

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

March 6, 2018

TO:

Zoning Review Office

FROM:

Office of Administrative Hearings

RE:

Case No. 2018-0150-A - Appeal Period Expired

The appeal period for the above-referenced case expired on March 5, 2018. 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

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

(11309 Reisterstown Road)

4th Election District

2nd Council District

Colonial Stoler, LLC

Legal Owner

* BALTIMORE COUNTY

Petitioner

* CASE NO. 2018-0150-A

OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH") for Baltimore County as a Petition for Variance filed by Colonial Stoler, LLC, legal owner of the subject property ("Petitioner"). The Petition seeks variance relief from Section 238.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit a 13 ft. side yard setback in lieu of the required 30 ft. setback. A site plan was marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Professional Engineer Richard Matz appeared in support of the petition. Timothy M. Kotroco, Esq. represented the Petitioner. There were no protestants or interested citizens in attendance. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the B.C.Z.R. No substantive Zoning Advisory Committee ("ZAC") comments were received from any of the County reviewing agencies.

The site is approximately 4.03 acres in size and zoned BR. A Lexus automobile dealership is operated at the property. The request in this case pertains to the service area of the dealership. At present, customers drive their vehicles under a carport to register for service and repairs. Petitioner would like to enclose this space so customers would be sheltered from the elements. Mr. Matz noted the variance request is in fact from an internal lot line, since Petitioner (or a related entity) also owns the adjoining lot at 11317 Reisterstown Road.

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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).

The property is irregularly shaped and is therefore unique. In addition, the property was found to be unique in at least four prior zoning cases dating back to 1974. If the Regulations were strictly interpreted Petitioner would experience a practical difficulty because it would be unable to complete the proposed improvements. Finally, I find that the variance can be granted in harmony with the spirit and intent of the BCZR, and in such manner as to grant relief without injury to the public health, safety and general welfare.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this <u>2nd</u> day of **February**, **2018**, by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from §238.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R.") to permit a 13 ft. side yard setback in lieu of the required 30 ft. 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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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

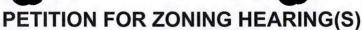
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To be filed with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

To the Office of Administrative Law of Baltimore County for the property located at:

Address_11309 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills, MD. 211	which is presently zoned D.R.	
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Property Owner(s) Printed Name(s)		

(SELECT THE HEARING(S) BY MARKING \underline{X} AT THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION AND PRINT OR TYPE THE PETITION REQUEST)

The undersigned legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plan attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for:

 a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve 	County, to determine whether
a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County to use	the herein described property for

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

CASE NUMBER 2018-0150-A Filing Date 2/12017 Do Not Schedule Dates:

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 RDER Signature RDER Signature RDER Name- Type or Print RECEIVED FOR FILING	Legal Owners (Petition Colonial Stoler LLC Barry Stoler	ners):
Name- Type or Print RECETOR STATES	Name;#1 – Type or Print	Name #2 – Type or Print
Signature	Signature #1	Signature # 2
-010-	11275 Reisterstown Road	, Owings Mills, Maryland
Mailing Address City State	Mailing Address	City State
BY	21117 / (410) 356-7	000 / bstoler@lenstoler.com
Zip Code Telephone # Email Address	Zip Code Telepho	ne # Email Address
Attorney for Petitioner:	Representative to be co	ontacted:
Timothy M. Kotroco	Richard E. Matz	
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305 Washington Avenue, Suite 502 Towson, Maryland	2835 Smith Avenue, Suite	G, Baltimore, Maryland
Mailing Address City State	Mailing Address	City State
21204 / (410) 299-2943 / tkotroco@gmail.com	21209 / (410) 653-3	838 / dmatz@cmrengineers.co
Zip Code Telephone # Email Address	Zip Code Telepho	ne # Email Address

ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE

11309 & 11311 Reisterstown Road 2nd Councilmanic District 4th Election District

Variance Relief:

- 1. From section 238.2 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a 13 foot side yard setback in lieu of the required 30 foot setback.
- 2. For such other and further relief as the nature of this case may require.

2018-0150-A

Colbert Matz Rosenfelt, Inc.

Civil Engineers • Surveyors • Planners



ZONING DESCRIPTION 11309 & 11311 Reisterstown Road Baltimore, Maryland

Beginning at a point on the North side of Reisterstown Road (66' R/W) at a distance of 266'+/-from the center of Highfalcon Road. (70' R/W), and thence leaving said Reisterstown Road and running with and binding on the land of the herein petitioner,

- 1. North 46 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds East 200.00 feet,
- 2. North 45 degrees 36 minutes 50 seconds West 238.11 feet,
- 3. North 44 degrees 23 minutes 10 seconds East 116.74 feet,
- 4. South 70 degrees 00 minutes 20 seconds East 95.05 feet
- 5. South 66 degrees 48 minutes 25 seconds East 482.73 feet
- 6. South 46 degrees 15 minutes 12 seconds west 537.67 feet
- 7. North 44 degrees 13 minutes 22 seconds West 286.76 feet back to the point of beginning.

Containing 4.03 of an Acre more or less.

Located in the 4th Election District and 2nd Councilmanic District. Known as 11309 & 11311 Reisterstown Road.

Professional Certification

I hereby certify that these documents were prepared or approved by me, and that I am a duly licensed professional engineer under the laws of the State of Maryland.

License No. 13203

Expiration Date: 11/02/18

and 21209 KOV 30, 20

2835 Smith Avenue, Suite G Baltimore, Maryland 21209 Telephone: (410) 653-3838 / Facsimile: (410) 653-7953

2018-0150-A



501 N. Calvert St., P.O. Box 1377 Baltimore, Maryland 21278-0001 tel: 410/332-6000 800/829-8000

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement of Order No 5385862

Sold To:

Colonial Stoler LLC - CU00634223 11311 Reisterstown Rd Owings Mills, MD 21117-1811

Bill To:

Colonial Stoler LLC - CU00634223 11311 Reisterstown Rd Owings Mills, MD 21117-1811

Was published in "Jeffersonian", "Bi-Weekly", a newspaper printed and published in Baltimore County on the following dates:

Jan 11, 2018

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

The Administrative Law Judge 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: # 2018-00150-A

11309 Reisterstown Road

NE/s Reisterstown Road, 266 ft, SE of Highfalcon Road

4th Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District

Legal Owner(s) Colonial Stoler, LLC, Barry Stoler

Variance: to permit a 13 ft. side yard setback in lieu of the required 30 ft. setback; for such other and further relief as the nature of this cause may require.

Hearing: Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 205, Jefferson Building, 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR OF PERMITS, APPROVALS AND INSPECTIONS FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Administrative Hearings Office at (410) 887-3868.

(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391.

1/036 January 11

The Baltimore Sun Media Group

S. Wilkinson

Legal Advertising

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

ATTENTION: KRISTEN LEWIS

DATE: 1/10/2018

Case Number: 2018-0150-A

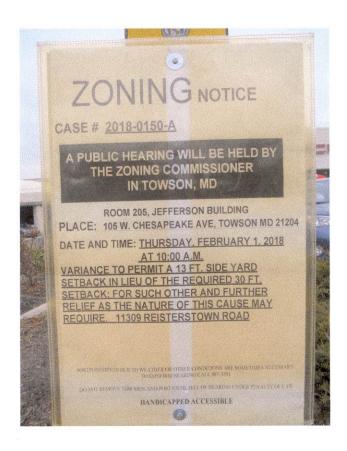
Petitioner / Developer: TIMOTHY KOTOCO, ESQ. ~ BARRY STOLER ~

RICHARD MATZ

Date of Hearing: FEBRUARY 1, 2018

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: 11309 REISTERSTOWN ROAD

The sign(s) were posted on: JANUARY 10, 2018



Linda O'Keefe (Signature of Sign Poster)

(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)

TO: PATUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Thursday, January 11, 2018 Issue - Jeffersonian

Please forward billing to:

Barry Stoler Colonial Stoler, LLC 11275 Reisterstown Road Owings Mills, MD 21117

410-356-7000

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



KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

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

January 3, 2018

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C: Timothy Kotroco, 305 Washington Avenue, Ste. 502, Towson 21204 Barry Stoler, 11275 Reisterstown Road, Owings Mills 21117 Richard Matz, 2835 Smith Avenue, Ste. G., Baltimore 21209

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018.

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

BEFORE THE OFFICE

11309 Reisterstown Road; NE/S Reisterstown* Road, 266' SE of c/line of High Falcon Road

OF ADMINSTRATIVE

4th Election & 2nd Councilmanic Districts

HEARINGS FOR

Legal Owner(s): Colonial Stoler LLC

BALTIMORE COUNTY

by Barry Stoler

Petitioner(s)

2018-150-A

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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

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Peter Max Zimmerman

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel
Lefferson Building Room

Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 5th day of December, 2017, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Richard Matz, 2835 Smith Avenue, Suite G, Baltimore, Maryland 21209 and Timothy Kotroco, Esquire, 305 Washington Avenue, Suite 502, Towson, Maryland 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County



ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

ZONING REVIEW OFFICE

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 legal owner/petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least twenty (20) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the legal owner/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:
Case Number: 2018-0150-A
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High falcon Road
Legal Owners (Petitioners): Colonial Stoler, LLC
Contract Purchaser/Lessee:
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KEVIN KAMENETZ County Executive

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

January 23, 2018

Colonial Stoler LLC Barry Stoler 11275 Reisterstown Road Owings Mill MD 21117

RE: Case Number: 2018-0150 A, Address: 11309 Reisterstown Rd

Dear Mr. Stoler:

The above referenced petition was accepted for processing **ONLY** by the Bureau of Zoning Review, Department of Permits, Approvals, and Inspection (PAI) on December 1, 2017. 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

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Enclosures

c: People's Counsel
Timothy M Kotroco, Esquire, 305 Washington Avenue, Suite 502, Towson MD 21204
Richard E Matz, 2835 Smith Avenue, Suite G, Baltimore MD 21209







Larry Hogan Governor Boyd K. Rutherford Lt. Governor Pete K. Rahn Secretary Gregory Slater

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Date: 12/6/17

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

Dear Ms. Lewis:

We have reviewed the site plan to accompany petition for variance on the subject of the Case number referenced below, which was received on 12/6/17. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto 140 consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for Variance, Case Number 2018-0150-A.

Colonial Steler, LLC, Borry Stoler 11309 Reisters town Road

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

Sincerely,

Wendy Wolcott, P.L.A.

Metropolitan District Engineer

Maryland Department of Transportation

State Highway Administration

District 4 - Baltimore and Harford Counties

WW/RAZ

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Arnold Jablon

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

Director, Department of Planning

SUBJECT: ZONING ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Case Number: 18-150

INFORMATION:

Property Address: 11309 Reisterstown Road

Petitioner:

Colonial Stoler, LLC, Barry Stoler

Zoning:

BR

Requested Action: Variance

The Department of Planning has reviewed the petition for variance to permit a 13 foot side yard setback in lieu of the required 30 feet.

A site visit was conducted on December 8, 2017.

The Department of Planning has no objection to granting the petitioned zoning relief.

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

Prepared by:

Lloyd T. Moxley

AVA/KS/LTM/ka

c: Bill Skibinski

Timothy Kotroco

Office of the Administrative Hearings

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

DATE: 12/21/2017

Deputy Director:

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence



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:

December 11, 2017

SUBJECT:

DEPS Comment for Zoning Item

2018-0150-A

Address

11309 Reisterstown Road

(Colonial Stoler, LLC Property)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of December 11, 2017.

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

Reviewer:

Steve Ford

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: December 28, 2017

Department of Permits, Approvals

And Inspections

FROM:

Vishnu Desai, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For December 11, 2017

Item No. 2018-0138-A, 0141-A, 0145-A, 0146-A, 0147-A, 0148-A and

0150-A

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

VKD: can cc: file



TO:

Arnold Jablon

DATE: 12/21/2017

Deputy Administrative Officer and

Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections

FROM:

Andrea Van Arsdale

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Timothy Kotroco

Office of the Administrative Hearings

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CHECKLIST

Comment Received	<u>Department</u>		Conditions/ Comments/ No Comment
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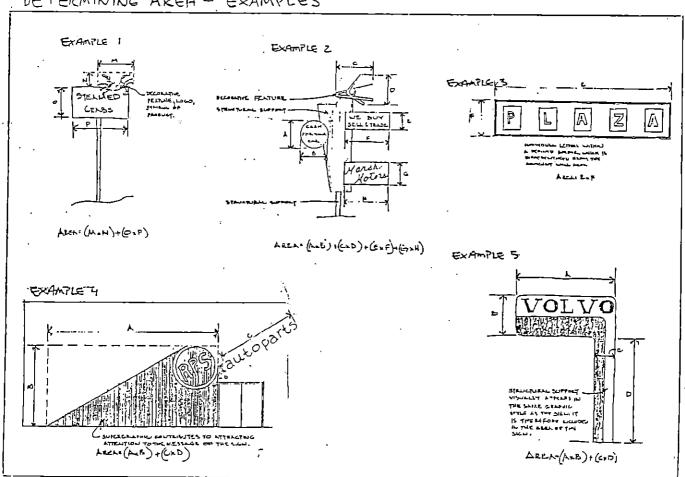
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- A. <u>Class</u> Refers to the overall purpose and general character of the entire sign.
- B. <u>Structural Type</u> Identifies the structural type(s) that may be used to display signs of the given class, subject to the requirements in the succeeding columns. (See definitions of types on Page 4.)
- C. Zone or Use Defines the zone(s) wherein signs of the class and type combination(s) may be displayed. In certain cases, the permissibility is granted for a sign in conjunction with a particular type of land use, as identified in this column, in whichever zone(s) such use is permitted.
- D. Permit Required A "Bldg." entry indicates that a Building Permit must be obtained for each sign. A "None" entry indicates that a Building Permit is not required, provided that the sign complies with all other applicable provisions of these Regulations. An "SE" indicates that each such sign is permitted only as a Special Exception use authorized pursuant to Section 502. A "Use" entry indicates that a permit pursuant to Section 500.4 must be obtained for each such sign.

If the proposed sign(s) will be accessory to a structure, use or development that otherwise is required to obtain a building or use permit or development approval, all pertinent information regarding the sign(s) must be included as part of the otherwise-required application(s).

E. Maximum Area or Face - Defines the maximum number of square feet, or the rule for calculating the maximum number, that may be included within the face of any single permitted sign of the given class, regardless of the type; the number is not to be interpreted as a separate limit for each type identified in Column B, but the maximum area may be divided among more than one sign to the extent permitted in Column F. Subject to the limit in Column F regarding the maximum number of signs, compliance with the maximum area is determined by the following rules:

DETERMINING AREA - EXAMPLES



VIB 4-23-16

IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING *

BEFORE THE

AND VARIANCE (11311 Reisterstown Road)

OFFICE OF

4th Election District
2nd Council District

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Colonial Stoler, LLC

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

Owner
Petitioner

Case No. 2017-0023-SPHA

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ORDER ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Petitioner in the above case sought variance and special hearing relief in connection with a proposed freestanding sign at a Lexus automobile dealership. Both requests were denied in an Order dated September 29, 2016. Petitioner seeks reconsideration of the ruling on the petition for special hearing, which pertains to the calculation of the sign area.

Petitioner's primary argument is that the Administrative Law Judge should not defer to the zoning office's interpretation of the regulations concerning the "area" of a sign. Petitioner's expert agreed the zoning office adhered in this case to its longstanding pattern and practice in calculating the sign area. The zoning office determined the entire face of the sign (rather than just the 45 sq. ft. rectangle containing the "Lexus" lettering and logo) must be included in the area calculation since the color and design of the structure constituted part of the sign's message.

Petitioner contends this interpretation disregards "exclusion A" found in the definition of "area" at B.C.Z.R. § 450.3. I respectfully disagree. That provision would exclude from the calculation any support structures or features which "are <u>not</u> part of the message of the sign." <u>Id.</u> (emphasis added). For example, a structural support pole on which a sign was located would not be included in the area calculation. But the zoning office here determined the color and design

of the sign face was integral to the message (i.e., "Lexus") and so should be part of the sign "area."

The Zoning Commissioner's Policy Manual, at p. 4-69.9 (a copy of which is attached hereto), Example 5, shows how the area of a Volvo automobile dealership sign is calculated, and I believe the zoning office's interpretation is consistent with this example.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this 14th day of October, 2016, by this Administrative Law Judge, that the Motion for Reconsideration be and is hereby DENIED.

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

JEB/sln

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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 Colonial Stoler, LLC, legal owner ("Petitioner"). The Special Hearing was filed pursuant to § 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations ("B.C.Z.R) to permit a sign of 45 sq. ft. in lieu of the 225 sq. ft. as determined under the County's interpretation of the required area which includes the entire structure. In the alternative, a Petition for Variance seeks to permit a sign of 225 sq. ft. in lieu of the 50 sq. ft. permitted. A site plan was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the public hearing in support of the requests were Barry Stoler and Mitchell Kellman. Marvin I. Singer, Esq. represented the Petitioner. George Harmon, on behalf of the Reisterstown-Owings Mills-Glyndon Coordinating Council, opposed the request. The Petition was advertised and posted as required by the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. A substantive Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment was received from the Bureau of Development Plans Review (DPR), concerning landscaping and lighting requirements.

The subject property is 4.085 acres in size and is zoned BR. A Lexus automobile dealership ("Len Stoler Lexus") is operated at the property. Counsel indicated the manufacturer has adopted new branding and logos, and that the applicable agreements require franchisees to install new signage at the dealership.

SPECIAL HEARING

Petitioner's counsel and Mr. Kellman met with County zoning staff to discuss the petition. The County determined - - in keeping with its long-standing policy - - the sign area included the entire 9' x 25' structure shown on the plan. Petitioner contends the sign area should only include the approximate 45 sq. ft. rectangle containing the "Lexus" script and logo, and the special hearing request seeks confirmation of this interpretation.

The resolution of this issue involves several definitions found in the sign regulations, including: "area," "face," "message," and "sign." B.C.Z.R. §450.3. The determination of a sign's "area" involves drawing a rectangle around the "face" of the sign. The face is the flat surface containing the "message of the sign." Under the Regulations the "message" includes not only "written words" and "symbols," but also "colors, illumination or theme comprising the face of a sign." According to Mr. Kellman, County staff believed the color, design and theme of the sign were integral to the message it delivered; i.e., the "Lexus" brand.

While there are reasonable arguments on both sides, I believe under Maryland law I am obliged to defer to the zoning staff's long-standing interpretation of the sign regulations. Mr. Kellman confirmed the calculation of the sign area in this case was consistent with the agency's procedure and determination in similar cases. As Maryland's highest court has held, the "interpretation of a statute by the agency charged with its administration is entitled to great deference, especially when the interpretation has been applied consistently and for a long period of time." BGE v. Public Service Comm'n., 305 Md. 145, 161 (1986).

VARIANCE

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).

While the dimensions of the property are somewhat irregular, the site does not have any truly inherent characteristics (i.e., size, shape, topography, etc.) that would render it unique under Maryland law. The petitioner must establish the property is unique or peculiar in a way that is unlike other properties in the neighborhood. In a contested case requiring a rigorous application of the variance standard, the petitioner faces an uphill battle. In fact, I was unable to locate a Maryland appellate court opinion from the last twenty years which upheld the grant of a variance. Under Maryland law, variances should be granted "sparingly" since it is "an authorization for [that] ... which is prohibited by a zoning ordinance." *Cromwell*, 102 Md. App. at 699.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this 29th day of September, 2016, 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) to permit a sign of 45 sq. ft. in lieu of the 225 sq. ft. under the County's interpretation of the required area which includes the entire structure, be and is hereby DENIED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the petition for variance to permit a sign of 225 sq. ft. in lieu of the 50 sq. ft. permitted, be and is hereby DENIED.

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

JEB/sln

JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN

Administrative Law Judge

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Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer Protestant 2-2-17

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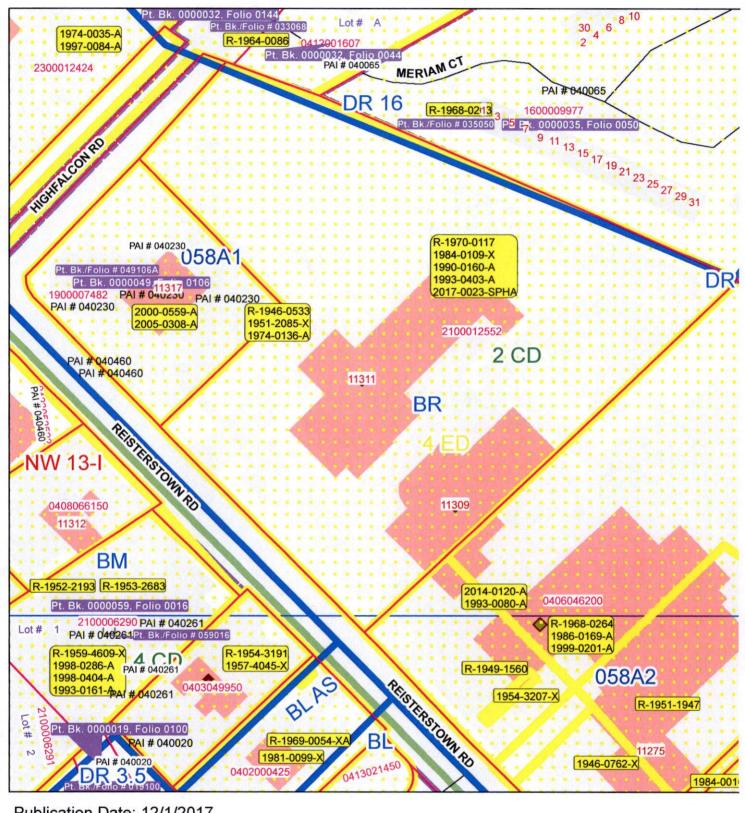
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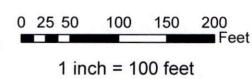
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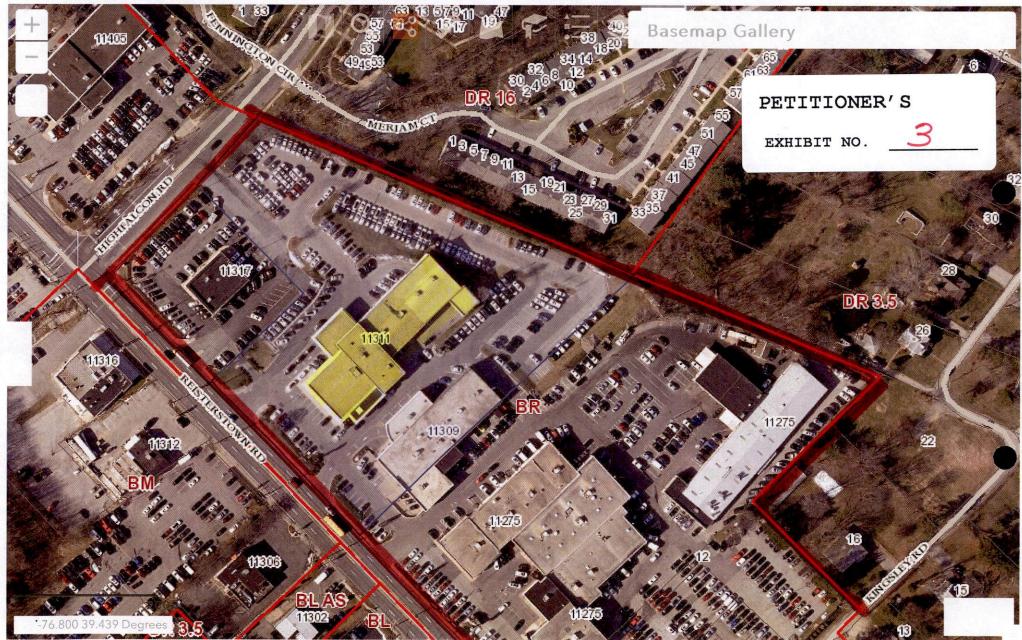


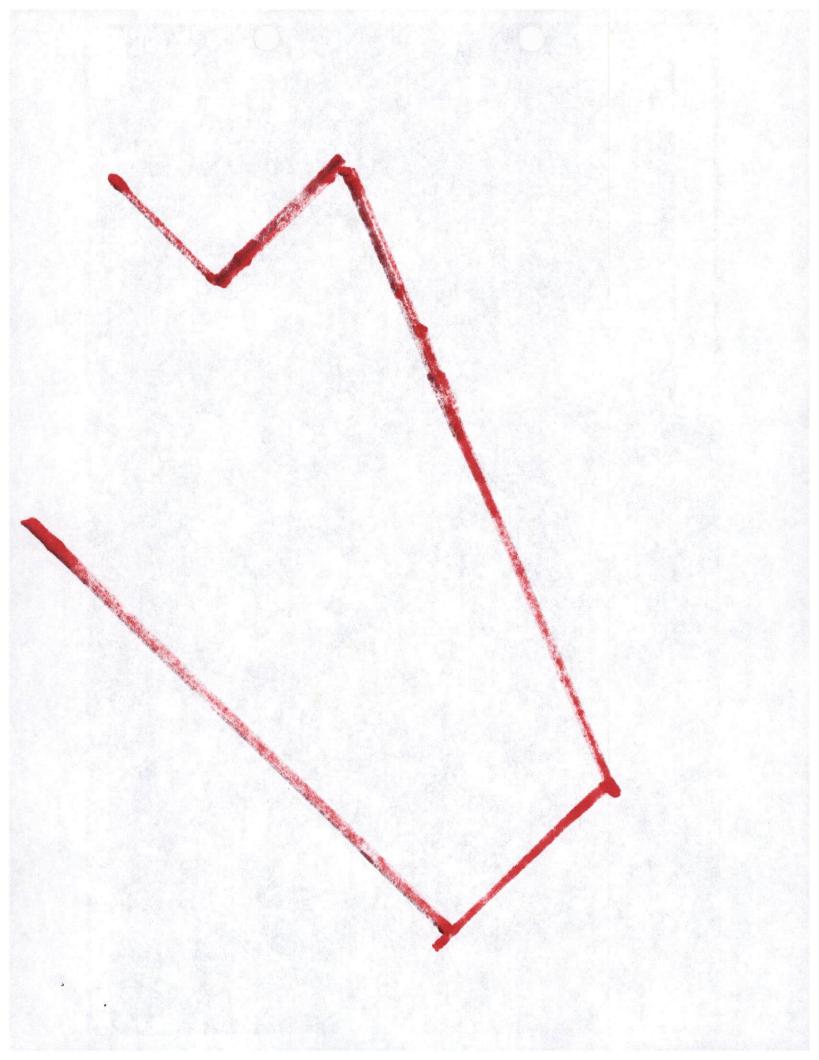


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