IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING *
AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION

(3107 Hammonds Ferry Road)

13th Election District
1st Council District

HJR Benson Venture, LLC

Legal Owner

GH Traders, Inc.

Lessee

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2014-0167-SPHX

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception filed by Rick Richardson, on behalf of the legal owner, HJR Benson Venture, LLC and GH Traders, Inc., Lessee ("Petitioners"). The Petition for Special Hearing was filed pursuant to §500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."), to approve a change from a "Full Service" fuel service station to a "GAS AND GO" fuel service station. In addition, a Petition for Special Exception was filed to use the property for a convenience store with carry out restaurant in combination with a fuel service station.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requests were Adil Gulzar, Hussan Gulzar and Rick Richardson from Richardson Engineering, LLC, the firm that prepared the site plan. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. No Protestants or interested citizens attended the hearing, and the file does not contain any letters of opposition.

The only substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment was received from the Department of Planning (DOP) dated March 10, 2014. That agency recommended that

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several conditions be included in any order. As discussed below, most (but not all) of those conditions will be imposed in the Order which follows.

Evidence offered at the hearing revealed that the subject property is $1.09 \pm$ acres and is zoned BL-AS. The site is currently improved with a gasoline station and freestanding structure with service bays for auto repairs. GH Traders (the Lessee) began operating the station about six months ago, and has decided it would like to discontinue auto repairs, and convert that structure (approximately 2,779 SF) into a convenience store with carry out restaurant.

Special Hearing

The Petition for Special Hearing seeks approval for the conversion of this station as noted above (i.e., to convert the repair facility into a convenience store). The B.C.Z.R. (§405.4.E) expressly envisions that fuel service stations may include in their operation other "uses in combination," including convenience stores. The Petitioners noted that an auto repair business is located immediately next door to their station, and they believe the area lacks a convenience store. There is no reason to believe the convenience store operation (conducted entirely within the same building footprint as the repair facility) would be detrimental to the community, and it is indeed quite common to find such stores operated in connection with fuel service stations. As such, the Petition for Special Hearing will be granted.

Special Exception Standards

Special exception uses are presumptively valid and consistent with the comprehensive zoning plan, <u>People's Counsel v. Loyola College</u>, 406 Md. 54, 77 n. 23 (2008), and no evidence was offered here to rebut the presumption. A fuel service and repair facility has operated at this location for many years. In fact, in 1998 the same owner obtained a Special Exception to convert the service bays into a carry-out restaurant. Exhibit 3. Even though that Special

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Exception lapsed and the contemplated improvements were never constructed, it is the identical relief sought in this case. Mr. Richardson, a licensed Professional Engineer, opined that Petitioners satisfy B.C.Z.R. §502.1, and I concur. As such, the Petition for Special Exception will be granted.

As noted earlier, the DOP submitted a ZAC comment with several proposed conditions. For the most part, those conditions have been included in the Order below. With respect to the landscaping, Petitioners acknowledged a previous plan for the site was submitted and approved by the County. Petitioners also concede they have not satisfied the requirements of that plan. Accordingly, and to prevent the Petitioners from incurring additional costs, I will require Petitioners to satisfy the planting and screening shown on that earlier (2002) plan. Exhibit 7.

I have not included Condition #5 proposed by DOP, because Mr. Richardson advised the "storage shed" referenced therein has already been removed. I will also not include Condition #4, pertaining to a sidewalk extension. Based on my review of the plan and aerial photos submitted (Exhibits 1, 5A&B and 6), it does not appear as if Hammonds Ferry Road (as opposed to Hollins Ferry Road) is improved with sidewalks. As such, I do not believe the small section of sidewalk proposed by DOP would improve functionality or safety in any respect.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing, and after considering the testimony and evidence offered, I find that Petitioners' Special Hearing and Special Exception requests should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>8th</u> day of April, 2014, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Special Hearing to approve a change from a "Full Service" fuel service station to a "GAS AND GO" fuel service station, be and is hereby GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Exception to use the herein ORDER RECEIVED FOR FILING

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described property for a convenience store with carry out restaurant in combination with a fuel service station, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

- 1. Petitioners may apply for appropriate permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.
- 2. Petitioners must submit for approval by DOP, prior to issuance of permits, architectural elevations of the proposed convenience store building.
- 3. Petitioners must comply with the landscape plan for the site approved by Baltimore County (landscape architect Avery Harden) in July 2002, which was marked and admitted as Petitioners' Exhibit 7.
- 4. Petitioners must screen and enclose the dumpster(s) on site.

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

April 8, 2014

Rick Richardson 30 E. Padonia Road Suite 500 Timonium, Maryland 21093

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception

Property: 3107 Hammonds Ferry Road

Case No.: 2014-0167-SPHX

Dear Mr. Richardson:

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

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 410-887-3868.

Sincerely,

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB:sln Enclosure

c: Adil Gulzar & Hussan Gulzar, 13 Rams Gate Court, Baltimore, Maryland 21227

PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING(S)

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

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30 E. Padonia Road, Suite 500 Timonium, Maryland 21093

410-560-1502, fax 443-901-1208

ZONING DESCRIPTION HAMMONDS FERRY MOBIL STATION 3107 HAMMONDS FERRY ROAD 13TH ELECTION DISTRICT 1ST COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at a point on the South side of Hollins Ferry Road at the east side of Hammonds Ferry Road, thence running and binding on the east side of Hammonds Ferry Road right-of-way (1) North 81 degrees 51 minutes 20 seconds East 144.47 feet, (2) South 27 degrees 24 minutes 42 seconds East 214.14 feet, (3) South 86 degrees 25 minutes 26 seconds West 190.87 feet, thence binding on the east side of the right of way of Hammonds Ferry Road and, (4) North 27 degrees 00 minutes 13 seconds West 56.04 feet, (5) by a curve to the left with a radius of 865.47 feet for a distance of 95.32 feet, (6) by a curve to the right with a radius of 32.00 feet for a distance of 64.32 feet, to the northern side of Hollins Ferry Road and the point of beginning;

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS ZONING REVIEW

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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.

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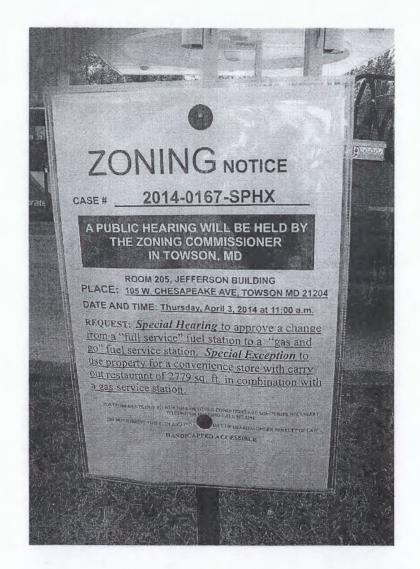
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Baltimore, Maryland 21278-0001

March 13, 2014

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 March 13, 2014

The Jeffersonian

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Hearing: Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special 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. 3/310 March 13



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ARNOLD JABLON
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NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY FRIDAY, MARCH 14. 2014

(2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE AT 410-887-3868.

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Thursday, March 13, 2014 Issue - Jeffersonian

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Baltimore, MD 21227

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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

May 12, 2014

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2014-0167-SPHX - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on May 8, 2014. There being no appeal filed, the subject file is ready for return to the Zonjng Review Office and is placed in the 'pick up box.'

c: Case File

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION

3107 Hammonds Ferry Road; E/S Hammonds *
Ferry Rd at S/S Hollins Ferry Road

13th Election & 1st Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): HJR Benson Venture LLC

Contract Purchaser(s): GH Traders Inc

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

2014-167-SPHX

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Pursuant to Baltimore County Charter § 524.1, please enter the appearance of People's Counsel for Baltimore County as an interested party in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent and all documentation filed in the case.

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Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
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 27th day of February, 2014, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Richardson Engineering, LLC, 30 E. Padonia Road, Suite 500, Timonium, MD 21093, Representative for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zummerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CHECKLIST

Comment Received	Department	Conditions/ Comments/ No Comment
2-25	DEVELOPMENT PLANS REVIEW (if not received, date e-mail sent)	No
2-25	DEPS (if not received, date e-mail sent)	NU
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3-12	PLANNING (if not received, date e-mail sent)	
2-24	STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	No objection
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Deputy Administrative Officer
Director, Department of Permits,
Approvals & Inspections

March 26, 2014

HJR Benson Venture LLC C. Howard Phelps, Member 2700 Loch Raven Boulevard Baltimore MD 21218

RE: Case Number: 2014-0167 SPHX, Address: 3107 Hammonds Ferry Road

Dear Mr. Phelps:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on February 4, 2014. This letter is not an approval, but only a **NOTIFICATION**.

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

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

Very truly yours,

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W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel
GH Traders Inc., Adil Gulzar, Qamar Gulzar, 3701 Hammonds Ferry Road, Baltimore MD 21227

State Highway
Administration

Maryland Department of Transportation

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

Date: 2-24-14

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

RE: Baltimore County
Item No 2014-0167-SPHX
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HJR Bonson Vanture, LLC
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Dear Ms. Lewis:

Thank you for the opportunity to review your referral request on the subject of the above captioned. We have determined that the subject property does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects. Therefore, based upon available information this office has no objection to Baltimore County Zoning Advisory Committee approval of Item No. 2014-0167-5PHX.

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

Sincerely,

Steven D. Foster, Chief/ Development Manager

Access Management Division

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NOTE TO FILE

DATE:

February 6, 2014

TO:

Administrative Law Judge

FROM:

Jeffrey Perlow, Planner II

Zoning Review

RE:

2014-0167-SPHX, 3107 Hammonds Ferry Road

HJR-Benson Venture LLC, Petitioner

13th Election District, 1st Councilmanic District

After a phone conversation (above date) with Rick Richardson, engineer, he stated that he would advise his client, GH Trading, Inc., (Conract Purchaser/Leesee) that an attorney would be required to present this petition at a public hearing. Mr. Richardson stated that he would contact June Fisher Wisnom of the Zoning Review Office as soon as his client provided him with further information in that regard.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: February 25, 2014

Department of Permits, Approvals And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For March 03, 2014

Item No. 2014-0165, 0166, 0167, 0168, 0170 and 0171

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

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: March 10, 2014

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

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SUBJECT:

3107 Hammonds Ferry Road

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Item Number:

14-167

Petitioner:

HJR Benson Venture LLC

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Zoning:

BL-AS

Requested Action:

Special Hearing and Special Exception

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petitioner's request and accompanying site plan. The petitioner seeks a special hearing to change the subject land use from a full service garage station to a "gas and go" fuel service station. The petitioner also seeks special exception to permit a convenience store with a carry out restaurant. Proposed improvements total 2,779 ± square feet.

The Department of Planning does not oppose the petitioner's requests provided the following conditions are met:

- 1. Submit architectural elevations of the converted building. Elevations shall show the removal/conversion of the service bays (front and rear).
- 2. Provide upgraded landscaping throughout the site. The landscape plan shall be reviewed by Jean Tansey, Baltimore County Landscape Architect.
- 3. Provide a dumpster enclosure and screening.
- 4. Provide a continuation of the sidewalk along Hammonds Ferry Road to the first curb cut and landscape island.
- Remove the storage shed from the landscaped island on Hammonds Ferry Road.

Lastly, the Department of Planning does not oppose the petitioner's request for special exception. The proposed use is appropriate for the subject site and does not appear to be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the surrounding community.

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

Prepared By

Division Chief:

AVA/LL:cjm

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Inter-Office Correspondence



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:

February 25, 2014

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2014-0167-SPH

Address

3107 Hammonds Ferry Road (HJR Benson Venture, LLC)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of February 3, 2014.

X The Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability has no comment on the above-referenced zoning item.

Reviewer:

Jeff Livingston - Development Coordination

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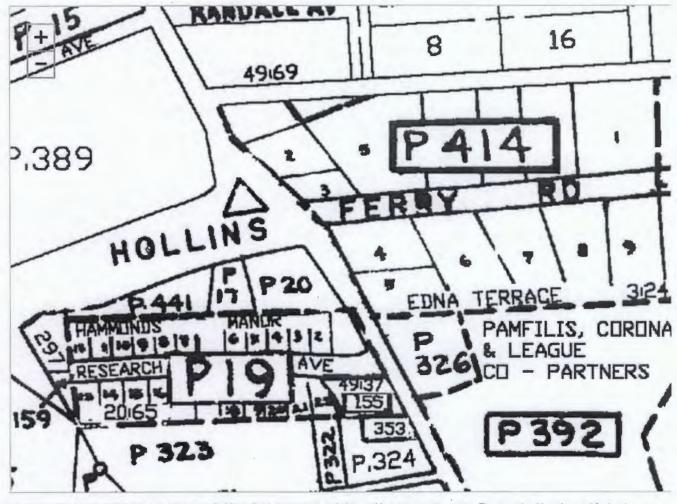
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# PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

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Case No.: 2014-0167 SPHX

Petitioner/Developer

**Exhibit Sheet** 

Sheet 5

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No. 1 Plan from # 98-327 SPHXA No. 2 No. 3 Order in # 98-327 11 More in Keeping " Plan for 3107 Hammonds Ferry Rd. No. 4 No. 5 > Color photos of site Aerial photo Landscape Plan No. 6 No. 7 No. 8 No. 9 No. 10 No. 11 No. 12

PETITIONER'S

BEFORE THE

EXHIBIT NO.

PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, IN RE:

SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE -

NE/S Hammonds Ferry Road, 95' SE *

of the c/l of Hollins Ferry Road

(3107 Hammonds Ferry Road)

1st Councilmanic District

13th Election District

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

* Case No. 98-327-SPHXA

HJR-Benson Venture LLC

Petitioner

## 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 relief filed by the owner of the subject property, HJR-Benson Venture LLC, by John H. Phelps, Member, through his attorney, Howard L. Alderman, Jr., The Petitioner requests a special hearing to approve the conver-Esquire. sion of an existing service station bays to a carry-out restaurant use, and an amendment to the previously approved site plans in prior Cases Nos. 68-171-RX and 90-12-SPHXA to reflect the proposed modifications, and approval of a modified parking plan and requirements for the uses proposed, pursuant to Sections 409.12.B and 409.8.B.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.). In addition, the Petitioner requests a special exception to permit the continuation of an automotive fuel service station, pursuant to Section 230.13 of the B.C.Z.R., as a use in combination with a convenience store with a sales area of greater than 1500 sq.ft., pursuant to Section 405.4.E.1 of the B.C.Z.R., a roll-over car wash, pursuant to Sections 405.4.E.2 and 419.1 of the B.C.Z.R.; and a carry-out restaurant, pursuant to Section 405.4.E.10 of the B.C.Z.R. In addition, variance relief is sought from the B.C.Z.R. as follows: 1) From Section 419.4.B.1 to permit a car wash entrance to face, obliquely, adjacent residentially zoned property; 2) from Section 450.4.F.5(a) to permit the three, wall-

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had the Petitioner meet to discuss its proposal with its membership. That organization has also voted to support the Petitioner's request.

It is clear that the B.C.Z.R. permits the use proposed in a B.L.-A.S. zone by special exception. It is equally clear that the proposed use would not be detrimental to the primary uses in the vicinity. Therefore, it must be determined if the conditions as delineated in Section 502.1 are satisfied.

The Petitioner had the burden of adducing testimony and evidence which would show that the proposed use met the prescribed standards and requirements set forth in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. The Petitioner has shown that the proposed use would be conducted without real detriment to the neighborhood and would not adversely affect the public interest. The facts and circumstances do not show that the proposed use at the particular location described by Petitioner's Exhibit 1 would have any adverse impact above and beyond that inherently associated with such a special exception use, irrespective of its location within the zone. Schultz v. Pritts, 432 A.2d 1319 (1981).

The proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the locality, nor tend to create congestion in roads, streets, or alleys therein, nor be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification, nor in any other way be inconsistent with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that the special exception should be granted with certain restrictions as more fully described below.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and

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his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

- 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2) whether a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the special hearing and variances were not granted. It has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the relief requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the special hearing, special exception and variance should be granted.

 proposed modifications, and approval of a modified parking plan and requirements for the uses proposed, pursuant to Sections 409.12.B and 409.8.B.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Exception to permit the continuation of an automotive fuel service station, pursuant to Section 230.13 of the B.C.Z.R., as a use in combination with a convenience store with a sales area greater than 1500 sq.ft., pursuant to Section 405.4.E.1 of the B.C.Z.R.; a roll-over car wash, pursuant to Sections 405.4.E.2 and 419.1 of the B.C.Z.R.; and a carry-out restaurant, pursuant to Section 405.4.E.10 of the B.C.Z.R., in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED; and,

relief from the B.C.Z.R. as follows: 1) From Section 419.4.B.1 to permit a car wash entrance to face, obliquely, adjacent residentially zoned property, and, 2) from Section 450.4.F.5(a) to permit the three, wall-mounted enterprise signs otherwise allowed to be located on the front facade in lieu of the maximum allowed two signs per facade permitted as of right, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and are hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

- 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.
- 2) Prior to the issuance of any use permits, the Petitioners shall submit a landscape plan for review and approval by Mr. Avery Harden, Landscape Architect for Baltimore County. Said plan shall show all landscaping that is to take place on the property, as well as the repair and maintenance of the wood screening

fence located on the southern boundary of the subject property.

- 3) The Petitioners shall prohibit loitering on the subject property by those individuals who do not have legitimate business at this facility. All old signs and poles which shall not be used in conjunction with the proposed renovations to the subject site shall be removed from the premises within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order.
- 4) The car wash facility shall be permitted to operate between the hours of 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM, only, seven days a week.
- The Petitioners shall cooperate with the Riverview community in its efforts to erect a community identification sign on the Petitioner's property. Specifically, should the Riverview Community Association be successful in obtaining a permit from Baltimore County for the erection of such a sign on the Petitioner's property, the Petitioner shall donate an area on their property for the installation of the subject sign. In the event the community association is unsuccessful in obtaining a sign permit to locate an identification sign on the Petitioner's property, but is able to obtain a sign permit to locate a community identification sign elsewhere in the neighborhood, the Petitioner shall be required, pursuant to this Order, to make a contribution of \$250 towards the cost of constructing and erecting that sign. The Petitioners indicated at the hearing that they would cooperate with the community in their renovation efforts of this area of Baltimore County. This restriction is being imposed in furtherance of the intention of the Petitioner to work with the community associations.
- 6) When applying for a building permit, the site plan and landscaping plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the variance from Section 409.6.A.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit 13 parking spaces for the carry-out/convenience store in lieu of the required 15, be and is hereby DISMISSED AS MOOT.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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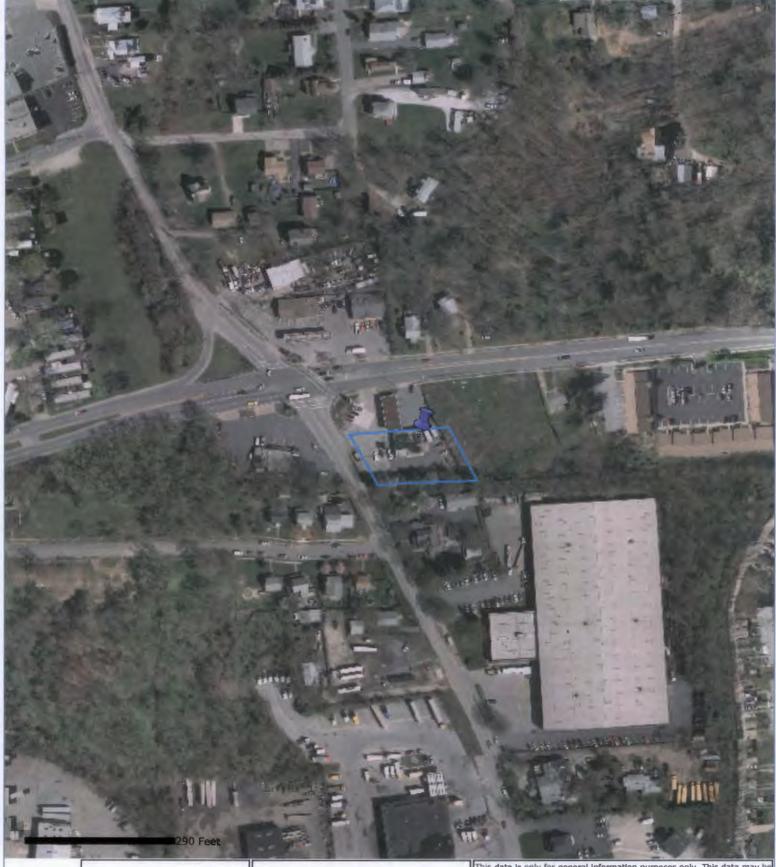
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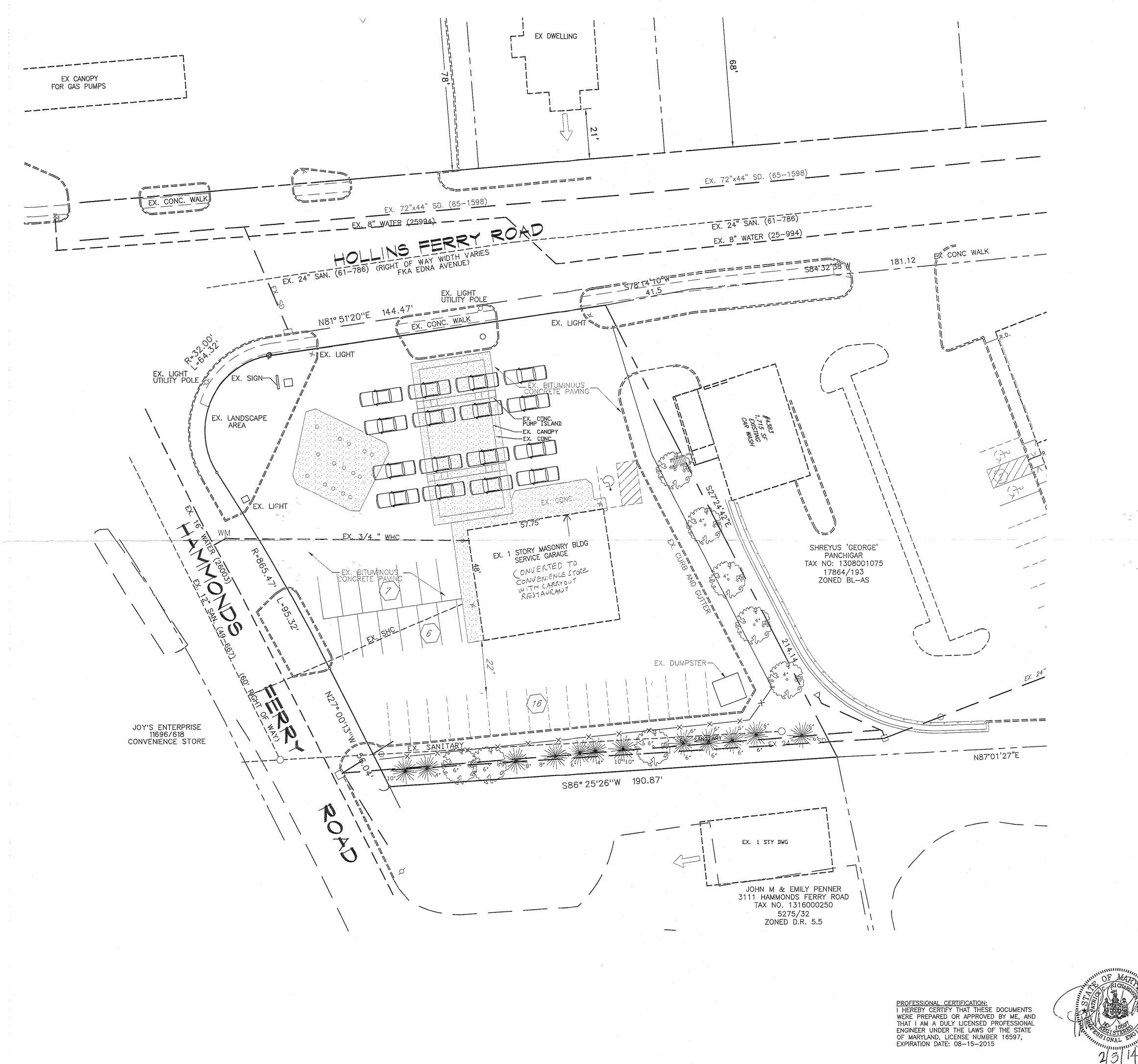
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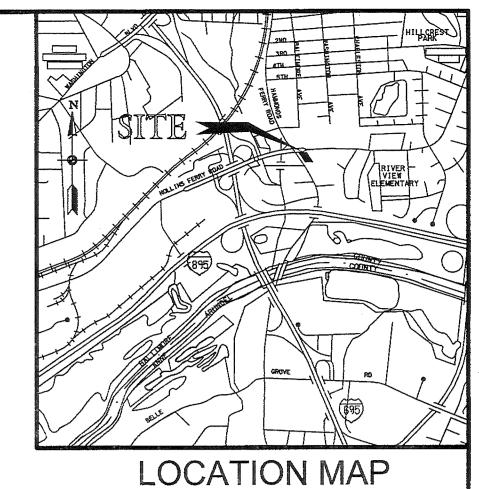
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SCALE: 1" = 2000'

GENERAL NOTES:

1. OWNER: HJR-BENSON VENTURE LLC 2700 LOCH RAVEN BOULEVARD BALTIMORE, MD. 21218

DEVELOPER: GH TRADERS, INC. 3023 HAMMONDS FERRY ROAD BALTIMORE, MD 21227

2. ADDRESS OF PROPERTY 3107 HAMMONDS FERRY ROAD

3. DEED REF: 11962/639

4. TAX ACCOUNT NO. 1600007067

5. SITE AREA: NET: 36,535 SF. OR 0.838 AC. GROSS: 47,339 SF OR 1.09 AC

6. ELECTION DISTRICT 13 COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT 1

7. LOT AREA: AUTOMOTIVE FUEL SERVICE STATION = 15,000 SF C-STORE: 4 X 1819 SF = 7,256 SF CARRY OUT: 6 X 960 SF = 5,760 SF TOTAL = 28,036 SF < 36,535 SF

8. REGIONAL PLANNING 3258

9. CENSUS TRACT

10. WATERSHED PATAPSCO RIVER

11. ZONING: BL-AS (PER 1"=200' ZONING MAP S.W. 6C)

12. EXISTING LAND USE:
IMPROVED WITH AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE STATION
INCLUDING SERVICE BAYS, FUEL PUMPS,

AIR HOSE AND PARKING. 13. TAX MAP: 109 P.392

14. PARKING REQUIRED: C-STORE 2,779 SF @ 5/1000 SF = 14 SPACES 7 EMPLOYEES @ 1 PER EMPLOYEE = 7 SPACES

1 VACUUM @ 1 PER EACH = 1 SPACE TOTAL REQUIRED: 22 SPACES

15. PARKING PROVIDED: 30 SPACES

16. PREVIOUS ZONING CASES:
68-171RX TO REZONE FROM R-6 TO BL DISTRICT GRANTED 90-12-SPHXA TO PERMIT A FOOD STORE WITH LESS THAN 5,000 SF AND A SIGN VARIANCE OF 291SF IN LIEU OF THE PERMITTED 100 SF GRANTED 8/22/89

*98-327-SPHXA TO CONVERT THE EXISTING SERVICE STATION TO A CARRY-OUT RESTAURANT USE AND A CAR WASH, GRANTED 6/1/98 *THESE IMPROVEMENTS NOT CONSTRUCTED AND THE APPROVAL HAS EXPIRED.

17. OFFICE OF PLANNING REQUIREMENT: DEVELOPER AGREES TO ALLOW INSTALLATION OF A COMMUNITY SIGN IN THE ISLAND AT THE INTERSECTION OF HAMMONDS FERRY AND HOLLINS FERRY ROADS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDER OF 98-327-SPHXA.

18. EXISTING LIGHTS TO REMAIN. NO NEW LIGHTS ARE PROPOSED FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT.

19. LIMITED EXEMPTION APPROVED MAY 20, 2002 PER DRC NO. 052002A, FOR AN A-2 EXEMPTION TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION TO EXISTING BUILDING.

20. PREVIOUS PERMITS: B490344 TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION TO EXISTING BUILDING FOR 3 ADDITIONAL SERVICE BAYS, JULY 2002 10/27/89. B032936 REMOVE & REPLACE PUMP DISPENSERS 10/26/89, B034704 REMOVE & REPLACE EXISTING LIGHTS 6/13/89, B019842 INTERIOR RENOVATIONS TO BUILDING.

22. SITE WAS APPROVED FOR A MORE IN KEEPING IN JUNE, 2002 TO CONSTRUCT THE ADDITIONAL SERVICE BAYS.

23. PURPOSE OF PLAN: TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF A CONVENIENCE STORE OF 2,779 SF INCLUDING A CARRYOUT RESTAURANT

# Richardson Engineering, LLC

30 East Padonia Road, Suite 500 Timonium, Maryland 21093 Phone: 410-560-1502 Fax: 443-901-1208

> PLAN TO ACCOMPANY ZONING PETITION FOR

LANDSDOWNE BP 3107 HAMMONDS FERRY ROAD BALTIMORE, MD 21227

12-27-13

1ST ELECTION DISTRICT REVISIONS PETITIONER'S

EXHIBIT NO.

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