitioner is requesting variance relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), Sections 450.4.E and 450.4, Attachment 1, #7(b), as follows: (1) For a replacement, accessory, illuminated, freestanding Joint Identification Sign together with as integrated changeable copy sign having a total area of 208 sq. ft. (replacing existing signage of 160 sq. ft.) in lieu of the allowable 150 sq. ft., (2) Retention of an existing, accessory, illuminated freestanding Enterprise sign having a total area of 145 sq. ft in lieu of the 110 sq. ft. allowed; and (3) For such additional relief as the Plan to accompany this Petition and the nature of this case may require. 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 2.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requests was Ron Parker, Barbara Pollitt,

Kathy McCourry, Sheree Opdyke, and Mitchell J. Kellman, with Daft McCune and Walker,

whose firm prepared the site plan. Howard L. Alderman, Esq. with Levin & Gann, PA appeared

and represented the Petitioner. Mike Pierce attended the hearing and opposed the relief. The

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Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received from the Department of Planning (DOP) and the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability (DEPS). Neither agency opposed the relief.

Testimony and evidence revealed that the subject property is approximately 7.06 acres and is zoned BM. The Petitioner recently purchased the business, and has invested over \$700,000 in renovations. The Petitioner indicated that it requires updated and additional signage (i.e., a changeable copy sign) in order to attract customers, but variance relief is required.

The case presents an interesting legal issue: whether a joint identification and an enterprise sign (on the same premises owned by the same legal entity) are mutually exclusive under the B.C.Z.R. Mr. Pierce contends that the Petitioner is a business entity (an LLC) and that there are not separate tenants or businesses operating on the property. As such, he does not believe a "joint" identification sign is permitted, and that Petitioner is entitled to an enterprise sign of 100 square feet, though he conceded the site layout would justify a sign of at least twice this size.

Mr. Alderman contends that the motel on site is entirely separate from the tavern/restaurant operation, and is entitled to its own enterprise sign (i.e., the existing motel sign shown on the Plan, Exhibit 2). Counsel argues that the restaurant and tavern are also separate uses, which justifies the joint identification sign depicted on the Plan

I believe that Mr. Pierce has the better of the argument here. The entire parcel and the business thereon are owned by one business entity: Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC. The table of sign regulations indicates a "joint identification" sign is one "displaying the identity of a multi-occupant nonresidential development such as a shopping center ...." Here, as noted, I believe the LLC is the sole occupant. In addition, the Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual (ZCPM) notes that there must be a "minimum of three separate and distinct uses" to qualify for a

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joint identification sign. ZCPM, p. 4-69.6.

Finally, it is frequently the case that a hotel/motel will also have an adjoining restaurant and/or lounge on the premises. If Petitioner's argument was adopted, it would then mean that a multitude of signs could be erected on such premises, which would clearly be contrary to the intent of the sign regulations. I believe the sign referenced in the first variance request is in fact an Enterprise Sign (with a changeable copy component), and it will be referred to as such in the Order which follows. Only one Enterprise sign is permitted "per frontage."

Having resolved that issue, I will grant (in part) the petition for variance. 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. Mr. Kellman noted the large property is shaped like a trapezoid, and is improved with iconic buildings known throughout the community. He opined it was therefore unique. I agree.

If the B.C.Z.R. were strictly interpreted, the Petitioner would indeed suffer a practical difficulty, given it would be unable to attract patrons to its business. 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 County agency opposition, and the support of business and civic groups in the area. Exhibit 8A - 8C.

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

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>17<sup>th</sup></u> day of December, 2013, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief pursuant to Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R") as follows: (1) For a replacement, accessory, illuminated, freestanding Enterprise Sign, together with an integrated changeable copy sign, having a total area of 208 sq. ft. (replacing existing signage of 160 sq. ft.) in lieu of the allowable 100 sq. ft., be and is hereby GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking to retain an existing, accessory, illuminated freestanding Enterprise sign having a total area of 145 sq. ft in lieu of the 110 sq. ft. allowed, be and is hereby DENIED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- Petitioner may apply for appropriate permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.
- Petitioner must remove within thirty (30) days of the date hereof (or obtain variance relief for same) the directional sign on the premises, depicted in Protestant's Exhibit 1.

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

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

LAWRENCE M. STAHL
Managing Administrative Law Judge
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge

December 17, 2013

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq. Levin & Gann, PA 502 Washington Avenue, Suite 800 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Variance

Property: 11131 Pulaski Highway

Case No.: 2014-0048-A

Dear Mr. Alderman:

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 Baltimore County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB:dlw Enclosure

Ron Parker, 11450 Pulaski Highway, White Marsh, MD 21162
 Barbara Pollitt, 718 Girard Street, Havre de Grace, MD 21078
 Kathy McCourry, 7306 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore, MD 21237
 Sheree Opdyke, 10099 Bird River Road, Baltimore, MD 21220
 Mitchell J. Kellman, DMW, 200 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, MD 21286
 Mike Pierce, 7448 Bradshaw Road, Kingsville, MD 21087



# PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)



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 11131 PULASKI HIGHWAY which is presently zoned BM Deed References: 32253 / 0001 10 Digit Tax Account # 1111056000 Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) WILLIAMSBURG RESTAURANT AND MOTEL 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

a Variance from Section(s)

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

# 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)

# TO BE PRESENTED AT THE TIME OF THE HEARING

Contract Purchaser/Lessee:	Legal Owners (Petitioners):				
N/A FILED FOR FILE	WILLIAMSBURG RESTAURANT AND MOTEL LLC / N/A				
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Signature	11450 PULASKI HIGHWAY WHITE MARSH MD				
Mailing Address City State	Mailing Address City State 21162 / (410) 335-3800 / ron@parker-pallett.com				
Zip Code Telephone # Email Address	Zip Code Telephone # Email Address				
Attorney for Petitioner:	Representative to be contacted:				
Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq. / Levin & Gann, PA	Mitchell J. Kellman / DMW Inc.				
Name-Type or Print Alderwa Signature	Name – Type of Print Signature				
502 Washington Avenue, STE 800 Towson MD	200 E. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson MD				
Mailing Address City State	Mailing Address City State				
21204 ,4103210600 ,halderman@levingann.com	21286 ,410-296-3333 ,mkellman@dmw.com				
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Reviewer

Attachment 1

# CASE NO: 2014-- 0047-A

Address:

11131 Pulaski Highway

Legal Owner:

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel LLC

Present Zoning: BM

#### PETITION FOR VARIANCE

#### REQUESTED RELIEF:

A Variance from Section 450.4E: i) and §450.4/Attachment 1 #7.(b) for a replacement, accessory, illuminated, freestanding Joint Identification Sign together with an integrated changeable copy sign having a total area of 208 sq. ft. (replacing existing signage of 160 sq. ft.) in lieu of the allowable 150 sq. ft.; ii) and §450.4/Attachment 1 #5.(b) retention of an existing, accessory, illuminated freestanding Enterprise sign having a total area of 145 sq. ft. in lieu of the 110 sq. ft. allowed; and iii) for such additional relief as the Plan to accompany this Petition and the nature of this case may require.

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For Additional Information Contact:

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Levin & Gann, P.A. Nottingham Centre 502 Washington Centre 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Towson, Maryland 21204

> (410) 321-0600 Fax: (410) 296-2801

halderman@LevinGann.com



Description

To Accompany Petition

For a Variance

Pulaski Highway

Baltimore County, Maryland

Commencing for the same a point formed by the intersection of the centerline of Stevens Road with the centerline of Pulaski Highway (U.S Route 40) thence running with said Pulaski Highway centerline Southwesterly 675 feet, more or less, thence leaving said centerline Southeasterly 76 feet to the point of beginning, said point of beginning being the beginning of the second or South 07 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds East 779.52 foot line first described parcel of land conveyed by Geer Family, Inc., formerly known as K.& M. Realty Corporation to Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC by a deed dated June 20, 2012 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber 32253, Folio 1, thence leaving said point of beginning and running with and binding on a portion of said second line and referring all courses of this description to the Maryland Coordinate System (NAD 83): (1) South 07 degrees 13 minutes 00 seconds East 710.22 feet; thence (2) South 52 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds West 344.62 feet; thence (3) North 44 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds West 522.48 feet; thence (4) North 45 degrees 25 minutes 59 seconds East 772.92 feet; to the point of beginning; containing 307,543 square feet, or 7.060 acres of land, more or less.

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THIS DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCE.

July 17, 2013

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November 21, 2013

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in the following newspaper published in Baltimore County, Maryland, ONE TIME, said publication appearing on November 21, 2013

The Jeffersonian 

THE BALTIMORE SUN MEDIA GROUP

By: Susan Wilkinson

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11131 Pulaski Highway Southeasterly side of Pulaski Highway, 705 ft. SW of centerline of Stevens Road

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11th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District
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Hearing: Friday, December 13, 2013 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 accommodations 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. 11/240 November 21

# **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

**ATTENTION:** KRISTEN LEWIS

DATE: 11/24/2013

Case Number: 2014-0048-A

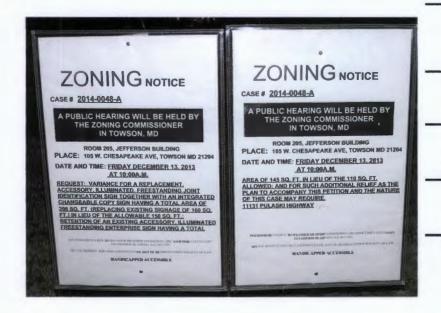
Petitioner / Developer: HOWARD ALDERMAN JR., ESQ.~

RONALD PARKER~MITCHELL KELLMAN

Date of Hearing (Closing): DECEMBER 13, 2013

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: 11131 PULASKI HIGHWAY

The sign(s) were posted on: NOVEMBER 22, 2013



Linda O Keefe (Signature of Sign Poster)

Linda O'Keefe

(Printed Name of Sign Poster)

523 Penny Lane

(Street Address of Sign Poster)

Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

(City, State, Zip of Sign Poster)

410 - 666 - 5366

(Telephone Number of Sign Poster)

# DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS 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. <u>For those petitions which require a public hearing</u>, 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: 2014-0048-A
Petitioner: Royald Parker
Address or Location: 11131 RIASKI HWY
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: HOWARD AldERMAN JR ESQUIRE
Address: 502 Washington Centre
84 Floor
Powson MD 21204
Telephone Number: 4/0 - 321 - 0600

HOWARD L. ALDERMAN, JR. halderman@LevinGann.com

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October 9, 2013

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#### HAND DELIVERED

The Honorable Lawrence M. Stahl,
Managing Administrative Law Judge
Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, 1st Floor
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Variance
11131 Pulaski Highway
Case No. 2014-0048-A
Request for Postponement and Rescheduling

Dear Mr. Stahl:

Please accept for filing the enclosed Request for Postponement and Rescheduling the of the hearing in the above-referenced case. Upon learning this morning of the unavailability of the Member of the legal Owner, this Request was prepared promptly and hand-delivered to your office for consideration.

Should you need any additional information in regard to this property or the Owner/Petitioner, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Howard L. Alderman, J

HLA/gk Enclosure

c (w/encl.):

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Kristen Lewis, Docket Clerk

# BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
11131 Pulaski Highway
S/E side of Pulaski Highway, 750 ft.
SW of c/l of Stevens Road

11<sup>th</sup> Election District 5<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC, Legal Owner. Case No.: 2014-0048-A

## REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT and RESCHEDULING

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC, legal Owner, by its attorney, Howard L. Alderman, Jr., respectfully moves that the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County postpone the hearing in this case until the next available, regularly scheduled date after November 11, 2013 and in support thereof states as follows:

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> 11<sup>th</sup> Election District 5<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC, Legal Owner. Case No.: 2014-0048-A

#### ORDER

After consideration of the Request for Postponement filed by the legal Owner in this case, it is by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2013,

**ORDERED** that the Request for Postponement be and it is hereby GRANTED, and the Administrative Law Judge hereby directs that the hearing be rescheduled for the next available, regularly scheduled date **following November 11, 2013**.

Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

Copies to:

Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire Carole S. DeMilio, Esquire Baltimore County Office of People's Counsel The Jefferson Building, Suite 204 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Levin & Gann, P.A. 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nottingham Centre 502 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

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Arnold Jablon

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

September 23, 2013

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WHEREFORE, the legal Owner respectfully requests that the Administrative Law Judge grant a postponement of the hearing in this case until the next available, regularly scheduled date following November 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted

Howard L. Alderman, Jr.

Levin & Gann, P.A.

8th Floor, Nottingham Centre

502 Washington Avenue

Towson, Maryland 21204

410.321.0600 [voice]

410.296.2801 [fax]

halderman@LevinGann.com [e-mail]

Attorney for legal Owner

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this \_\_9th\_ day of October, 2013, a copy of the foregoing Request for Postponement, together with a proposed Order, was mailed via First-Class, United States Mail to: Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire and Carole S. DeMilio, Esquire, both of Baltimore County Office of People's Counsel, The Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 204, Towson, Maryland 21204.

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

October 28, 2013

ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
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# Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

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# NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

IN THE MATTER OF:

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

SE/s Pulaski Highway, 705 ft SW of c/l Stevens Rd

14-048-A

11131 Pulaski Highway

11th Election District; 6th Councilmanic District

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1/29/14

Ruling on Motion for Reconsideration issued by Administrative Law Judge wherein the Motion was Denied.

## **ASSIGNED FOR:**

# TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014, AT 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION:

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor, Suite 206

Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson

**NOTICE**: This appeal is an evidentiary hearing; therefore, parties should consider the advisability of retaining an attorney.

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June 2, 2014

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BOARD OF APPEALS

HAND DELIVERED

David L. Thurston, Chairman County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 203 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

Limited Appeal - Petition for Zoning Variance

Case No.: CBA 2014-0048-A Hearing: Tuesday, June 3, 2014

Dear Mr. Thurston:

The enclosed Motion for Postponement is filed in accordance with Board of Appeals Rule 2.c. As outlined in the Motion, the extraordinary circumstances justifying this request are the heart attack suffered by my client on April 27, 2014, the subsequent after-effects and his re-admission to the hospital this weekend.

I am delivering a copy of this letter, the Motion, Exhibits and proposed Order to all parties via email (copy of transmitting message is enclosed and incorporated herein) and regular mail. Should you or any member of the Board desire any additional information or justification in support of this Motion, please have Sunny give me a call immediately.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Howard L. Alderman, Jr

HLA/gk Enclosures

c (w/encl.): People

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Mr. Michael Pierce

#### **Howard Alderman**

From: Howard Alderman

Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 9:31 AM

To: Peter Zimmerman; 'mpierce1@aol.com'

Cc: Mitch Kellman (mkellman@dmw.com); 'Barbara Pollitt'

Subject: BOA: Parker-Williamsburg Motion

Attachments: Parker-Williamsburg Motion for Postponement.pdf

Importance: High

Mr. Zimmerman/Mr. Pierce:

Attached is a scan of the Motion, Exhibits and Proposed Order being filed with the Board of Appeals this morning and sent to you also via regular mail. Mr. Parker had a heart attack on 4/27, has suffered effects requiring 911 medical attention since then and, as I learned last night, was readmitted to the hospital on Saturday.

Please call me with any questions, Howard

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Levin & Gann, PA Nottingham Centre, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor 502 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-321-0600 (voice) 410-296-2801 (fax) 410-456-8501 (cell)

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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (11131 Pulaski Highway)

11<sup>th</sup> Election District 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC,

Owner/Appellant

**BEFORE THE** 

COUNTY BOARD OF

APPEALS FOR

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

Case No.: CBA 2014-0048-A

## MOTION FOR POSTPONEMENT

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC ("Owner" or "Appellant"), a Maryland limited liability company by and through its undersigned legal counsel, in accordance with the *Rules of Practice and Procedure Baltimore County Board of Appeals*, Rule 2 b. & c., hereby moves that the hearing scheduled for the above-referenced, limited appeal on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, be postponed and in support of its request, the Owner states as follows:

- 1. The Owner is a limited liability company with one member and owns the real property which is the subject of this limited appeal.
  - 2. Ronald W. Parker is the sole member of the Owner.
- Undersigned counsel learned on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> that on April 27, 2014, Mr.
   Parker suffered a severe heart attack.
- 4. Since being discharged from the hospital, Mr. Parker has suffered several bouts of after effects requiring calls to 911.

- 5. Attached are copies of Mr. Parker's medical records related to this most unfortunate event. (Attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A".)
- 6. Mr. Parker, as the sole member of the Owner, is absolutely necessary at the hearing on the above-referenced limited appeal. This is a hearing of record and Mr. Parker's knowledge of the business interests, uses and tenants at the subject property is manifestly required for adjudication of the issues raised on appeal.
- 7. Unless postponed, the stress involved with attending and participating in the hearing on this matter may result in further severe consequences to Mr. Parker.
- 8. Undersigned counsel met with Mr. Parker late last Friday afternoon (May 30<sup>th</sup>) to go over his testimony and exhibits in preparation for the hearing and learned, at that time, of Mr. Parker's medical condition. Due to his elevated blood pressure and inability to concentrate on the issues we were unable to discuss preparation for the scheduled hearing.
- 9. Last evening I received the attached email message from Julie O'Brien, Mr. Parker's daughter, that her father was re-admitted to the hospital on Saturday, May 31st, and was still in the hospital at 8:19 p.m. last evening. (Attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B".)
- 10. Mr. Parker's health, interests in the Owner and rights in this limited appeal will be impaired unless the presently scheduled hearing is postponed.
- 11. It is respectfully requested that the hearing on this appeal be rescheduled at least eight (8) weeks following the presently scheduled hearing to enable Mr. Parker to

recover to the point that he can participate in the hearing without jeopardizing his health.

FOR ALL OF THE FOREGOING REASONS, the Owner respectfully requests that the Board:

- A. Postpone the hearing presently scheduled for tomorrow, June 3, 2014; and
- B. Reschedule the hearing on this appeal not less than eight (8) weeks following

  June 3, 2014 and that the rescheduling be coordinated with all parties involved

  in this matter; and
- C. Grant such further relief as the nature of this case may require.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard L. Alderman, Jr.

Levin & Gann, P.A.

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Attorneys for Owner/Appellant

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2014, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Postponement was sent via attachment to email message and mailed, postage prepaid, First Class United States Mail to:

Peter Zimmerman < pzimmerman@baltimorecountymd.gov >

Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire
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The Jefferson Building
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and

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Mr. Michael A. Pierce 7448 Bradshaw Road Kingsville, Maryland 21087

Howard L. Alderman, Jr.

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (11131 Pulaski Highway)

11<sup>th</sup> Election District 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC,

Owner/Appellant

**BEFORE THE** 

**COUNTY BOARD OF** 

**APPEALS FOR** 

**BALTIMORE COUNTY** 

Case No.: CBA 2014-0048-A

#### **ORDER**

	Upon	consideration of the Motion for Postponement filed on behalf of the
Owne	er/Appe	ellant in this matter and after review of the extraordinary circumstances which
the B	oard ha	s found are satisfactory in nature to justify the requests contained in the Motion, it is
this _		day of June, 2014, ORDERED,
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		POSTPONED;
	B.	The rescheduled hearing on this matter shall be set for not less than eight (8) weeks
		following the date of this Order and the date shall be coordinated among all parties
		of record.
		BOARD OF APPEALS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

410-296-2801

AID WILL WOO

Attn: Howard

### MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center

9000 Franklin Square Drive Baltimore, MD 21237 Phone: (443) 777-7000 www.franklinsquare.org

#### **Patient Discharge Instructions**

Name: PARKER, RONALD WARREN

DOB: 01/18/1947

Admit Date: 4/27/2014 8:10 PM

Discharge Date: 04/29/2014

Hospital Doctor: Shilipi Ahmed, MD

Diagnosis: Acute myocardial infarction, initial episode of care

Comment:

Surgical Procedure:

Return if:

This is your list of follow-up instructions, prescriptions leaflets, and patient education materials: Follow-up Instructions:

Your identified primary care provider is

Special services at discharge (if any):

Comment:

Please bring these discharge instructions and the medication list to your first physician follow-up visit.

Discharge Instructions:

Allergies

penicillins; amoxicillin; erythromycin Immunizations received during hospital stay:

Medication Instructions as of 04/29/14 12:22:38

START taking the following medications:

Name: PARKER, RONALD WARREN

MRN: FSH-000801579647





Apr/29/2014 12:22:40

#### **Howard Alderman**

From:

Julie O'Brien < julobrien@gmail.com>

Sent:

Sunday, June 01, 2014 8:19 PM

To:

Howard Alderman

Subject:

Ron

Ron is in the hospital right now and has been since yesterday. This makes it more impossible for him to come on Tuesday. Let me know if you need any paperwork stating this. Thanks. Julie





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June 19, 2014

#### NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT AND REASSIGNMENT

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Opinion and Order of the Administrative Law Judge wherein the requested relief was granted in part and denied

1/29/14

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This matter was scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2014 and was postponed by Counsel. It has been

#### **REASSIGNED FOR:** WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014, AT 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION:

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor, Suite 206

Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson

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> Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington Administrator

Counsel for Petitioner/Legal Owner Petitioner/LO

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July 13, 2015

# NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT ARGUMENT ONLY ON MOTION TO DISMISS

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1/29/14

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#### **ASSIGNED FOR:**

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015, AT 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION:

Hearing Room #2, Second Floor, Suite 206

Jefferson Building, 105 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson

**NOTICE**: This will be a <u>MOTION ONLY HEARING</u> at which time the Board will hear argument only on the subject Motion to Dismiss, with no evidence or testimony as to the merits of the case to be received at that time.

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Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington Administrator Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC Case No: 14-048-A Notice of Assignment Distribution List July 13, 2015 Page 2

c: Counsel for Petitioner/Legal Owner

Petitioner/LO

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August 12, 2014

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**BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS** 

#### HAND DELIVERED

David L. Thurston, Chairman County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 203 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

Limited Appeal - Petition for Zoning Variance

Case No.: CBA 2014-0048-A

Hearing: Wednesday, August 27, 2014

Dear Mr. Thurston:

The enclosed Motion for Postponement is filed in accordance with Board of Appeals Rule 2.c. As outlined in the Motion, the August 4th legislative act of the Baltimore County Council may very well render the issues appealed moot, enabling the Owner to withdraw the limited appeal.

Should you or any member of the Board desire any additional information or justification in support of this Motion, please have Sunny give me a call immediately.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Howard L. Alderman

HLA/gk Enclosures

c (w/encl.):

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Mr. Michael Pierce



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August 13, 2014

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Levin & Gann, P.A. 502 Washington Avenue, Ste 800 Towson, MD 21204

Re:

In the Matter of: Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

Case No: 14-048-A

Dear Mr. Alderman:

I am in receipt of your Motion for Postponement dated August 12, 2014. This letter is to advise you that your request for a postponement of the hearing scheduled for August 27, 2014 has been granted.

Enclosed please find a Notice of Postponement for your file.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

Administrator

cc: Michael Pierce

Peter Max Zimmerman, People's Counsel for Baltimore County (via Hand Delivery)



BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE (11131 Pulaski Highway)

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Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC,

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**BEFORE THE** 

COUNTY BOARD OF

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- 1. The Owner filed a Notice of **Limited** Appeal in the above-referenced matter, which Notice was received by the Board on February 28, 2014.
- The Limited Appeal pertains to certain signage located on the property of the
   Owner.
- 3. The Baltimore County Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"), in his Opinion and Order dated December 17, 2013, <u>denied</u> a variance request to maintain an existing, accessory, freestanding enterprise sign having a total area of 145 sq. ft. in lieu of the 110 sq. ft. allowed,

pursuant to sign abatement policies of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR").

- 4. The variance relief denied by the ALJ was appealed to this Board; the variance relief granted by the ALJ in this case was not appealed.
- 5. On July 7, 2014, the Honorable Cathy Bevins, a Member of the County Council, introduced Council Bill No. 42-14 to exempt certain legally nonconforming signs from the sign abatement provisions of the BCZR as enacted in 1997.
- 6. At the Council's legislative session of August 4,2014, Council Bill 42-14, as amended, was passed by an affirmative vote of five members of the County Council. [A copy of Bill 42-14 as passed is attached hereto and incorporated herein.]
- 7. The provisions of Council Bill 42-14 take effect on August 18, 2014 and apply retroactively to legally nonconforming signs as provided therein.
- 8. Following the effective date of Council Bill 42-14, the Owner will submit to Baltimore County incontrovertible evidence of the sign at issue in this case having been erected prior to 1960, at the subject property which adjoins Pulaski Highway, a "numbered U.S. Highway."
- 9. A determination by Baltimore County that the sign at issue in this limited appeal qualifies under the provisions of Council Bill 42-14 may enable the Owner's limited appeal to this Board to be withdrawn.
- 10. In the interest of judicial economy and practicality, this matter should be postponed in light of the recent legislative act of the County Council protecting signs such

as the one at issue in this limited appeal.

11. It is respectfully requested that the hearing on this appeal be rescheduled at least (8) weeks following the presently scheduled hearing to enable submission of all information required by Baltimore County to enable a favorable determination pursuant to the provisions of Council Bill 42-14.

FOR ALL OF THE FOREGOING REASONS, the Owner respectfully requests that the Board:

- A. Postpone the hearing presently scheduled for August 27, 2014; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this <u>12<sup>th</sup></u> day of August, 2014, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Postponement was mailed, postage prepaid, First Class United States Mail to:

Peter Max Zimmerman, Esquire
Carole S. Demilio, Esquire
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BEFORE THE

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		BOARD OF APPEALS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY



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in part.

1/29/14

Ruling on Motion for Reconsideration issued by Administrative Law Judge wherein the Motion was Denied.

# This matter was assigned for Wednesday, August 27, 2014 and has been postponed. It will be rescheduled to a later date.

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March 18, 2015

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Levin & Gann, P.A. 502 Washington Avenue, Ste 800 Towson, MD 21204 Michael Pierce 7448 Bradshaw Road Kingsville, MD 21087

Re:

In the Matter of: Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

Case No.: 14-048-A

Dear Messrs. Alderman and Pierce:

On August 13, 2014, Mr. Alderman's request for postponement was granted. It is my understanding that legislation was passed by the County Council which may have an effect on this matter. However, there seems to be some question as to what effect that legislation should have.

At this time, I am requesting a formal update on this matter so the Board can determine how best to proceed.

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

Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

Administrator

**Duplicate Original** 

: People's Counsel for Baltimore County



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May 15, 2015

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Levin & Gann, P.A. 502 Washington Avenue, Ste 800 Towson, MD 21204 Michael Pierce 7448 Bradshaw Road Kingsville, MD 21087

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Dear Messrs. Alderman and Pierce:

On August 13, 2014, Mr. Alderman's request for postponement was granted. It is my understanding that legislation was passed by the County Council which may have an effect on this matter. However, there seems to be some question as to what effect that legislation should have.

Pursuant to my letter dated March 18, 2015, I am again requesting a formal update on this matter so the Board can determine how best to proceed.

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

Very truly yours,

Krysundra "Sunny" Cannington

Administrator

**Duplicate Original** 

c: People's Counsel for Baltimore County Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive ARNOLD JABLON
Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

December 3, 2013

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel LLC Ronald Parker 11450 Pulaski Highway White Marsh 21162

RE: Case Number: 2014-0048 A, Address: 11131 Pulaski Highway

Dear Mr. Parker:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on August 23, 2013. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

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

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

Very truly yours,

U. Carl Richal D

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR: jaf

Enclosures

People's Counsel
 Mitchell J Kellman/ DMW Inc., 200 E Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson MD 21286
 Howard L Alderman Jr., Esquire 502 Washington Avenue, Suite 800, Towson MD 21204

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

TO:

Hon. Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

David Lykens, Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability

(DEPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

October 22, 2013

SUBJECT:

**DEPS** Comment for Zoning Item

# 2014-0048-A

Address

11131 Pulaski Highway

(Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of September 9, 2013.

EPS has reviewed the subject zoning petition for compliance with the goals of the Statemandated Critical Area Law listed in the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, Section 500.14. Based upon this review, we offer the following comments:

 Minimize adverse impacts on water quality that result from pollutants that are discharged from structures or conveyances or that have run off from surrounding lands;

The subject property is located within an Intensely Developed Area (IDA) and is subject to Critical Area requirements. The applicant is requesting to permit an illuminated, freestanding replacement sign on an existing parking lot. No new impervious surface is proposed. The lot is developed with a motel, restaurant, parking, and other buildings. Because there is no new development activity, the relief requested by the applicant will result in minimal adverse impacts to water quality.

2. Conserve fish, plant, and wildlife habitat;

The change proposed does not include any new development activity. Therefore fish, plant, and wildlife habitat in the Chesapeake Bay will be conserved.

 Be consistent with established land use policies for development in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, which accommodate growth and also address the fact that, even if pollution is controlled, the number, movement and activities of persons in that area can create adverse environmental impacts; There are no restrictions on signs placed on existing paved areas in the IDA. Therefore the relief requested will be consistent with established land-use policies.

Reviewer: Regina Esslinger - Environmental Impact Review (EIR)

#### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

#### INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: October 2, 2013

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

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SUBJECT:

11131 Pulaski Highway

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**INFORMATION:** 

14-048

Petitioner:

Item Number:

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

Zoning:

BM

**Requested Action:** 

Variance

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

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petitioner's request and accompanying site plan. The petitioner requests a variance to permit a replacement freestanding sign with an attached changeable copy sign that will total 208 square feet, an increase from the existing 160 square foot sign and over all sign square footage.

It is the understanding of the Department of Planning that the petitioner plans to change the business model and now be a venue for live music and entertainment. The Department of Planning is not opposed to this change as it may be an improvement to this portion of the Pulaski Highway corridor.

The proposed replacement sign is similar to that of the existing sign and therefore the Department of Planning does not oppose the requested variance. Furthermore, the addition of the changeable copy component is appropriate in this case as the site is zoned BM and this portion of Pulaski Highway, a high speed arterial, is commercial in character and is not adjacent to any residential uses.

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

Prepared By

**Division Chief:** 

AVA/LL:cjm

## BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: September 13, 2013

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

**Bureau of Development Plans** 

Review

SUBJECT:

**Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting** 

For September 16, 2013

Item No. 2014-0047, 0048, 0049, 0050, 0051, 0052, 0054, 0055, 0056,

0057, 0058 and 0059

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

DAK:CEN Cc: file

**Maryland Department of Transportation** 

Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor James T. Smith, Jr., Secretary Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

Date: 9-12-13

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

RE:

Baltimore County

Item No. 2014-0048-A
Variance
Williamsburg Restaurant and
Motel LLC
11131 Pulaski Highway

4540

Dear Ms. Lewis:

We have reviewed the site plan to accompany petition for variance on the subject of the above captioned, which was received on 9-9-13. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto 4540 consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for Variance, Case Number 2014-0048-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 Development Manager

Access Management Division

SDF/raz

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
11131 Pulaski Highway; SE/S Pulaski
Highway, 705' SW c/line Stevens Lane
11<sup>th</sup> Election & 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic Districts
Legal Owner(s): Williamsburg Restaurant
& Motel LLC

Petitioner(s)

- \* BEFORE THE OFFICE
- \* OF ADMINSTRATIVE
- \* HEARINGS FOR
- \* BALTIMORE COUNTY
- \* 2014-048-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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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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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 11th day of September, 2013, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Mitch Kellman, DMW, Inc, 200 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21286 and Howard Alderman, Esquire, Levin & Gann, 502 Washington Avenue, 8th Floor, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zummerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County



KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

LAWRENCE M. STAHL
Managing Administrative Law Judge
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge

March 5, 2014

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esq. Levin & Gann, PA 502 Washington Avenue Suite 800 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: APPEAL TO BOARD OF APPEALS

Case No. 2014-0048-A

Location: 11131 Pulaski Highway

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BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

Dear Mr. Alderman:

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this Office on February 28, 2014. All materials relative to the case have been forwarded to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals ("Board").

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

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

Sincerely

LAWRENCE M. STAHL

Managing Administrative Law Judge

for Baltimore County

LMS:sln

c: Baltimore County Board of Appeals
People's Counsel for Baltimore County
Ron Parker, 11450 Pulaski Highway, White Marsh, MD 21162
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#### APPEAL

# Petition for Variance (11131 Pulaski Highway) 11<sup>th</sup> Election District — 6<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District Legal Owner: Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC Case No. 2014-0048-A

1	Petition for Variance (August 23, 2013)
1	Zoning Description of Property
/	Notice of Zoning Hearing (October 28, 2013)
/	Certificate of Publication (The Jeffersonian – November 21, 2013)
1	Certificate of Posting (November 26, 2013) by Linda O'Keefe
1	Entry of Appearance by People's Counsel (September 11, 2013)
/	Petitioner(s) Sign-in Sheet - One (1) Sheet
1	Citizen(s) Sign-in Sheet- One (1) Sheet
/	Zoning Advisory Committee Comments
	Petitioner(s) Exhibits  1. Kellman CV  2. Plan  3. Zoning map  4. Zoning map with annotations  5. Sign elevation  6. Existing motel sign-photo  7. ZAC comments  8. 8A-8C-Letters from Business Groups  9. Large Overhead photo
	Protestant(s) Exhibits  1. Photo-directional sign
/	Miscellaneous (Not Marked as Exhibits) – E-mails and letter from Howard Alderman, Jr. (Request for Postponement and Rescheduling)
/	Administrative Law Judge Order (GRANTED in part/DENIED in part- December 17, 2013)
/	Request for Motion for Reconsideration from: Howard L. Alderman, Jr.
/	Response to Motion for Reconsideration and to Alter/Amend Order from Michael Pierce
/	Order on Motion for Reconsideration- (Denied- January 29, 2014)
1	Notice of Appeal received on February 28, 2014 from Howard L. Alderman, Jr. Attorney for Petitioner

#### **Address List**

#### Petitioner:

Howard Alderman, Esquire Levin & Gann, P.A. 502 Washington Avenue, Ste 800 Towson, MD 21204

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC Attention: Ronald L. Parker 11450 Pulaski Highway White Marsh, MD 21162

Mitchell Kellman DMW, Inc. 200 E. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21286

#### Protestant:

Mike Pierce 7448 Bradshaw Road Kingsville, MD 21087

#### Interested Persons:

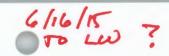
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Arnold Jablon, Director/PAI
Christina Frink, Code Enforcement/PAI
Nancy West, Assistant County Attorney
Michael Field, County Attorney, Office of Law





# BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS

111 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Room 105 Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-3353

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Public Information Act (PIA) Request for Information Form

DATE OF REQUEST: June 15, 2015

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS
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Organization	none		
Category	Attorney X Citizen Consultant Media	Interest Group Student	Other
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PROPERTY/FACILITY	FOR WHICH INFORMATION I	S REQUESTED	And the second s
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# BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY MINUTES OF DELIBERATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

14-048-A

DATE:

August 12, 2015

BOARD/PANEL:

Maureen E. Murphy, Panel Chairman

James H. West

**RECORDED BY:** 

Tammy A. McDiarmid, Legal Secretary

**PURPOSE:** 

To deliberate the Motion to Dismiss made by Howard Alderman, Esquire on behalf

of Petitioner/Appellant.

#### PANEL MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

#### **STANDING**

- The Board noted that a Motion to Dismiss was filed by Mr. Alderman on behalf of Petitioner, and a Response to the Motion to Dismiss filed by Mike Pearce. The Board convened for argument on said Motions, then conducted this Public Deliberation.
- The Board noted that Rule 3B of the Board of Appeals, Rules of Practice and Procedure, allows an
  appeal to be withdrawn or dismissed at any time prior to the conclusion of the hearing on the appeal.
- The Board finds that the issue before the Board has been resolved due to the appeal being withdrawn.

<u>FINAL DECISION:</u> After thorough review of the facts, testimony, and law in the matter, the Board unanimously agreed to GRANT the Motion to Dismiss, and dismiss the case without prejudice.

NOTE: These minutes, which will become part of the case file, are intended to indicate for the record that a public deliberation took place on the above date regarding this matter. The Board's final decision and the facts and findings thereto will be set out in the written Opinion and Order to be issued by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted

Tammy A. McDiarmid



# COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Legislative Session 2014, Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. <u>42-14</u>

Mrs. Cathy Bevins, Councilwoman

By the County Council, July 7, 2014

#### A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations - Signs

FOR the purpose exempting certain legally nonconforming signs from the abatement provisions of Bill 89-1997; and generally relating to signs.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 450.8.D.1
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

WHEREAS, County Council Bill No. 89-1997 repealed sign regulations that had been in effect for decades and adopted comprehensive sign regulations designed to require removal of excess signage and to eliminate and restrict signs which constitute a potential or actual distraction to the safe operation of motor vehicles or the safe passage of pedestrians, including without limitation, all legally erected nonconforming signs; and

WHEREAS, County Council Bill No. 89-1997 provided that all legally nonconforming signs could continue to exist, subject to mandatory compliance or abatement of all such signs irrespective of the specific facts and circumstances applicable to their lawful erection or contribution to the overall development of the County along its major thoroughfares; and

WHEREAS, prior to the construction and opening of major interstate highways such as

Interstates 70 and 95 in the 1950's and 1960's, numbered U.S. highways, including Route 40 and Route

1, had for decades been the major travel-way through the County, around which many iconic or longlasting businesses were developed and advertised to the motoring public by means of signs that,
themselves, have become part of the fabric and identification of such businesses; and

WHEREAS, County Council Bill No. 89-1997 failed to adequately address and account for legally nonconforming signs erected in conjunction with such business structures along numbered U.S. highways in the County; and

WHEREAS, the required compliance or abatement of such legally nonconforming signs, especially those erected more than 50 years ago during a period when travel along interstate highways was not as prevalent, would alter the nature and significance of these businesses and their settings; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the County Council has reviewed and reconsidered the actual and potential impacts of the previous policy of total compliance or abatement pursuant to Bill 89-1997; now therefore

- SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE
- 2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations read as follows:

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#### **SECTION 450** 1 2 Signs 3 § 450.8. Administration and compliance. 4 D. Abatement. 5 1. Because THE indefinite continuation of MANY nonconforming signs would perpetuate 6 conditions contrary to the policies expressed in Section 450.1.A, all nonconforming signs EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN must be brought into compliance or be removed within a certain time limit. 7 Fairness will be enhanced in the future through uniform application of these regulations. Sign owners will 8 9 be encouraged to comply with Section 450 and will be given a reasonable time period to recover their 10 investments in existing signage. Therefore, except for enterprise signs in residential zones [and], 11 temporary signs, AND LEGALLY NONCONFORMING SIGNS ERECTED PRIOR TO 1960 ALONG NUMBERED U.S. HIGHWAYS, EXCLUDING U.S. ROUTE 1, all legally nonconforming signs, 12 including those approved by variance pursuant to Section 307 of these regulations, must be removed, at 13 no expense to the county, no later than 15 years from the effective date of Bill 89-1997. 14 15 16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by the 17 affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on August 18, 2014, and shall

apply retroactively to legally nonconforming signs as specifically provided herein.

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#### Julie Sanders - 2014-0048-A

From:

John Beverungen

To:

halderman@levingann.com

Date:

10/9/2013 12:10 PM

Subject:

2014-0048-A

CC:

Julie Sanders; Kristen Lewis; Peter Zimmerman; Sherry Nuffer

Attachments:

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Mr. Alderman,

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John Beverungen

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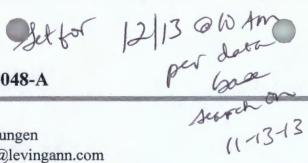
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#### Sherry Nuffer - 2014-0048-A

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John Beverungen ALJ

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#### Debra Wiley - 2014-0048-A - 12/13

From:

Debra Wiley

To:

Lewis, Kristen

Date:

12/6/2013 10:17 AM

Subject:

2014-0048-A - 12/13

Attachments: 20131206100216316.pdf

Hi Kristen,

Per our conversation, please see attached request from Alderman and Beverungen's response.

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

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#### Debra Wiley - 2014-0048-A - 12/13 @ 10 AM

From:

Debra Wiley

To:

Livingston, Jeffrey

Date:

12/12/2013 1:06 PM

Subject:

2014-0048-A - 12/13 @ 10 AM

CC:

Nuffer, Sherry

Hi Jeff,

The above referenced case is scheduled for tomorrow at 10 AM in Room 205 and is in the CBCA. In reviewing the file, it appears we do not have a ZAC comment.

Please let us know if you're planning to comment as we should have this before the hearing to share. For your convenience, please see case description below.

Thanks.

#### CASE NUMBER: 2014-0048-A

11131 PULASKI HWY.

Location: Southeasterly side of Pulaski Highway, 705 ft. +/- SW of the c/line of Stevens

Road

11th Election District, 6th Council District

Legal owner:

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

<u>VARIANCE</u> (1) For a replacement, accessory, illuminated, freestanding Joint Identification Sign together with as integrated changeable copy sign having a total area of 208 sq. ft. (replacing existing signage of 160 sq. ft.) in lieu of the allowable 150 sq. ft.; (2) Retention of an existing, accessory, illuminated freestanding Enterprise sign having a total area of 145 sq. ft in lieu of the 110 sq. ft. allowed; and (3) For such additional relief as the Plan to accompany this Petition and the nature of this case may require.

Debbie Wiley
Legal Administrative Secretary
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#### John Beverungen - Williamsburg Motel

From:

John Beverungen

To:

Leonard Wasilewski

Date:

12/13/2013 11:10 AM

Subject: Williamsburg Motel

Mr. Wasilewski,

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I told the parties I was going to contact you after the hearing. Can you please let me know if in fact the above is an accurate statement of your interpretation in this case.

Thanks,

John Beverungen ALJ



From:

Leonard Wasilewski

To:

Beverungen, John

Date:

12/13/2013 11:48 AM

Subject: Re: Williamsburg Motel

As I recall the petition was filed for a Joint ID sign and an Enterprise sign. There are two different businesses on the property which normally would require a Joint ID sign. However, if the Two businesses are under one LLC they could be considered as one. Then the variance should be for two enterprise signs in lieu of an Enterprise Sign and a Joint ID. However, I believe the that Joint Id sign and an Enterprise sign is more appropriate than two Enterprise signs in this case.

If you have anymore questions, please feel free to call me.

Lenny

410-887-3391

>>> John Beverungen 12/13/2013 11:10 AM >>> Mr. Wasilewski,

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#### John Beverungen - RE: 11131 Pulaski Highway

From:

Howard Alderman < halderman@levingann.com>

To:

'Leonard Wasilewski' <lwasilewski@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Date:

12/13/2013 1:59 PM

Subject:

RE: 11131 Pulaski Highway

CC:

"'Mitch Kellman (mkellman@dmw.com)'" <mkellman@dmw.com>, 'John Beverunge...

Attachments: image003.jpg

Apparently, I misunderstood Mitch Kellman's conversation with Len Wasilewski. If so, I sincerely apologize. Otherwise, the relief prayed is the relief shown on the attachment to my prior email message.

Howard L. Alderman, Jr., Esquire Levin & Gann, PA Nottingham Centre, 8th Floor 502 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-321-0600 (voice) 410-296-2801 (fax) 410-456-8501 (cell)

Email: halderman@LevinGann.com Website: www.LevinGann.com



From: Howard Alderman

Sent: Friday, December 13, 2013 1:45 PM

To: Leonard Wasilewski

Cc: Mitch Kellman (mkellman@dmw.com); 'John Beverungen'

Subject: 11131 Pulaski Highway

Importance: High

NOTE TO JUDGE BEVERUNGEN - I DO NOT HAVE THE EMAIL ADDRESS OF MR. MICHAEL PEARCE

Lenny:

I just learned from Mitch Kellman that you stated you advised me that the 2<sup>nd</sup> sign on the 11131 Pulaski Highway property (Williamsburg Inn) was a "joint identification" versus an 'enterprise' sign.

Attached is a print of the relief I drafted; you suggested we meet so that you could be sure everything needed was being requested properly.

Please note, in your handwriting, regarding the enterprise sign, your required reference to BCZR Section 450.4 Attachment 1 #5.(b). You agreed that it was an enterprise sign, but wanted the specific section cited. I retained the attached in case any question arose.

Noted below is the relief filed with the Petition:

and §450.4/Attachment 1 #5.(b) retention of an existing, accessory, illuminated freestanding Enterprise

sign having a total area of 145 sq. ft. in lieu of the 110 sq. ft. allowed

There is absolutely no scenario where I would stand in front of a judge and represent anything other than the truth. I represented to Judge Beverungen that we had met, you had modified my proposed relief and it was filed with your modifications. Because of that, I had absolutely no objection to the Judge contacting you after the hearing.

Please review the attached and advise Judge Beverungen accordingly.

Thank you, Howard Alderman

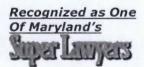
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From: <Mpierce1@aol.com>

To: <jbeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov>

**Date:** 1/15/2014 10:59 PM **Subject:** Re: Case No. 2014-0048-A

CC: <snuffer@baltimorecountymd.gov>, <halderman@levingann.com>

In a message dated 1/15/2014 2:16:45 PM Eastern Standard Time, jbeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov writes:

The Petitioner filed the attached motion for reconsideration with this Office. Please let me know if you would like to file a written response to this motion, and if so, please file such paper on or before January 30, 2014.

Mr. Beverungen,

Yes, I will provide a written response prior to Jan 30. Thanks for letting me know about this matter. I intend to get it to your office well before Jan 30, to avoid any unnecessary delay for the petitioner.

Mike Pierce

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Alderman, Howard

CC:

mpierce1@aol.com 6/2/2014 10:29 AM

Date: Subject:

Re: Fwd: BOA: Parker-Williamsburg Motion

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Date:

6/2/2014 11:15 AM

Subject:

RE: Fwd: BOA: Parker-Williamsburg Motion

Sunny,

In the proposed Order attached to the Motion, I included what Ms. O'Brien indicated her father's doctors suggested -- a minimum of 8 weeks.

To assist in scheduling, here are the dates that I AM NOT AVAILABLE (as of this morning) (I'm assuming the hearing will be scheduled after 6/15):

6/16[all day]
6/18 8 am till 11 am
6/19 through and including 6/30 [all day; each day]
7/14 [all day]
8/1 through and including 8/11[all day; each day]

Again, I am NOT available during these days/times

Thank you, Howard

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Cc: <mkellman@dmw.com>, <pollitt2@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: BOA: Parker-Williamsburg Motion

This is to acknowledge receipt of the motion for postponement in the subject case. Under the circumstances, the postponement must be granted.

Please forward my best wishes to Mr Parker for his speedy recovery.

Micheal Pierce

#### Krysundra Cannington - Re: BOA: Parker-Williamsburg Motion

From: <Mpiercel@aol.com>

To: <kcannington@baltimorecountymd.gov>

**Date:** 6/4/2014 5:24 PM

Subject: Re: BOA: Parker-Williamsburg Motion

In a message dated 6/4/2014 3:32:53 PM Eastern Daylight Time, kcannington@baltimorecountymd.gov writes:

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.; and Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 10:00.

I should be okay with all of these dates.

Mike Pierce

From:

Krysundra Cannington

To:

Alderman, Howard

CC:

Counsel, People's; mpierce1@aol.com

Date:

6/4/2014 12:37 PM

Subject:

Re: Fwd: BOA: Parker-Williamsburg Motion

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RE: Fwd: BOA: Parker-Williamsburg Motion

Sunny,

At this time, any of the three dates will work for the Petitioner.

Thank you, Howard

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May 19, 2015

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Krysundra Cannington, Administrator County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 203 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

Case No. 14-048-A

Dear Ms. Carrington:

I am in receipt of your letter, dated May 15, 2015, regarding the above-referenced case as affected by the passage of County Council Bill No. 42-14 which amended Section 450.8.D.1 of the *Baltimore County Zoning Regulations*. That legislation removed from the abatement requirement "legally nonconforming signs erected prior to 1960 along numbered U.S. Highways, excluding U.S. Route 1." The subject sign/property is located on U.S. 40, also known as Pulaski Highway.

On April 15, 2015, we delivered to Director Arnold Jablon's office, a request that the County find the Williamsburg "Motel" sign is excluded from the above-described required abatement as a result of the specific language adopted by Bill No. 42-14. The subject sign/property was one of the specific properties that the County Council intended to address by that legislation. We are awaiting a reply from Mr. Jablon's Department in response to our request which was supported with affidavits from persons with actual knowledge regarding the long existence of the "Motel" sign at its current location.

Upon receipt of the reply from the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections (also copied on this letter), I will advise you and the Board promptly. Should you need any additional information in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Howard L. Alderman, Jr.

HLA/gk

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel, LLC

Mr. Michael Pearce

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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## **Exhibit Sheet**

# Petitioner/Developer

Protestants

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No. 1	Kellman CV	Photo-directional sign
No. 2	Plan	
No. 3	Zoning map	
No. 4	Zoning map w/ annotations	
No. 5	Sign elevation	
No. 6	existing motel sign-photo	
No. 7	2AC comments	
No. 8	8A-8C Letting from Business Grap.	5
No. 9	Large Overhead photo	
No. 10		
No. 11		
No. 12		



# MITCHELL J. KELLMAN DIRECTOR OF ZONING SERVICES

#### Education

Towson University, BA, Geography and Environmental Planning, Urban Planning Towson University, Masters, Geography and Environmental Planning, Urban Planning

#### **Professional Summary**

Mr. Kellman has over 24 years of experience working in zoning, subdivision, and development regulations for the public and private sector; 12 of those years were with the Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning. His responsibilities included review, approval and signatory powers on behalf of the Director of Final Development Plans and Record Plats. He represented the Zoning Office on the County Development Review Committee, a body reviewing the procedural compliance of all development submissions. Review of petitions and site plans filed for zoning hearing approvals were within his authority. Additionally, he supervised county review staff, met with professionals and the public on development project matters, and made determinations regarding developments and their compliance with county regulations. In working for DMW, he has extensive experience in testifying before the Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner, Hearing Officer, Administrative Law Judges, and Board of Appeals. He also regularly represents the company at the Baltimore County Development Review Committee meetings. He is also a member of Baltimore County's Design Review Panel which formulates design recommendations to the Planning staff and Administrative Law Judges.

#### **Partial List of Projects**

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Hunt Valley Towne Centre, Baltimore County, MD
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Sparks Corporate Center, Baltimore County, MD
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#### **Professional Experience**

Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc., Towson, MD: 2000-Present

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning, Permits and Development Management – Zoning

Office, Development Control, 1988-2000

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TITIONER'S

December 3, 2013

Williamsburg Restaurant and Motel LLC Ronald Parker 11450 Pulaski Highway White Marsh 21162

RE: Case Number: 2014-0048 A, Address: 11131 Pulaski Highway

Dear Mr. Parker:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on August 23, 2013. 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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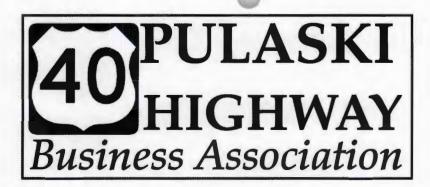
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WCR: jaf

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel

Mitchell J Kellman/ DMW Inc., 200 E Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson MD 21286 Howard L Alderman Jr., Esquire 502 Washington Avenue, Suite 800, Towson MD 21204



December 9, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Williamsburg Inn

The Pulaski Highway Business Association wishes to provide its support of Mr. Ron Parker to maintain the existing signage for The Williamsburg Inn located at 11131 Pulaski Highway in White Marsh, MD 21162.

Mr. Parker is a member of our business association. We have been very supportive and pleased by improvements he has made to previously failing business in this community. Signage is vital to increase business. The variance requested by Mr. Parker is reasonable and we agree with his plans to proceed for the future.

The Pulaski Highway Business Association respectfully requests that you approve the variance relief and alterations proposed by Mr. Ron Parker on behalf of the The Williamsburg Inn.

Sincerely,

Kathy McCou

President

Pulaski Highway Business Association



## WHITE MARSH BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

11237 Philadelphia Road White Marsh, Maryland 21162

Telephone: 410-335-3161

December 4, 2013

Lawrence M. Stahl, Managing ALJ Baltimore County Office of Administrative Hearings 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 103 Towson, MD 21204

RE: The Williamsburg Inn Sign Variance

11131 Pulaski Highway Case No. 2014-0048-A

Dear Judge Stahl:

Please be advised that our business association is in full support of the sign variance for *The Williamsburg Inn*; it has been a landmark in the county for over 50 years. In order for the restaurant to be successful, they need to be able to advertise their upcoming events and specials.

Thank you for your attention and consideration to this letter.

Very truly yours,

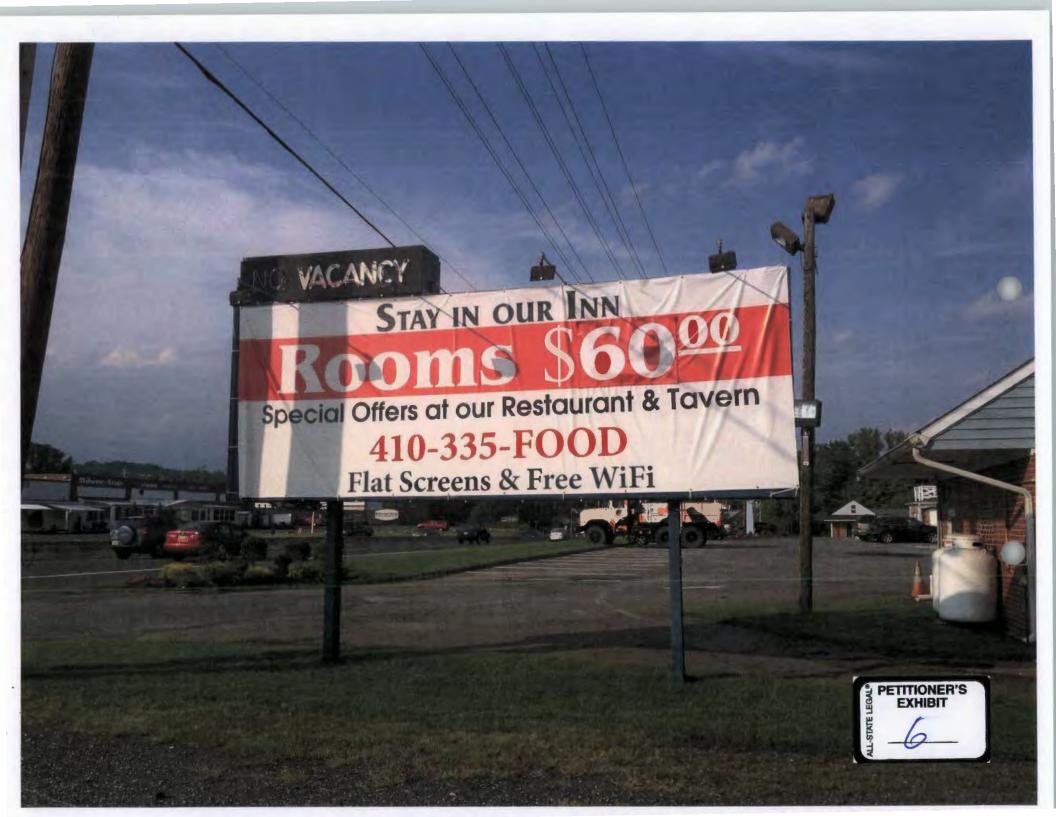
James Włoczewski





Protestant's Exhibit 1 2014-0048-A





192"

25' OVERALL HEIGHT
SIGN BOX HAS HIGHOUTPUT LAMPS
WITH ELECTRONIC, LOW VOLTAGE, BALLASTS
120 VOLTS
DEPTH OF SIGN 18"
LEXAN SIGN FACE WITH TRANSLUCENT LETTERS
FOR WILLLAMSBURG INN
BOTTOM SECTION HAS AN ELECTRONIC SIGN

Williamsburg
Inn

120"

8" SQUARE STEEL POLES

LUNCH & DINNER SERVED DAILY FINE WINES 4'X12' ELECTRONIC SIGN



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0 37.5 75 150 225 300 Feet

1 inch = 150 feet







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