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DATE:

January 28, 2016

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2016-0097-SPHA- Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on January 22, 2016. 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.'

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Office of Administrative Hearings

IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING *

AND VARIANCE

(8901 Clement Avenue) 9th Election District

5th Council District

Noor Properties, LLC

Legal Owner

Petitioner

BEFORE THE

OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 2016-0097-SPHA

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed on behalf of Noor Properties, LLC, legal owner ("Petitioner"). The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") seeking: (1) A request for confirmation that the approvals in Case No. 2014-0235 SPHA authorize the revised site layout; and (2) In the alternative, a modified parking plan pursuant to § 409.12.B of the B.C.Z.R. modifying sections:

a. 409.8.A.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a modification of the landscape strip requirements to allow a 6 ft. strip in lieu of the required 10 ft. strip along Clement Avenue and a 3 ft. strip in lieu of the required 6 ft. strip between paved surfaces and lot/lease lines adjacent to commercial uses or zones; and

b. 409.8.A.4 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a parking space in a surface parking facility for a nonresidential use to be located 6 ft. from the right-of-way line of a public street in lieu of the required 10 ft. setback.

In addition, a Petition for Variance was filed seeking relief pursuant to § 232.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a 6 ft. side yard setback in lieu of the required 10 ft. side yard setback. A site plan was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 2.

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Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requests was Dr. Narender Bharaj and professional engineer John Demos from State Line Engineering, LLC, who prepared the site plan. Jason T. Vettori, Esq. with Gildea & Schmidt, LLC represented the Petitioner. There were no protestants or interested citizens in attendance. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received from the Bureau of Development Plans Review (DPR) and the Department of Planning (DOP).

The subject property is 0.409 acres and is zoned BL. The property is improved with a two-story residential dwelling constructed in 1918. Petitioner proposes to raze the structure and construct a new two-story office building on the site. In 2014, Dr. Bharaj proposed to construct a three-story office building (Exhibit 1) at the site, and he was granted variance and special hearing relief to do so in Case No. 2014-0235-SPHA. The Petitioner has in the interim modified the plans and now proposes to build a smaller office building at the site. Even though the current plan (Exhibit 2) increases the side yard and surface parking setbacks as shown on the original plan (Exhibit 1) the zoning office required Petitioner to again seek relief in connection with the modified proposal. While I believe the variance and special hearing relief granted in the earlier case would "authorize the revised site layout" (per Special Hearing request #1 in this case), I will nonetheless consider the Petition anew and grant the relief requested.

A variance request involves a two-step process, summarized as follows:

- (1) It must be shown the property is unique in a manner which makes it unlike surrounding properties, and that uniqueness or peculiarity must necessitate variance relief; and
- (2) If variance relief is denied, Petitioner will experience a practical difficulty or hardship.

Cromwell v. Ward, 102 Md. App. 691 (1995).

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The Petitioner has met this test. As noted in the earlier Order, the property is irregularly shaped and is therefore unique. If the B.C.Z.R. were strictly interpreted, Petitioner would suffer a practical difficulty since it would be unable to construct the proposed office building. 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 and/or community opposition.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>23rd</u> day of **December**, **2015**, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Special Hearing seeking approval of a modified parking plan pursuant to § 409.12.B of the B.C.Z.R. modifying sections:

a. 409.8.A.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a modification of the landscape strip requirements to allow a 6 ft. strip in lieu of the required 10 ft. strip along Clement Avenue and a 3 ft. strip in lieu of the required 6 ft. strip between paved surfaces and lot/lease lines adjacent to commercial uses or zones; and

b. 409.8.A.4 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a parking space in a surface parking facility for a nonresidential use to be located 6 ft. from the right-of-way line of a public street in lieu of the required 10 ft. setback, be and is hereby GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance seeking relief pursuant to § 232.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a 6 ft. side yard setback in lieu of the required 10 ft. side yard setback, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

1. Petitioner may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until 30 days from the date hereof, during which time an appeal can be filed by any party. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.

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Date 12/23/15

- 2. Petitioner must submit for approval by Baltimore County a Landscape Plan for the site.
- 3. Prior to issuance of permits Petitioner must submit for review by the DOP proposed building elevations and details of proposed signage and dumpster enclosure.

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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Date 12/33/15

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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

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

December 23, 2015

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

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance

Case No. 2016-0097-SPHA Property: 8901 Clement Avenue

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 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



PE...ION FOR ZONING HEAL...IG(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 8901 Clement Avenue (fka 2100 East Joppa Road)

which is presently zoned BL

Deed References: 34857/333 & 34857/339

10 Digit Tax Account # 0916150010 & 1800000304

Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s) Dr. Narender Bharaj and Bhavneet Bharaj

(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING ${\sf X}$ 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:

1. ✓ a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

See Attached

- a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use the herein described property for
- 3. ✓ a Variance from Section(s)

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 HEARING

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

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above petition(s), advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County.

Legal Owner(s) Affirmation: I / we do so solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I / We are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this / these Petition(s).

Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Name- Type or Print Signature ORDER RECEIVED ORDER RECEIVED Signature	Legal Owners (Petitioners):
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Zip Code Telephone # Email Address	Zip Code Telephone # Email Address
Attorney for Petitioner:	Representative to be contacted:
Jason T. Vettori, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC	Jason T. Vettori, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC
Name- Type or Print	Name - Type or Print
Signature	Signature
600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 Towson MD	600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 Towson MD
Mailing Address City State	Mailing Address City State
21204 _/ (410) 821-0070 _/ jvettori@sgs-law.com	21204 _/ (410) 821-0070 _/ jvettori@sgs-law.com
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ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR ZONING HEARING

8901 Clement Avenue (fka 2100 East Joppa Road)

Case No.: 2016-_____

Special Hearing relief to approve:

- 1. A request for confirmation that the approvals in Case No. 2014-0235-SPHA authorize the revised site layout; and
- 2. In the alternative, a modified parking plan pursuant to Section 409.12.B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("BCZR") modifying sections:
 - a. 409.8.A.1 of the BCZR to permit a modification of the landscape strip requirements to allow a 6 foot strip in lieu of the required 10 foot strip along Clement Avenue and a 3 foot strip in lieu of the required 6 foot strip between paved surfaces and lot/lease lines adjacent to commercial uses or zones; and
 - b. 409.8.A.4 of the BCZR to permit a parking space in a surface parking facility for a nonresidential use to be located 6' from the right-of-way line of a public street in lieu of the required 10'setback; and
- 3. For such other and further relief as may be deemed necessary by the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") for Baltimore County.

Variance from Section(s):

- 1. 232.2 of the BCZR to permit a 6' side yard setback in lieu of the required 10' side yard setback, if needed; and
- 2. For such other and further relief as may be deemed necessary by the ALJ for Baltimore County.

ZONING PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

8901 Clement Avenue (A.K.A. 2100 E. Joppa Road)

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME at a point on the northeast side of Joppa Road and the east side of an unnamed street (A.K.A. Clement Avenue) running through the "Joppa Park Annex", said plat being recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book No. 9, Folio 50, said point of beginning being also the southwesternmost corner of Lot No. 26 on said Plat.; and running thence the following courses.

- 1. North 19 degrees 34 minutes 51 seconds West 31.67 feet to the east side of Clement Avenue 40 feet wide a shown on Baltimore County Bureau of Land Acquisition Drawing No. 66-085-40, thence binding on Clement Avenue,
- 2. North 31 degrees 19 minutes 03 seconds East 104.87 feet to the fifth line of said Baltimore County Bureau of Land Acquisition Drawing No. 66-085-40,
- 3. North 58 degrees 41 minutes 09 seconds West 5.00 feet, thence binding on the East side of Clement Avenue 30 feet wide,
- 4. North 31 degrees 20 minutes 14 seconds East, 77.00 feet to the dividing line between the southernmost one-half and the northernmost one-half of Lot No. 27 as shown on said Plat of "Joppa Park Annex", thence binding on said dividing line,
- 5. South 58 degrees 40 minutes 00 seconds East 150.00 feet to the dividing line with Lot No. 13 as shown on a Plat entitled "Joppa Park" being recorded among the Plat Records of Baltimore County in Plat Book No. 5, Folio 85, thence binding on said dividing line,
- 6. South 31 degrees 19 minutes 25 seconds West 50.00 feet to a pipe found at the southeasternmost corner of the southernmost one-half of Lot No. 27, and running thence westerly along the dividing line between Lots No. 25 and 27,
- 7. North 58 degrees 40 minutes 36 seconds West 75.01 feet to the northeasternmost corner of Lot No. 26, and thence running southerly along the dividing line between Lots No. 26 and 25,
- 8. South 31 degrees 19 minutes 37 seconds West 142.36 feet to the northeast side of Joppa road, thence binding on the northeast side of Joppa Road,
- 9. North 70 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds West 46.40 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 0.409 acres more or less and located in the 9th Election District and 5th Councilmanic District.

John P. Demos Reg. No. 21546

Professional Land Surveyor



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

July 8, 2014

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

RE: Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance

Property: 2100 East Joppa Road Case No.: 2014-0235-SPHA

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 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,

JOHNE. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

JEB:sln Enclosure

c: John Demos, 4901 Picker Dr., Pylesville, Maryland 21132 Narender Bharaj, 9820 Anvil Court, Perry Hall, Maryland 21128 David Stoker, 121 Royal Oak Drive, Bel Air, Maryland 21015 Harry Elgert, 2104 E. Joppa Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21234 Martin Pennewill, 5122 E. Joppa Road, Perry Hall, Maryland 21128

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. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

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

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Item Number or Case Number: 2016-0097-SPHA
Petitioner: DR. NARENDER BHARAT
Address or Location: 8901 CLENENT ANEXUE
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name:
Address: SMITH, GILDEA & SCHMIDT, LLC
GOO WASHINGTON AVENUE
TOWSON, MD 21204
Telephone Number: (416) 821-0070

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

ATTENTION: KRISTEN LEWIS

DATE: 12/1/2015

Case Number: 2016-0097-SPHA

Petitioner / Developer: JASON VETTORI, ESQ. ~ MR. & MRS. BHARAJ

Date of Hearing (Closing): DECEMBER 21, 2015

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: 8901 CLEMENT AVENUE (FKA 2100 EAST JOPPA ROAD)

The sign(s) were posted on: NOVEMBER 28, 2015



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)



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WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement of Order No 3778113

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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

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

CASE NUMBER: 2016-0097-SPHA

8901 Clement Avenue (fka 2100 East Joppa Road) N/e corner of East Joppa Road and Clement Avenue 9th Election District – 5th Councilmanic District Legal Owners: Dr. Narender Bharaj & Bhavneet Bharaj

Special Hearing for a request for confirmation that the approvals in Case No. 2014-0235 SPHA authorize the revised site layout; and in the alternative, a modified parking plan pursuant to Section 409.12.B of the BCZR modifying sections: a. To permit a modification of the landscape strip requirements to allow a 6 ft. strip in lieu of the required 10 ft. strip along Clement Avenue and a 3 ft. strip in lieu of the required 6 ft. strip between paved surfaces and lot/lease lines adjacent to commercial uses or zones and b. to permit a parking space in a surface parking facility for a nonresidential use to be located 6 ft. from the right-of-way line of a public street in lieu of the required 10 ft. setback; and for such other and further relief as may be deemed necessary by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) for Baltimore County. **Variance** to permit a 6 ft. side yard setback in lieu of the required 10 ft. side yard setback, if needed; and for such other and further relief as may be deemed necessary by the ALJ for Baltimore County.

Hearing: Monday, December 21, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building,

105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204

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C: Jason Vettori, 600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200, Towson 21204 Mr. & Mrs. Bharai, 9820 Anvil Court, Perry Hall 21128

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015.

- (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.

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Tuesday, December 1, 2015 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

Jason Vettori Smith, Gildea & Schmidt 600 Washington Avenue, Ste. 200 Towson, MD 21204 410-821-0070

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N/e corner of East Joppa Road and Clement Avenue
9th Election District — 5th Councilmanic District

Legal Owners: Dr. Narender Bharaj & Bhavneet Bharaj

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RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

AND VARIANCE

8901 Clement Avenue; NE Corner of E. Joppa*
Road & Clement Avenue

9th Election & 5th Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owners:Dr. Narender & Bhavneet Bharaj

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Petitioner(s)

BEFORE THE OFFICE

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

HEARINGS FOR

BALTIMORE COUNTY

2016-097-SPHA

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 Zummerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 22th day of October, 2015, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Jason Vettori, Esquire, Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

Peter Max Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN
People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING * AND VARIANCE

BEFORE THE

(2100 East Joppa Road)

OFFICE OF

9th Election District 5th Council District

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Dr. Narender & Bhavneet Bharaj,

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Legal Owners

Petitioners

Case No. 2014-0235-SPHA

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for consideration of Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance filed by Jason T. Vettori, Esquire, on behalf of Dr. Narender & Bhavneet Bharaj, the legal owners. The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to §500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") seeking approval of a modified parking plan. The variance petition seeks relief from B.C.Z.R. § 232.2 to permit a 0' side yard setback in lieu of the required 10' side yard setback.

The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the revised site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioners' Exhibit 2. Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requests was John Demos, P.E. and Narender Bharaj. Jason T. Vettori, Esquire, from Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC appeared and represented the Petitioners. Two neighbors attended the hearing to obtain further explanation and clarification of the relief being sought. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

Substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were submitted by the Department of Planning (DOP) and Bureau of Development Plans Review (DPR). The DOP expressed support for the project, which is within the Loch Raven Revitalization District. Originally, the Bureau of DPR objected to the petition. But after a discussion between Petitioners' engineer (Mr. Demos) and Mr. Kennedy, the plan was revised, and the Bureau of DPR no longer objects to the variances being sought. Petitioners' Exhibit 4.

The subject property is approximately 0.4 acres and is zoned BL. The property is located along Joppa Road, in an area where former dwellings are being converted to commercial uses. Petitioners propose to raze the existing single family dwelling on site, and construct in its place a 4,000 sq. ft. office building. Due to the configuration of the site, and the desire to position the building away from the adjoining dwelling owned by Harry Elgert, Petitioners require variance relief and a modified parking plan (primarily for reduced landscaping setbacks).

As noted, the petition for special hearing seeks to modify the landscape strip and surface parking lot setbacks for the site. The relief requested is modest, and will not in any way impact the adjoining residential property. As such, the petition will be granted.

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, I will also grant the petition for variance. To obtain variance relief a petitioner must show:

(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).

The Petitioners have met this test. The property is irregularly shaped, primarily due to a roadway taking by Baltimore County. Exhibit 5. Thus, the property is unique.

I also find that strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty, given that Petitioners would be unable to construct the proposed improvements, which are permitted in the BL zone. 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 absence of Baltimore County

opposition. Given the revisions to the plan, the zoning relief required will be less than originally sought in the petition.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this <u>8th</u> day of July, 2014, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Petition for Special Hearing filed pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R) as follows:

- 1. A modified parking plan pursuant to Section 409.12.B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.):
 - a. 409:8.A.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a modification of the landscape-strip requirements to allow a 6 ft. strip in lieu of the required 10 ft. strip along Clement Avenue and a 3 ft. strip in lieu of the required 6 ft. between paved surfaces and lot/lease lines adjacent to commercial uses or zones; and
 - b. 409.8.A.4 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a parking space in a surface parking facility for a nonresidential use to be located 4.7 ft. from the right-of-way line of a public street in lieu of the required 10 ft. setback, be and is hereby GRANTED

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance pursuant to B.C.Z.R. §232.2 to permit a 0' side yard setback in lieu of the required 10' side yard setback (street side), 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. Prior to issuance of permits, Petitioners must obtain approval from the County's landscape architect of a landscape plan.
- 3. Prior to issuance of permits, Petitioners must submit for review by the DOP proposed building elevations and details of proposed signage and dumpster enclosure.

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

Order.

JOHN H. BEVERUNGEN Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County

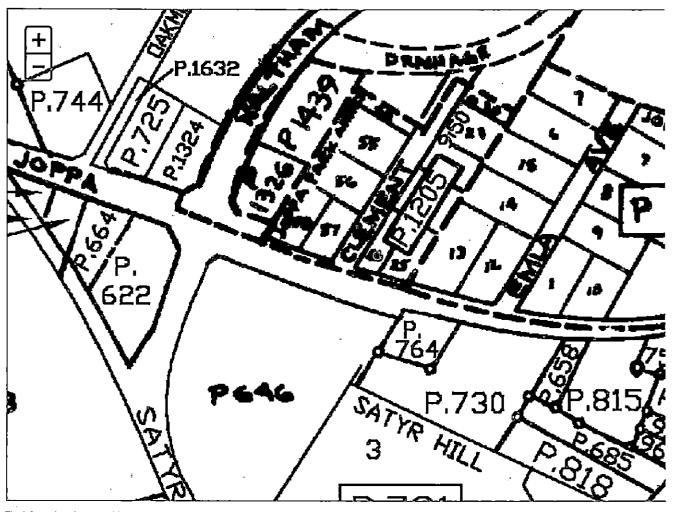
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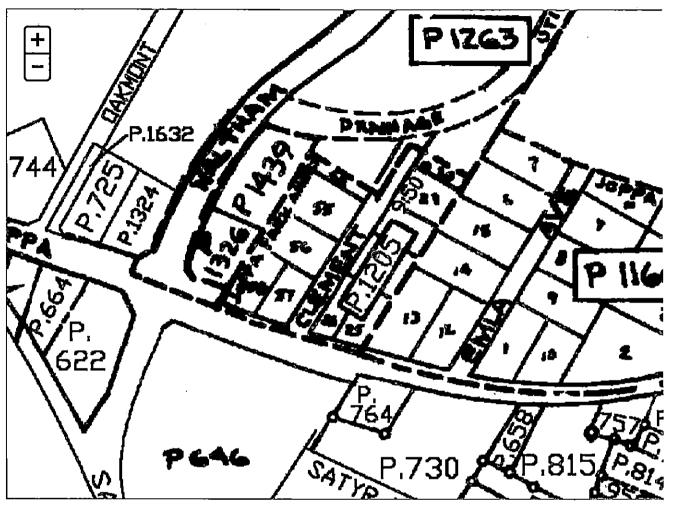
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From: John E. Beverungen [mailto:jbeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 10:54 AM

To: Jason Vettori **Cc:** Sherry Nuffer **Subject:** 2016-097

Mr. Vettori,

This is in regard to yesterday's hearing in the above zoning case. I am hoping to send the Order out today, but had one issue that I discovered when reviewing the file. The Petition was signed by Narender and Bhavneet Bharaj as legal owners. But according to the SDAT record, the property was transferred in 2015 by Dr. Bharaj to Noor Properties LLC. As such, I believe that the LLC should be the correct Petitioner in the case. Assuming you are in agreement, can you please just respond to this email and request that the Petition be amended accordingly. I will grant the amendment and the Order will be issued listing the LLC as Petitioner. I will include a copy of this email and your response in the case file.

John Beverungen

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CONNECT WITH BALTIMORE COUNTY





KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

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

December 17, 2015

Dr. Narender Bharaj Bhavneet Bharaj 9820 Avnil Court Perry Hall MD 21128

RE: Case Number: 2016-0097 SPHA, Address: 8901 Clement Avenue

To Whom It May Concern:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing ONLY by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on October 16, 2015. 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,

M. Cal Richall &

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Supervisor, Zoning Review

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel
Jason T Vettori, Esquire, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson MD 21204

From:

John E. Beverungen

Sent:

Tuesday, December 22, 2015 11:54 AM

To:

Jason Vettori

Cc:

Sherry Nuffer

Subject:

RE: FW: 2016-097

This email exchange will be kept in the file, and the Order will be issued with the LLC as Petitioner. No need to do anything else.

From: Jason Vettori [mailto:ivettori@sgs-law.com] Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 11:41 AM

To: John E. Beverungen < jbeverungen@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Cc: Sherry Nuffer <snuffer@baltimorecountymd.gov>

Subject: FW: FW: 2016-097

Judge Beverungen,

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I request that the Petition in the above referenced case be amended to reflect the correct owner of the property. As further indicated in the below exchange between myself and Dr. Bharaj, he is authorized to request zoning relief on behalf of Noor Properties LLC. Please advise whether you want a revised petition or if this e-mail will suffice. Thanks.

Jason T. Vettori Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC 600 Washington Avenue Suite 200 Towson, MD 21204 Phone: (410) 821-0070 Facsimile: (410) 821-0071

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From: Narender Bharaj [mailto:soorma 5@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 11:21 AM

To: Jason Vettori

Cc: John Demos (jpdemos@zoominternet.net); Bhavneet Bharaj

Subject: RE: FW: 2016-097

Yes. Myself and Bhavneet are the authorized representatives and are fully in capacity to file the Petion on behalf of Noor Properties LLC.

I will complete the paperwork and have it over to you this evening.

Narender Bharaj, M.D, CMD. Maryland Medical First, PA.

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From: Jason Vettori < <u>ivettori@sgs-law.com</u>>
Date: 12/22/2015 11:08 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: Narender Bharaj < <u>soorma</u> 5@yahoo.com>

Cc: "John Demos (jpdemos@zoominternet.net)" <jpdemos@zoominternet.net>

Subject: FW: 2016-097

Dr. Bharaj,

I need you to confirm that you are an authorized representative of Noor Properties LLC and you authorized the Petition for Zoning Relief in the above referenced case to be filed.

As indicated below, Judge Beverungen has a stutely pointed out that you and your wife transferred ownership of the property known as 2100 East Joppa Road (now known as 8901 Clement Avenue) to Noor Properties LLC. Attached hereto please find a SDAT printout indicating that on or about June 2, 2015, you transferred ownership to Noor Properties LLC. The Petitions which were filed incorrectly indicate that you and your wife are the legal owners. We need to request that Judge Beverungen amend the petition to indicated that you and your wife, Narender and Bhavneet Bharaj, intended to authorize the Petition for Zoning Relief in the above referenced case to be filed on behalf of Noor Properties, as authorized representatives thereof. Thank you for your prompt attention to this most important matter.

Jason T. Vettori

Smith, Gildea & Schmidt, LLC

600 Washington Avenue

Suite 200

Towson, MD 21204

CASE NAME	2016-0097-8PHA
CASE NUMB	BER DR. BHARAT
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<u>PETITIONER'S SIGN-IN SHEET</u>

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: November 16, 2015

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT:

8901 Clement Avenue (2100 E. Joppa Road)

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INFORMATION:

Item Number:

16-097

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Petitioner:

Dr. Narender Bharaj and Bhavneet Bharaj

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Zoning:

Requested Action:

Special Hearing, Variance

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for special hearing to determine whether or not the Administrative Law Judge should confirm that the approvals in Case No. 2014-0235 SPHA to authorize the revised site layout or in the alternative, approve a modified parking plan and also the petition for a variance to permit a 6' side yard setback in lieu of the required 10' side yard setback.

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For further information concerning the matters stated herein, please contact Krystle Patchak at 410-887-3480.

Division Chief: Katny Schabaan

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OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

TO:

Hon. Lawrence M. Stahl; Managing Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

FROM:

Jeff Livingston, Department of Environmental Protection and

Sustainability (EPS) - Development Coordination

DATE:

October 23, 2015

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

Address

2016-0097-SPHA

8901 Clement Avenue

(Bharaj Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 19, 2015.

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

Reviewer:

Steve Ford

Date: 10-23-2015



Larry Hogan, Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor Pete K. Rahn, Secretary Gregory C. Johnson, P.E., Administrator

Date: 10/21/15

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

RE:

Baltimore County

Item No. 2016-0097-5PHA Special Heaving Varionce Dr. Navender & Bhavneet Bharaj 8901 Clement Avenue

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.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Richard Zeller at 410-229-2332 or 1-866-998-0367 (in Maryland only) extension 2332, or by email at (rzeller@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

David W. Peake

Metropolitan District Engineer - District 4

Baltimore & Harford Counties

DWP/RAZ

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: October 22, 2015

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For October 19, 2015 Item No. 2016-0097

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject zoning item and we have the following comment.

A revised Landscape Plan may be required.

DAK cc:file

ZAC-ITEM NO 16-0097-10192015.doc

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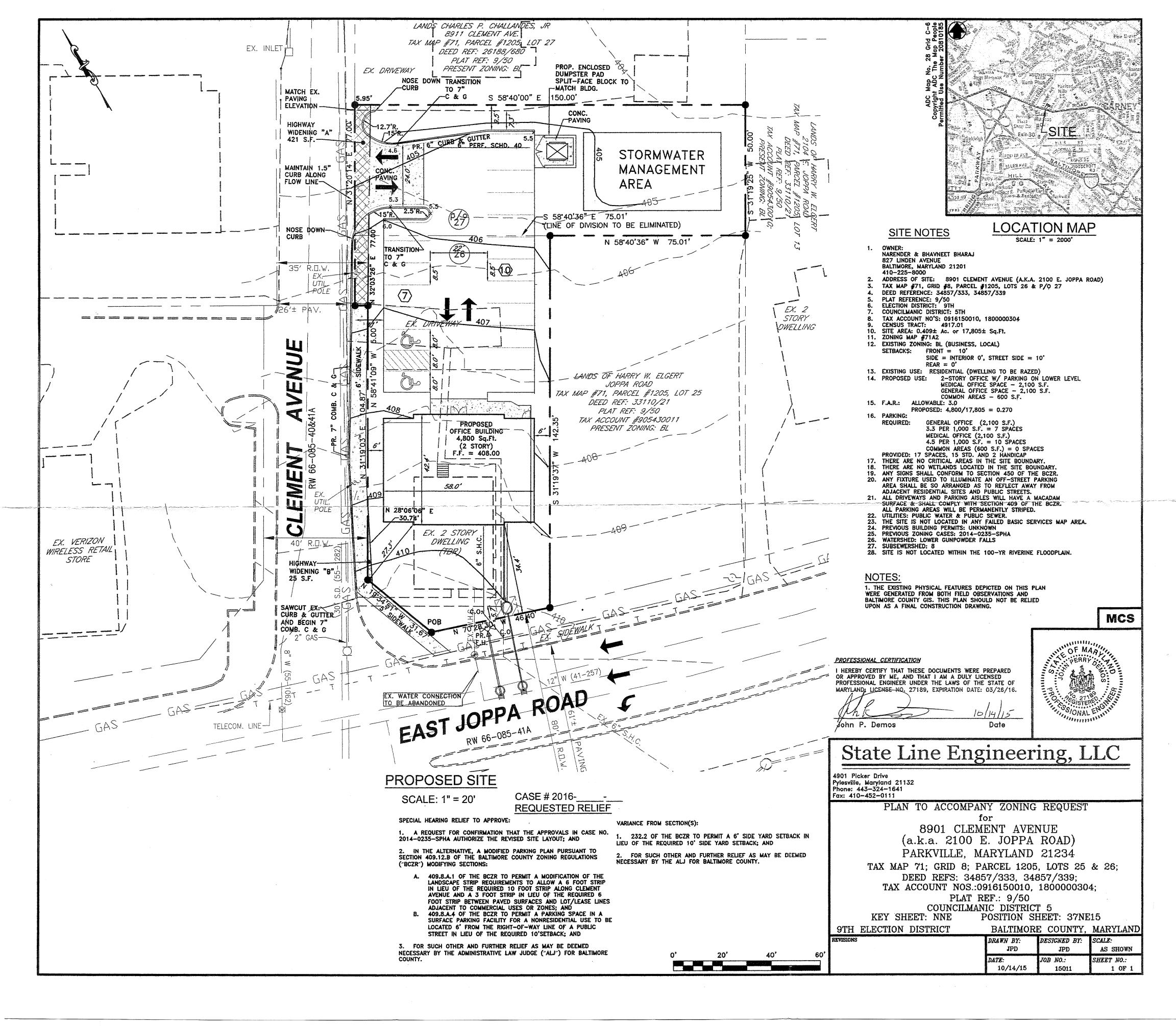
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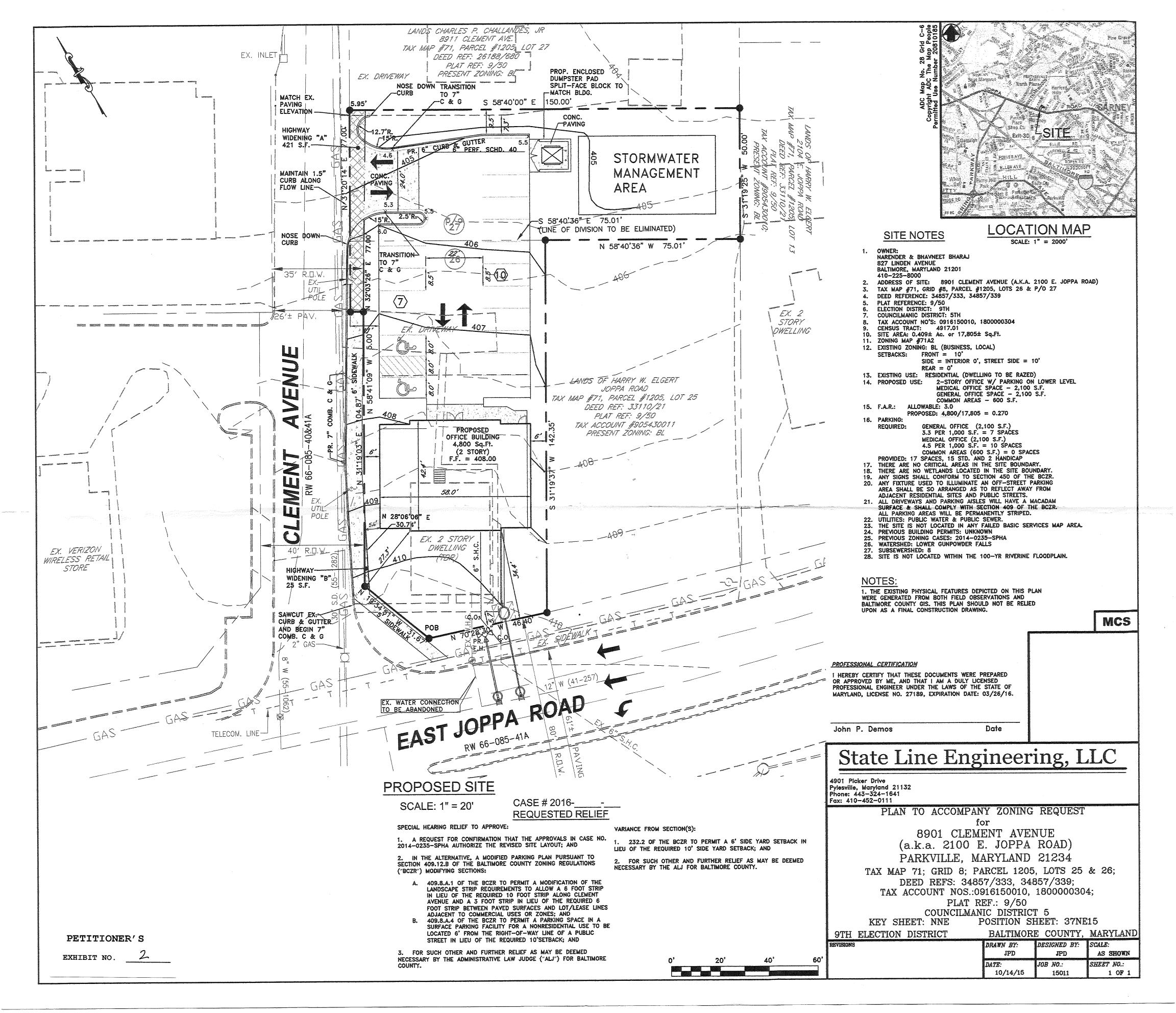
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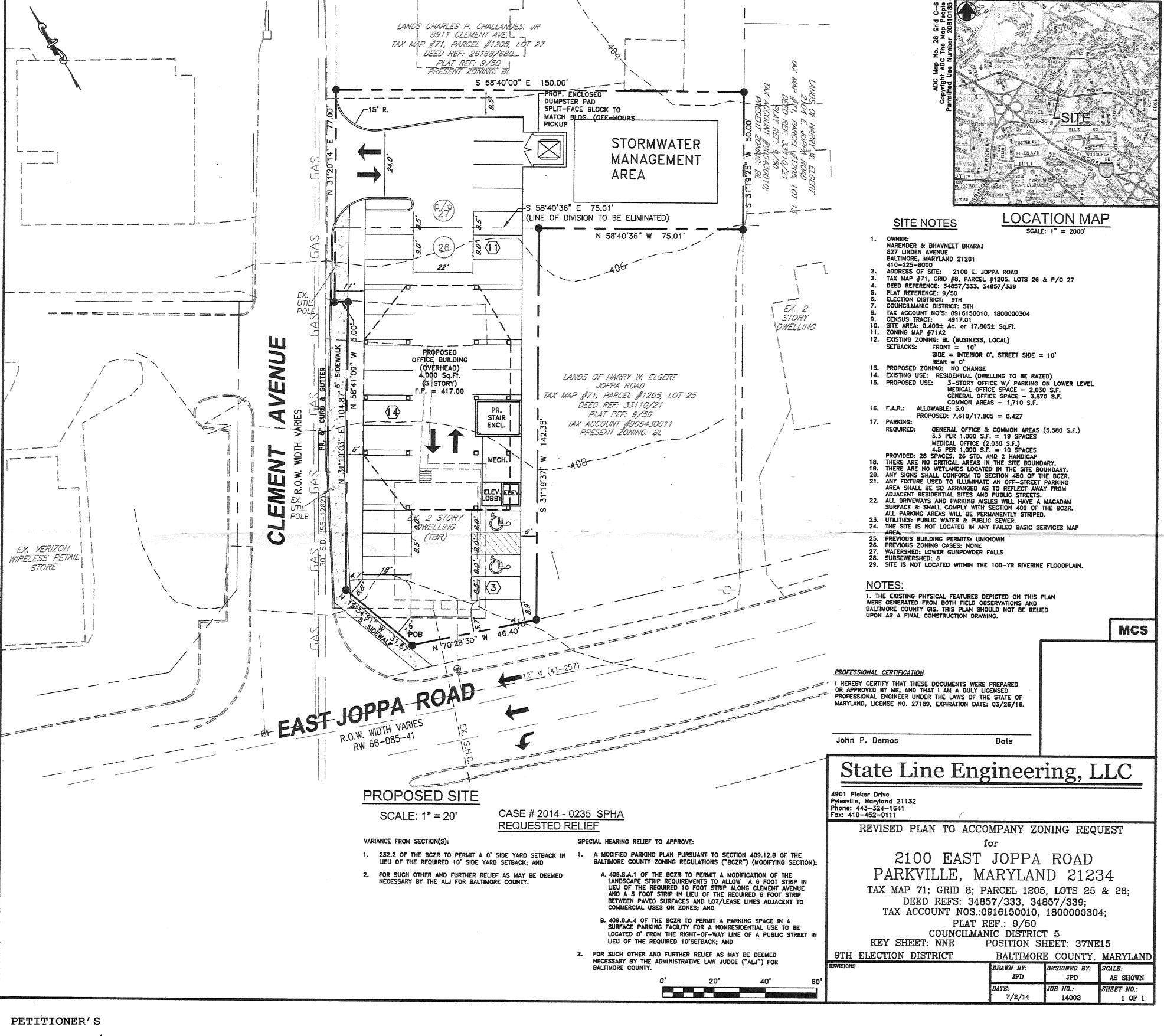


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