

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

November 6, 2014

Jason T. Vettori, Esquire Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue Suite 200 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Petition for Variance

Property: 8823 Pulaski Highway

Case No. 2015-0067-A

Dear Mr. Vettori:

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:sln Enclosure

c: Mike Pierce, 7448 Bradshaw Road, Kingsville, Maryland 21087

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
(8823 Pulaski Highway)
15th Election District

6th Council District VEI Circuit, LLC Petitioner BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2015-0067-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Baltimore County as a Petition for Variance on behalf of the legal owner of the subject property. The Petitioner is requesting Variance relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) §450.4 as follows: (1) to permit two (2) wall-mounted enterprise signs for Ashley Furniture HomeStore in lieu of the permitted one (1) such sign per entity with a separate exterior customer entrance; (2) to permit a freestanding joint identification sign fronting on Pulaski Highway with: (a) a face area of 202.5 sq. ft. in lieu of maximum face area of 150 ft.; (b) a height of 28 ft. in lieu of the maximum height of 25 ft.; (c) copy displaying the names of tenants or occupants of as little as 3 in. high in lieu of the minimum 8 in. high; and (d) nine (9) lines of copy in lieu of the maximum of five (5) lines of copy; and (3) to permit a freestanding joint identification sign fronting on Rossville Boulevard with: (a) a face area of 152.4 sq. ft. in lieu of the maximum face area of 150 ft.; (b) copy displaying the names of tenants or occupants of as little as 3 in. high in lieu of the minimum 8 in. high; and (c) Seven (7) lines of copy in lieu of the maximum of five (5) lines of copy. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the request was Len Weinberg and Matthew

Date 11-6-14

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Bishop, professional landscape architect, whose firm prepared the plan. Jason T. Vettori, Esquire from Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, represented the Petitioner. Mike Pierce attended the hearing to voice concerns regarding temporary signage at this site, an issue discussed below. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the B.C.Z.R. There were no substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments received.

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. The property is irregularly shaped and has a truncated corner at the intersection of Rossville Boulevard and Pulaski Highway, which reduces visibility into the site. As such the property is unique. If the B.C.Z.R. were strictly interpreted the Petitioner would suffer a practical difficulty, given it would be unable to retain its existing signage and include the name of a new tenant on the joint identification signs. 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 and/or community opposition.

Mike Pierce indicated that while he does not oppose the variance or signage proposed in this case, he is troubled by the numerous temporary signs at the site. I share his concerns, and as indicated at the hearing, the signs create visual clutter and degrade the appearance of the area. Mr. Pierce noted, and his photos (Protestant's Exhibit 1A-1C) confirm the fact, that these signs (advertising the Ashley Furniture Home Store) have existed on and off at the location for over three years. While the Petitioner did not place the signs, I am confident that the commercial lease

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agreement it has with Ashley mandates that the tenant comply with all laws and regulations. One such law is the prohibition on temporary signage of this nature, and the relief granted below will include a condition designed to address this situation.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 6th day of November, 2014, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."): (1) to permit two (2) wall-mounted enterprise signs for Ashley Furniture Home Store in lieu of the permitted one (1) such sign per entity with a separate exterior customer entrance; (2) to permit a freestanding joint identification sign fronting on Pulaski Highway with: (a) a face area of 202.5 sq. ft. in lieu of maximum face area of 150 ft.; (b) a height of 28 ft. in lieu of the maximum height of 25 ft.; (c) copy displaying the names of tenants or occupants of as little as 3 in. high in lieu of the minimum 8 in. high; and (d) nine (9) lines of copy in lieu of the maximum of five (5) lines of copy; and (3) to permit a freestanding joint identification sign fronting on Rossville Boulevard with: (a) a face area of 152.4 sq. ft. in lieu of the maximum face area of 150 ft.; (b) copy displaying the names of tenants or occupants of as little as 3 in. high in lieu of the minimum 8 in. high; and (c) seven (7) lines of copy in lieu of the maximum of five (5) lines of copy, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

1. Petitioner may apply for appropriate permits 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.

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2. Petitioner must within 15 days of the date hereof send via certified mail a letter to the management at Ashley Furniture Home Store enclosing a copy of this Order and admonishing the tenant that the temporary signage and banners it has erected along the roadways leading into the shopping center are illegal and can subject the tenant and/or owner to substantial civil penalties under County law. Counsel shall provide to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for inclusion in the case file a copy of the letter referenced herein.

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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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 8823 Pulaski Highway

which is presently zoned BM-IM and BR-AS

Deed References: 28375/00496
Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) VEI Circuit, LLC

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ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING

8823 Pulaski Highway 15th Election District 7th Councilmanic District

Variance from Section(s):

- 1. BCZR § 450.4 Attachment 1.5(d)(vi) to permit two (2) wall-mounted enterprise signs for Ashley Furniture HomeStore in lieu of the permitted one (1) such sign per entity with a separate exterior customer entrance; or, in the alternative,
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 - b. A height of 28 feet in lieu of the maximum height of 25 feet;
 - c. Copy displaying the names of tenants or occupants of as little as 3 inches high in lieu of the minimum 8 inches high; and
 - d. 9 lines of copy in lieu of the maximum of 5 lines of copy; and
- 3. BCZR § 450.4 Attachment 1.7(a) to permit a freestanding joint identification sign fronting on Rossville Boulevard with:
 - a. A face area of 152.4 square feet in lieu of the maximum face area of 150 feet:
 - b. Copy displaying the names of tenants or occupants of as little as 3 inches high in lieu of the minimum 8 inches high; and
 - c. 7 lines of copy in lieu of the maximum of 5 lines of copy; and
- 4. For such other and further relief as may be required by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County.

Zoning Property Description For 8823 Pulaski Highway (tract boundary)

Beginning at a point on the northeast side of Rossville Boulevard which is a variable width right of way at the distance of 358 feet Southeast of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Pulaski Highway Route 40 variable width Right of Way. Thence the following courses and distances, referred to the Maryland Coordinate System (NAD '83/91):

From intersection corner running South 37 degrees 44 minutes 53 seconds West, 358 feet to the Point of Beginning for Tract Boundary, continuing north 37 degrees 44 minutes 53 seconds West, 118.41' to a point; North 52 degrees 15 minutes 06 seconds East, 108.30' to a point; South 89 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds West, 15.37' to a point; South 78 degrees 34 minutes 18 seconds East, 41.59' to a point; North 11 degrees 52 minutes 47 seconds East 383.53' to a point; Chord Bearing North 61 degrees 19 minutes 29 seconds East Radius 2789.79.00' Length 336.71' to a point; South 70 degrees 27 minutes 52 seconds East 353.55' to a point; South 68 degrees 24 minutes 52 seconds East 80.32' to a point; South 47 degrees 8 minutes 31 seconds West 970.65' to a point; North 42 degrees 51 minutes 28 seconds East 10' to a point; South 47 degrees 8 minutes 31 seconds East 34.78' to a point; North 41 degrees 42 minutes 8 seconds West 25.85' to a point; North 37 degrees 44 minutes 53 seconds West 66' to a point and place of beginning.

Containing an area of 336,379 square feet or 7.72 acres of land, more or less and being located in the Seventh Election District and Fifteenth Council District of Baltimore County Maryland.



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October 16, 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 October 14, 2014

The Jeffersonian

THE BALTIMORE SUN MEDIA GROUP

By: Susan Wilkinson

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15th Election District - 7th Councilmanic District
Legal Owner(s): Leonard Weinberg, II VEI Circuit, LLC
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Hearing: Monday, November 3, 2014 at 2:30 p.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 spe-cial 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. JT 10/650 Oct. 14





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: 2015-0067-A
Petitioner: VET CIRCUIT, LLC
Address or Location: 8823 PULASKI HIGHWAY
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: JASON VETTORI
Address: ShiTH, GILDEA & SCHMIDT, LLC
600 WASHINGTON AVE., STE. 200
Towson, MD 21204
Telephone Number: (410) 821-0070

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

ATTENTION: KRISTEN LEWIS

DATE: 10/13/2014

Case Number: 2015-0067-A

Petitioner / Developer: JASON VETTORI, ESQ of SMITH, GILDEA &

SCHMIDT, LLC ~ LEONARD WEINBERG II

Date of Hearing (Closing): NOVEMBER 3, 2014

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: 8823 PULASKI HIGHWAY & ROSSVILLE BLVD. (ON-SITE)

The sign(s) were posted on: OCTOBER 12, 2014



Kinda 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)



Rossville Blvd.-(On-Site)



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

October 6, 2014

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

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15th Election District – 7th Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Leonard Weinberg, II VEI Circuit, LLC

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C: Jason Vettori, 600 Washington Ave., Ste. 200, Towson 21204 Leonard Weinberg, II, 1500 Serpentine Road, Ste. 100, Baltimore 21209

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014.

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

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

TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

Jason Vettori Smith, Gildea & Schmidt 600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200 Towson, MD 21204

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

8823 Pulaski Highway; NE/S Rossville

Boulevard, 358' SE of c/line Pulaski Highway *

15th Election & 7th Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): VEI Circuit, LLC

by Leonard Weinberg II

Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

2015-067-A

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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

Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2nd day of October, 2014, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Jason Vettori, Esquire, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Case No.: 2015-0067-A

Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

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Protestants

No. 1	Site plan	1A-1C Photos temporary signs
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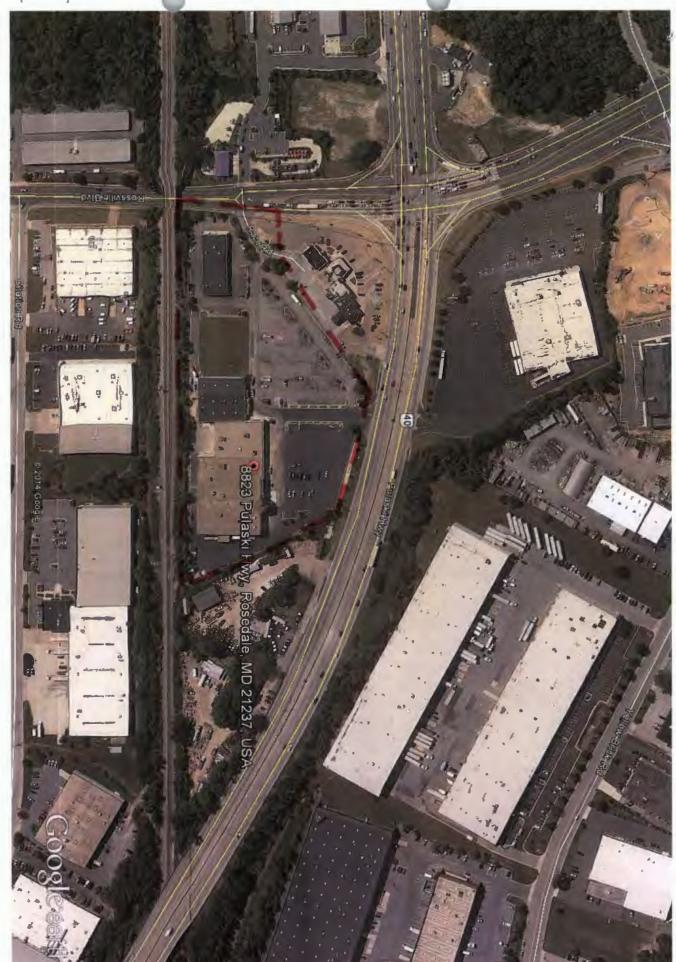
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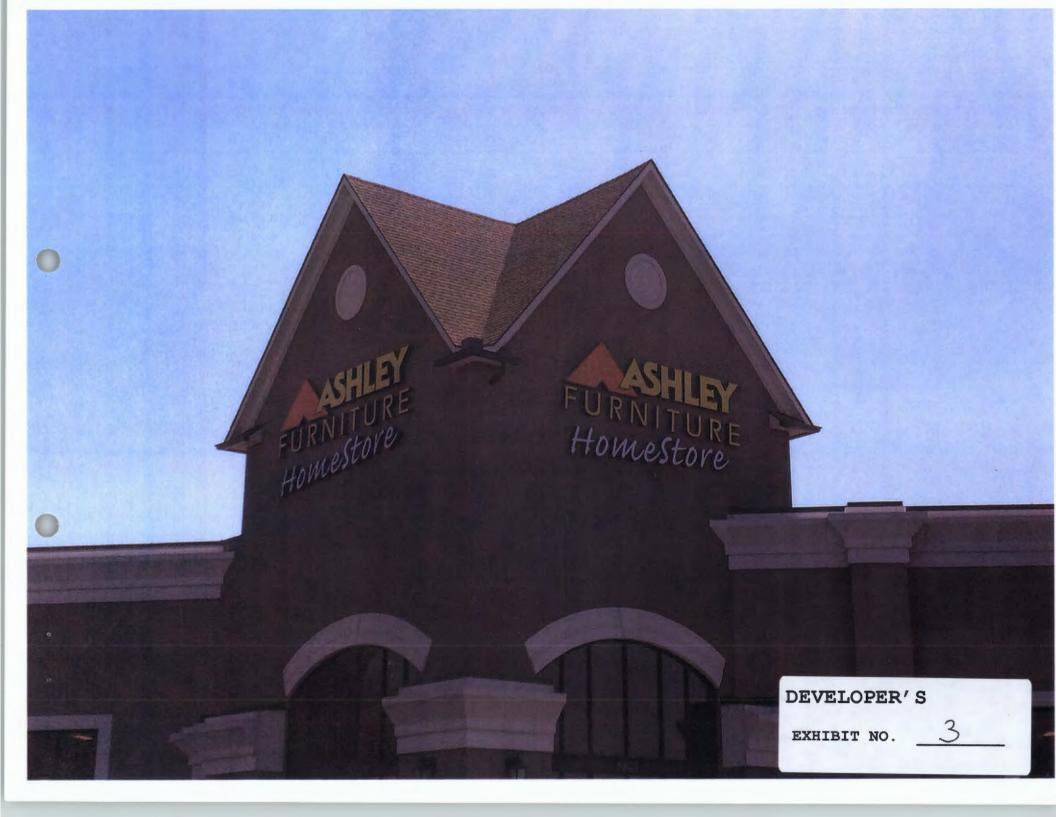
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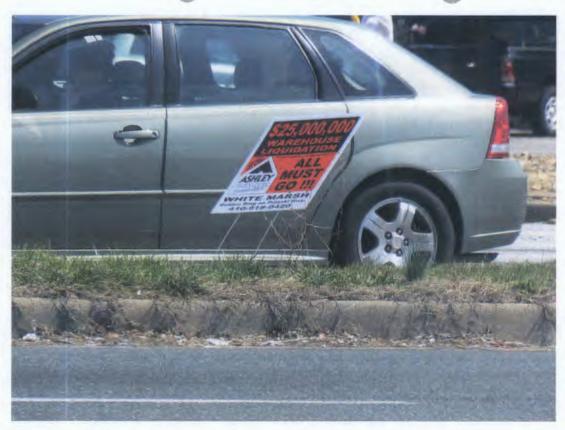
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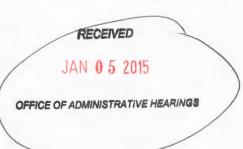
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Administrative Law Office ATTN: John Beverungen 106 W Chesapeake Ave Towson, MD 21204

Re: Case 2015-0067-A

John,



I know that the case is closed, but I believe it would be appropriate to request that the attached letter be included in the file. I noted that no illegal signs were placed on this property for the three weeks prior to the hearing and during the 30-day period for filing of appeals of motions for reconsideration. Once the deadline passed, the signs went back up, more than ever this past weekend.

Just wanted you to know.

Thanks.

Mike Pierce

mike

December 31, 2014

Leonard Wienberg, II Vanguard Retail Property Development 1500 Serpentine Rd, Suite 100 Baltimore, MD 21209

Re: 8823 Pulaski Highway, Zoning Case 2015-0067-A

Dear Mr. Weinberg.

I appreciate the concern shown at the hearing regarding the illegal signage which Ashley Furniture has been erecting on and around your property and the letter which you sent to them on November 17 instructing them not to do so.

Unfortunately, they do not seem to understand the message which was intended by the Order of 6 November, as evidenced by the photos below taken on December 26 and 31 of numerous signs erected along the roadways leading to your property, as well in front of the store.

I request that you ensure that Ashleys understands the need for them to comply with the Baltimore County Sign Code (and state law).

Thanks for your assistance.

nichael Pierce

Regards,

Michael Pierce 7448 Bradshaw Rd

Kingsville, MD 21087

cc: Honorable John E Beverungen, Office of Administrative Hearings (for file, no action)



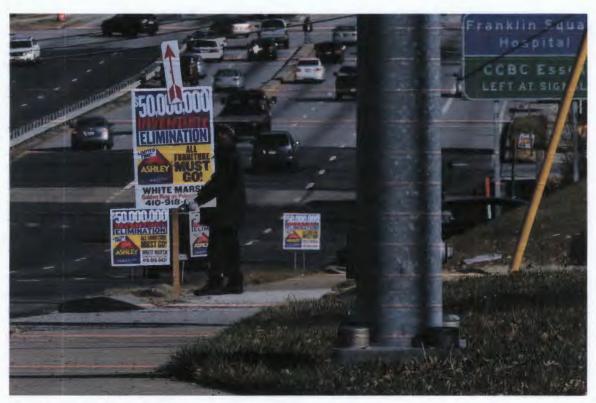
In front of Ashley's store on Pulaski Hwy, December 31, 2014



Corner Rossville Blvd and Philadelphia Rd, December 26, 2014



Corner Rossville Blvd and Pulaski Hwy



Northbound Pulaski Hwy approaching Rossville Blvd



Southbound Pulaski Hwy near Middle River Rd

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 12, 2014

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2015-0067-A - Appeal Period Expired

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

c: Case File

Office of Administrative Hearings



November 17, 2014

Sent via Certified Mailing
Ashley Furniture Home Store
Attn: Manager
8823 Pulaski Highway
Rosedale, MD 21237

RECEIVED

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Re: 8823 Pulaski Highway Case No.: 2015-0067-A

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please accept this letter as a notice that you are not to erect illegal temporary signage and banners on and around the Rossville Commons Shopping Center.

As indicated in the attached order regarding the above referenced case, Mr. Mike Pierce presented testimony and evidence regarding temporary signs advertising Ashley Home Furniture Store which have been erected on and around the Rossville Commons Shopping Center for over three years. Mr. Pierce contends that the alleged erection of these temporary signage is not authorized under the applicable law. Posting illegal signs can potentially subject you and VEI Circuit, LLC to substantial civil penalties under County laws. If you have any questions regarding the legality of temporary signs to avoid any future violations, please contact the Zoning Review Bureau of the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections at (410) 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

Leonard Weinberg, II

Enclosure

CC: √Honorable John E. Beverungen, Office of Administrative Hearings Jason T. Vettori, Esquire



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

LAWRENCE M. STAHL Managing Administrative Law Andge JOHN T. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge

November 6, 2014

Jason T. Vettori, Esquire Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue Suite 200 Towson, Maryland 21204 RECEIVED

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Smith, Gilden & Schmidt

RE: Petition for Variance

Property: 8823 Pulaski Highway

Case No. 2015-0067-A

Dear Mr. Vettori:

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:sin Enclosure

c: Mike Pierce, 7448 Bradshaw Road, Kingsville, Maryland 21087

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
(8823 Pulaski Highway)
15th Election District
6th Council District
VEI Circuit, LLC
Petitioner

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINISTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 2015-0067-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Baltimore County as a Petition for Variance on behalf of the legal owner of the subject property. The Petitioner is requesting Variance relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) §450.4 as follows: (1) to permit two (2) wall-mounted enterprise signs for Ashley Furniture HomeStore in lieu of the permitted one (1) such sign per entity with a separate exterior customer entrance; (2) to permit a freestanding joint identification sign fronting on Pulaski Highway with: (a) a face area of 202.5 sq. ft. in lieu of maximum face area of 150 ft.; (b) a height of 28 ft. in lieu of the maximum height of 25 ft.; (c) copy displaying the names of tenants or occupants of as little as 3 in. high in lieu of the minimum 8 in. high; and (d) nine (9) lines of copy in lieu of the maximum of five (5) lines of copy; and (3) to permit a freestanding joint identification sign fronting on Rossville Boulevard with: (a) a face area of 152.4 sq. ft. in lieu of the maximum face area of 150 ft.; (b) copy displaying the names of tenants or occupants of as little as 3 in. high in lieu of the minimum 8 in. high; and (c) Seven (7) lines of copy in lieu of the maximum of five (5) lines of copy. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the request was Len Weinberg and Matthew

Bishop, professional landscape architect, whose firm prepared the plan. Jason T. Vettori, Esquire from Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC, represented the Petitioner. Mike Pierce attended the hearing to voice concerns regarding temporary signage at this site, an issue discussed below. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the B.C.Z.R. There were no substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments received.

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. The property is irregularly shaped and has a truncated corner at the intersection of Rossville Boulevard and Pulaski Highway, which reduces visibility into the site. As such the property is unique. If the B.C.Z.R. were strictly interpreted the Petitioner would suffer a practical difficulty, given it would be unable to retain its existing signage and include the name of a new tenant on the joint identification signs. 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 and/or community opposition.

Mike Pierce indicated that while he does not oppose the variance or signage proposed in this case, he is troubled by the numerous temporary signs at the site. I share his concerns, and as indicated at the hearing, the signs create visual clutter and degrade the appearance of the area. Mr. Pierce noted, and his photos (Protestant's Exhibit 1A-1C) confirm the fact, that these signs (advertising the Ashley Furniture Home Store) have existed on and off at the location for over three years. While the Petitioner did not place the signs, I am confident that the commercial lease

agreement it has with Ashley mandates that the tenant comply with all laws and regulations. One such law is the prohibition on temporary signage of this nature, and the relief granted below will include a condition designed to address this situation.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this 6th day of November, 2014, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R."): (1) to permit two (2) wall-mounted enterprise signs for Ashley Furniture Home Store in lieu of the permitted one (1) such sign per entity with a separate exterior customer entrance; (2) to permit a freestanding joint identification sign fronting on Pulaski Highway with: (a) a face area of 202.5 sq. ft. in lieu of maximum face area of 150 ft.; (b) a height of 28 ft. in lieu of the maximum height of 25 ft.; (c) copy displaying the names of tenants or occupants of as little as 3 in. high in lieu of the minimum 8 in. high; and (d) nine (9) lines of copy in lieu of the maximum of five (5) lines of copy; and (3) to permit a freestanding joint identification sign fronting on Rossville Boulevard with: (a) a face area of 152.4 sq. ft. in lieu of the maximum face area of 150 ft.; (b) copy displaying the names of tenants or occupants of as little as 3 in. high in lieu of the minimum 8 in. high; and (c) seven (7) lines of copy in lieu of the maximum of five (5) lines of copy, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

 Petitioner may apply for appropriate permits 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. 2. Petitioner must within 15 days of the date hereof send via certified mail a letter to the management at Ashley Furniture Home Store enclosing a copy of this Order and admonishing the tenant that the temporary signage and banners it has erected along the roadways leading into the shopping center are illegal and can subject the tenant and/or owner to substantial civil penalties under County law. Counsel shall provide to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for inclusion in the case file a copy of the letter referenced herein.

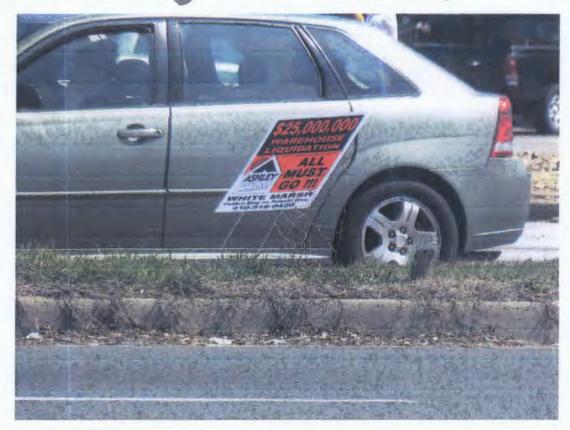
Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

JEB:sln

JOHNE BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for

Baltimore County

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CITIZEN'S SIGN - IN SHEET

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CASE NUMBER	2015-0067-A
DATE 11/3/14	

PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE, ZIP	E- MAIL
JASON VETTORY	600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200	Towson, MD 21204	jvettor: @sgs-law.com
Matt Bishop	Iddo-C East Joppa Road	Touson, MD ala86	m5ishop@mrasta.com
LEN Weinberg	1500 Serpondine R1	Boldman MO 21209	I weinberge vongrandictaildor.com
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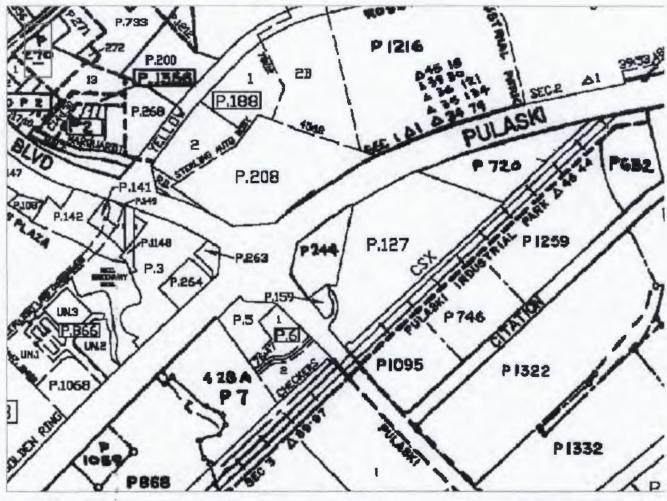
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Baltimore County

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The information shown on this map has been compiled from deed descriptions and plats and is not a property survey. The map should not be used for legal descriptions. Users noting errors are urged to notify the Maryland Department of Planning Mapping, 301 W. Preston Street, Baltimore MD 21201.

If a plat for a property is needed, contact the local Land Records office where the property is located. Plats are also available online through the Maryland State Archives at www.plats.net (http://www.plats.net)

Property maps provided courtesy of the Maryland Department of Planning @2011.

For more information on electronic mapping applications, visit the Maryland Department of Planning web site at www.mdp.state.md.us/OurProducts/OurProducts.shtml (http://www.mdp.state.md.us/OurProducts/OurProducts.shtml).



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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

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

October 30, 2014

Leonard Weinberg II 1500 Serpentine Road Suite 100 Baltimore MD 21209-2034

RE: Case Number: 2015-0067 A, Address: 8823 Pulaski Highway

Dear Mr. Weinberg:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on September 25, 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,

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

WCR: jaw

Enclosures

c: People's Counsel
Jason Vettori, Esquire, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson MD 21204

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



James T. Smith, Jr., Secretary Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

Date: 9/29/14

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

RE: **Baltimore County**

Item No. 2015 - 0067-A

Variance

Leonard Memberg II 8823 Pulasti Highery US 40

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 9/24/14. 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 2015-0067-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

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: October 1, 2014

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For October 6, 2014

Item No. 2015-0061, 0062, 0063, 0064, 0065, 0066, 0067 and 0068

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject

zoning items, and we have no comments.

DAK:CEN cc:file

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: October 15 2014

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

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SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Petition(s) for

Item No: 15-067

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The Department of Planning has reviewed the above referenced zoning item(s) and has no comments.

For further questions or additional information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Lynn Lanham at 410-887-3480.

Prepared By:

LL/ka

c: John Beverungen, ALJ

Peter Max Zimmerman

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: October 15 2014

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Petition(s) for

Item No: 15-067

The Department of Planning has reviewed the above referenced zoning item(s) and has no comments.

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Prepared By:

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c: John Beverungen, ALJ
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