CONCEPT / PRELIMINARY MAJOR SUBDIVISION REPORT

to the

Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission November 19, 2024

Prepared by

David Becraft, Bureau of Development Review

SUBJECT: P-24-0009 – Freedom Village, Resubdivision of Lot 2B

LOCATION: 6300 Georgetown Boulevard, Sykesville, MD 21784; C.D. 5

OWNER: Freedom Village Shopping Center LLC, c/o Continental Realty

Corp., 1427 Clarkview Road, Suite 500, Baltimore, MD 21209

(LLC members: Jack Luetekemeyer & Anne Stone)

DEVELOPER: Same as owner

ENGINEER: Bohler Engineering LLC, 901 Dulaney Road, Suite 801, Towson, MD

21204

ZONING: C-3 - Commercial High

ACREAGE: 14.559 acres

WATERSHED: South Branch Patapsco

NO. OF LOTS: 2

FIRE DISTRICT: Sykesville

MASTER PLAN: Commercial High – 2018 Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan

PRIORITY

FUNDING AREA: Freedom

DESIGNATED

GROWTH AREA: Freedom

SEWER/WATER

DISTRICT: Freedom

Action Required:

The plan is before the Planning and Zoning Commission per Chapter 155 of the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances of Carroll County for consideration of a concept major subdivision plan and

One action is required:

1. Approval of the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision pursuant to Chapter 155, *Development and Subdivision of Land*, of the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances of Carroll County.

Existing Conditions:

The subject property was originally created in 1987 as Lot 2 of Freedom Village, a 5-lot subdivision (plat attached). An amended plat was recorded in 1994 to convey right-of-way parcels for Lee Lane to the County (plat attached). A second amended plat was recorded in 2011 to consolidate the subject property with the western adjoining property (plat attached).

The property is located at the southwest quadrant of the Liberty Road (MD Route 26) and Georgetown Boulevard intersection. It currently hosts a Planned Business Center on the south side of the property with a Taco Bell restaurant and Wells Fargo bank fronting Liberty Road. Site development plans for the Planned Business Center were originally approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission in 1986.

Access to the site is via existing entrances from MD Route 26 and Georgetown Boulevard. Inter-parcel connectivity allows access to the multi-tenant building on Lot 1 of Freedom Village which is located at the northwestern corner of the subject property.

The subject property is within the Freedom Priority Funding Area and Growth Area and is currently served by public water and sewer. Adjoining properties to the south, across Lee Lane, are zoned R-10,000 and host a mix of single-family residential dwellings and townhouses. Adjoining properties to the north, east, and west are likewise commercially zoned and served by public water and sewer. There are no streams or floodplain on site.

❖ Subdivision Plan Review:

The developer proposes to subdivide the 14.559-acre Lot 1 to create two new lots in Freedom Village; Lots 6 and 7. Lot 6, 0.944 acres, will encompass the existing Taco Bell restaurant. Lot 7, 0.575 acres, will encompass the existing Wells Fargo bank. Lot 2C, 13.028 acres, will contain the existing multi-tenant building. Parking and drive aisles are shared throughout the Planned Business Center. Cross easements will be established.

There are no new buildings, no disturbance, no new site development plans proposed in conjunction with this subdivision. The proposal is exempt from Floodplain, Water Resources, Forest Conservation, Landscaping, and Stormwater Management codes. The Zoning Office has approved the plan with various administrative adjustments being granted within case ZA-2166 (decision attached).

The concept site plan was subject to citizen involvement at the July 22, 2024 Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting. There were no citizens who spoke at the meeting and no written comments were forwarded to the Bureau of Development Review.

As a non-residential subdivision, the plan is exempt from Chapter 156, Adequate Public Facilities and Concurrency Management, of the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances of Carroll County.

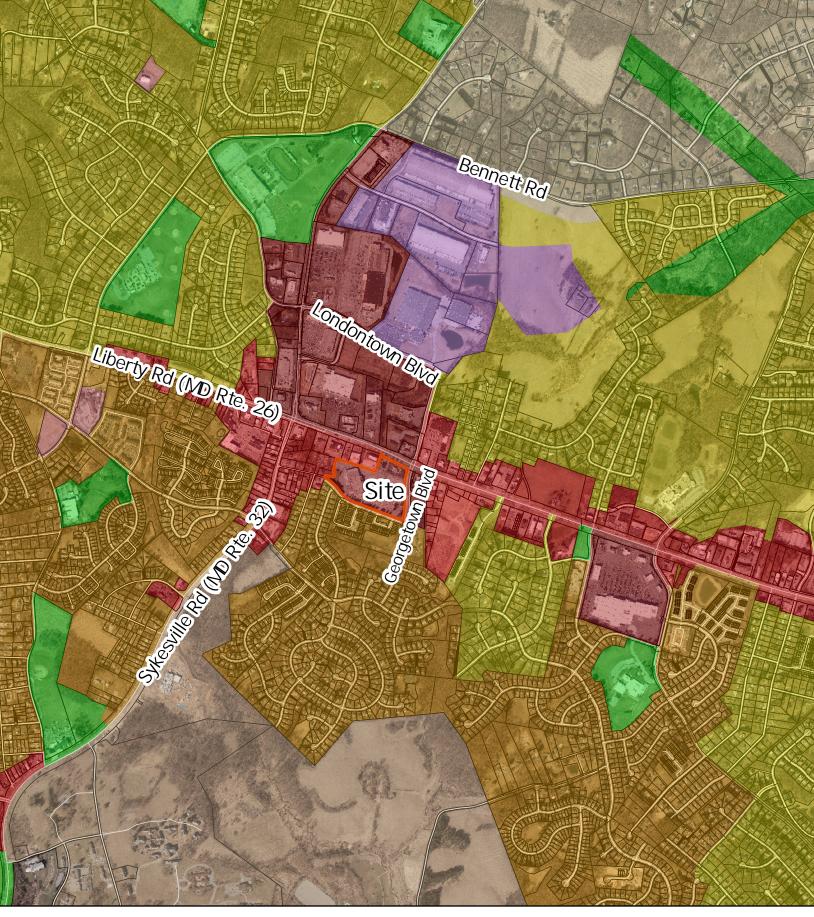
With regards to a preliminary plan, Chapter 155.032(C)(5)(a) states, "Final plans need not be brought before the Planning Commission for review of compliance with the approved preliminary plan and all other applicable regulations at its regular meeting, unless specifically requested by the Planning Commission. If final plan review is not requested by the Planning Commission, in accordance with this chapter, the Chairperson or the Secretary of the Planning Commission shall be empowered to approve and sign the final plan upon confirmation from the Bureau that the plan meets all requirements of this chapter and all conditions for approval of such plat have been met, or shall disapprove the final subdivision plan or may approve it

with conditions with respect to the timing of recordation or building permits."

***** Recommendations:

Pursuant to Chapter 155, staff recommends approval of the preliminary plan subject to the following conditions:

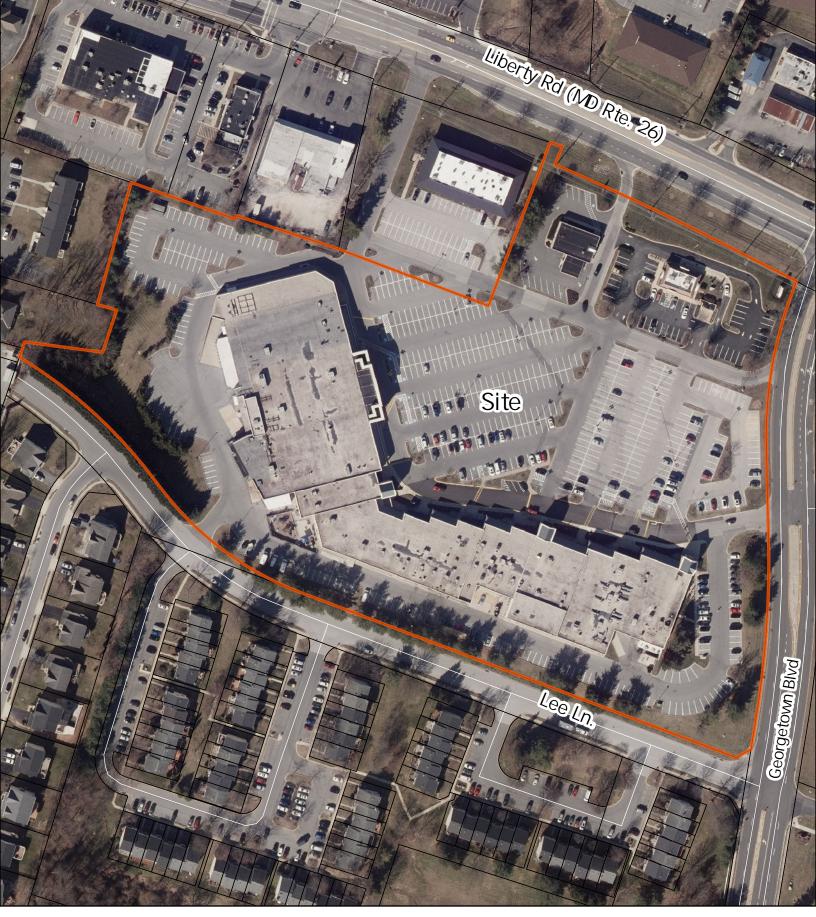
- 1. That a cross easement agreement for shared facilities be recorded simultaneously with recordation of the subdivision plat.
- 2. That a Stormwater Management Easement and Maintenance Agreement be granted to the County Commissioners of Carroll County as an easement of access to the County Commissioners or authorized representatives by a deed to be recorded simultaneously with recordation of the subdivision plat.
- 3. That any changes to the Preliminary Plan as submitted and approved by the Commission herein shall be resubmitted to the Commission for further review and approval.
- 4. That the Preliminary Plan approval shall become void 24 months after the date of written approval unless such plan has received final approval by the Planning Commission and has been recorded as a plat in the Land Records of Carroll County or an extension has been approved by the Director of Planning and Land Management for recordation of the subdivision plat.



Freedom Village Resubdivision, Lot 2B P-24-0009



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COORDINATES SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED ON MARYLAND STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM

Maryland State Department of Health Water Permit No. EXISTING Sewer Permit No. EXISTING

GENERAL NOTES:

1. LOTS 1,2 \$3

OWNER: RSH PARTNERSHIP

DEED REFERENCE: LIBER L.W.S.936, FOLIO 642 LIBER L.W.S.936, FOLIO 649

DATED: JANUARY, 14, 1986

GRANTOR: FREEDOM PLAZA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

LOTS 4 \$ 5

OWNER: RACHUBA ENTERPRISES, INC. DEED REFERENCE: LIBER L.W.S.936, FOLIO 645 DATED: JANUARY 14, 1986

GRANTOR: FREEDOM PLAZA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

- 2. NO GRADING, FILLING OR CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE PERMITTED WHICH OBSTRUCTS OR INHIBITS THE SURFACE FLOW OF WATER WITHIN DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS AS SHOWN HEREON.
- 3. ANY MODIFICATION OR PLAT REASSEMBLY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CARROLL COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.
- 4. NOTHING SHOWN OR STATED ON THIS PLAT SHALL CREATE A COVENANT OR RESTRICTION OF TITLE.
- 5. COUNTY MASTER PLAN FOR WATER AND SEWER:

WATER: EXISTING SERVICE AREA SEWER: EXISTING SERVICE AREA

- 6. THE NEW STREETS SHOWN HEREON (GEORGETOWN BOULEVARD AND LUERS LANE CONNECTION) ARE TO BE CONVEYED TO CARROLL COUNTY PURSUANT TO A PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE OWNER AND CARROLL COUNTY.
- 7. LENGTH OF EACH NEW STREET: GEORGETOWN BLVD. 1339.18 FT. LUERS LANE CONN. - 259.67 FT. TOTALS - 1598.85 FT.

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FREEDOM VILLAGE

SOUTH SIDE OF MD. ROUTE No. 26 (LIBERTY ROAD) 5TH ELECTION DISTRICT . CARROLL COUNTY, MD.

OWNER / DEVELOPER

BSH PARTNERSHIP 700 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE TOWSON, Mo. 21204

		THE OWNER(S), TO THE BEST OF HIS (THEIR) KNOWLEDGE, AND THE SURVEYOR DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE LAND SHOWN HEREON HAS BEEN LAID OUT AND THE PLAT PREPARED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3-108 OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1974), AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO THE PREPARATION OF RECORDALATS.
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FOR BUREAU OF UTILITIES

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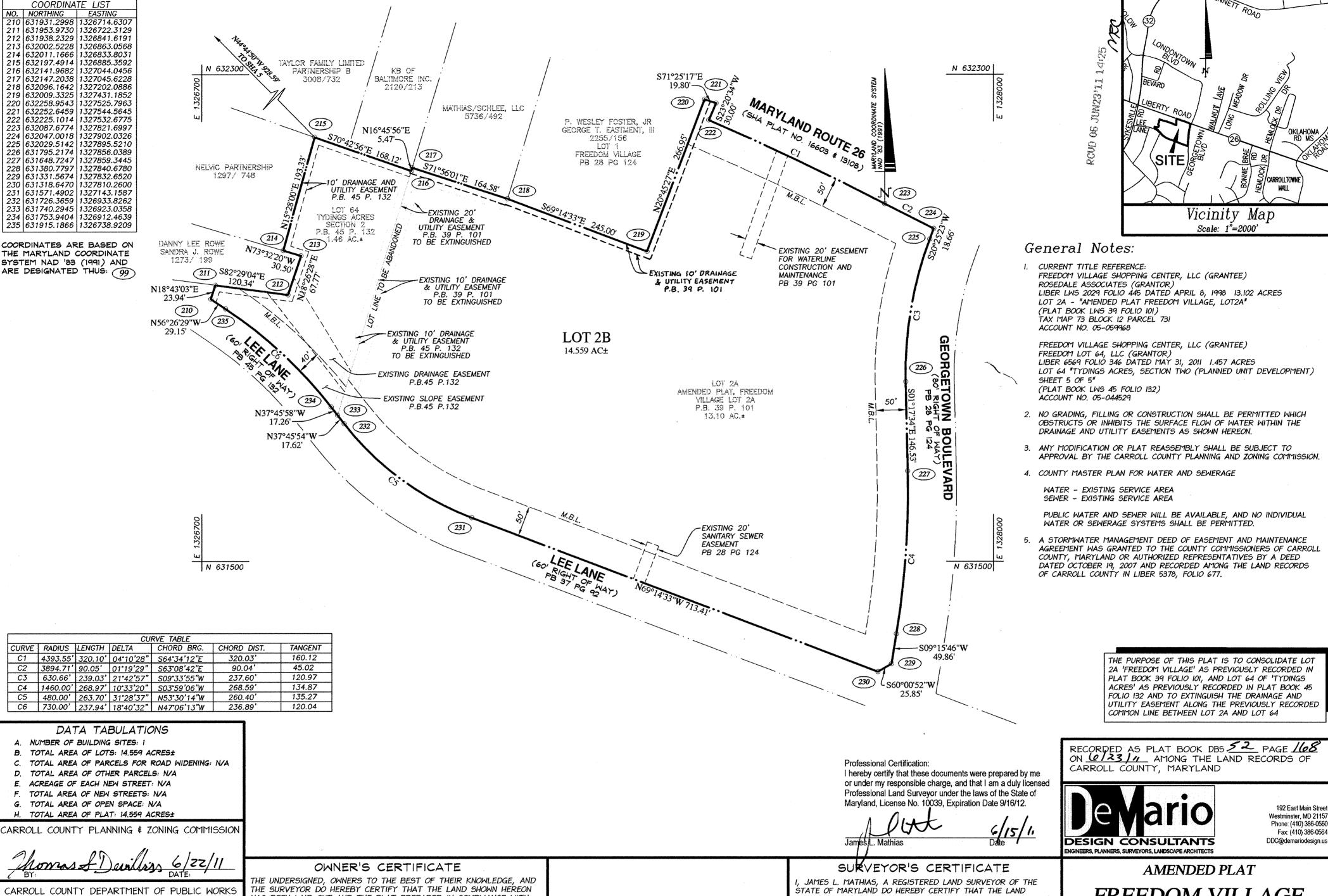
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ARE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CARROLL COUNTY

MASTER PLAN FOR WATER AND SEWER

DATE:

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OWNER/DEVELOPER

FREEDOM VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER, LLC

1427 CLARKVIEW ROAD, SUITE 500

BALTIMORE MD 21209

HAS BEEN LAID OUT AND THE PLAT PREPARED IN COMPLIANCE WITH

SECTION 3-108 OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED

CODE OF MARYLAND AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO THE PREPARATION

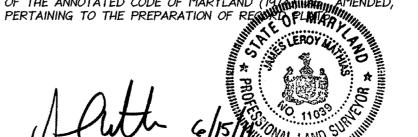
OF RECORD PLATS.

FREEDOM VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER, LLC

BY: CONTINENTAL REALITY INVESTORS CORP., MANAGER

STATE OF MARYLAND DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE LAND SHOWN HEREON HAS BEEN LAID OUT AND THE PLAT PREPARED IN COMPLIANCE WITH SEC. 3-108 OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1974) WHAT

AND REGISTRATION NO. 11039



FREEDOM VILLAGE

(FREEDOM VILLAGE LOT 2A & TYDINGS ACRES, LOT 64)

(PREVIOUSLY RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 39 FOLIO 101 AND PLAT BOOK 45 FOLIO 132)

Election District No. 5 Scale: 1'' = 100'

Carroll County, Maryland June 9, 2011

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Anastasiya Yemelyanova, **Zoning Administrator** Office of Zoning Administration 410-386-2980 Toll-free 1-888-302-8978

MD Relay service 7-1-1/1-800-735-2258



Department of Planning and Land Management Carroll County Government 225 North Center Street Westminster, Maryland 21157

Official Decision **Case ZA-2166 Zoning Administration** Carroll County, Maryland

APPLICANT:

Freedom Village Shopping Center LLC,

c/o Joe Schaefer, Continental Realty Corporation

REQUEST:

Reduction of a parking spaces from 686 to 655, reduction of a side yard setback from 10' to 5', reduction of a parking setback from 15' to 9' from

any public street right of way line.

LOCATION:

6300 Georgetown Blvd., Sykesville, MD 21784

MAP/BLOCK/PARCEL:

73/12/731, Lot 2B

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: Chapters 158.063, 158.084(A)(1), 155.051(C)(3) and 158.130

HEARING HELD:

No Public Hearing Was Requested

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The subject application was received, and no public hearing was requested. The Administrative Adjustment Request for a reduction of a parking spaces from 686 to 655, reduction of a side yard setback from 10' to 5', reduction of a parking setback from 15' to 9' from any public street right of way line for a subdivision is approved based on the determination that there will be no adverse effect on adjoining properties.

Facts which support the determination for the Administrative Adjustment Request in accordance with the strict terms of the Ordinance are as follows:

- a. The subject property located in C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) zoning district.
- b. The property was properly posted, notice to neighbors provided according to §158.130(G).
- c. The following review agencies: Bureau of Development Review, Bureau of Resource Management, Carroll County Health Department, and Bureau of Comprehensive Planning were requested to review the application from which no negative comments were received.

- d. The property is 14.55 acres of land in the Freedom Village subdivision, Lot 2B Freedom Village Shopping Center.
- e. The applicant is proposing to subdivide the existing parcel to create a total of three lots: Lot 2B, Lot 6 and Lot 7 through the major subdivision process.
- f. The project name is "Freedom Village, Resubdivision of Lot 2B" and the Carroll County File Number is P-24-0009.
- g. The intendent subdivision triggers the need for an Administrative Adjustment Request to comply with the current Zoning and the Development and Subdivision of Land regulations, Chapters 155 and 158. In this case, the applicant is requesting a reduction of a parking spaces from 686 to 655 for the Lot 2B, reduction of a side yard setback from 10' to 5' for the existing building for the future Lot 7 and reduction of a parking setback from 15' to 9' from any public street right of way line for the future Lot 6.
- h. According to §158.002 Definitions: "Administrative Adjustment is a relaxation by the Zoning Administrator of the bulk requirements and other similar requirements of this chapter, except where specifically prohibited in accordance with §158.130, where such adjustment will not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the property and not the results of the actions of the applicant, a literal enforcement of the chapter would result in practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship".
- i. Citing the Court of Special Appeals in Cromwell v. Ward, that: "Unless there is a finding that the property is unique, unusual, or different, the {variance} process stops here and the variance is denied without consideration of practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship."...
- j. The Freedom Village Shopping Center, the bank and the restaurant are the existing permitted uses in C-3 zoning district.
- k. The property is irregular shape and unique, as it's a corner lot. It has three roads on three sides when normally there is one or maybe two roads.
- The irregular configuration of the property and topographic conditions in certain areas
 of the site limit the ability to add spaces as well as the inability to acquire the adjacent
 acreage that Freedom Village Shopping Center could utilize for the additional parking
 spaces.
- m. The 15' setback requirement pursuant to §155.051(C)(3) "Parking stalls, aisles, and access drives which are generally parallel to abutting roads shall be set back a minimum of 15 feet from any public street right-of-way line" creates a hardship with roads on 2 sides of the proposed Lot 6. It is reducing available space on a small corner lot that can be used for things such as access roads, parking stalls and aisle ways.
- n. The existing shopping center, the bank and the restaurant were constructed between 1988 and 1990.
- o. This site is currently serviced by the public water and sewer. No physical improvements proposed with this subdivision plan.
- p. The applicant has met the test of practical difficulty since there are existing buildings and existing parking areas configured on the existing site and the proposed parcels.

Relocation of any of these buildings or parking areas would present an undue hardship for the applicant.

q. Reconfiguration of the existing Lot 2B will allow options for future financing by commercial lenders and more efficient operation. The granting of this variance will allow the applicant to utilize these properties for their intended purpose and will not jeopardize the lives or property of the people living in the neighborhood.

Note: An appeal of a Decision made pursuant to Chapter 158.130 (l) may be made to the Board of Zoning Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of the Zoning Administrator's decision in accordance with Chapter 158.130 (G) and 158.130 (l) of the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances.

A decision of the Zoning Administrator made pursuant to Chapter 158.130 is final and constitutes a zoning action. Unless timely appealed, parties may not thereafter challenge the Zoning Administrator's decision.

July 10 2024

Date

Anastasiya Yemelyanova Zoning Administrator

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