BOARD OF APPEALS

April 24, 2024

County Administration Building, 100 W. Washington St., Meeting Room 2000, Hagerstown, at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

AP2024-011: An appeal was filed by Jack Steich for a variance from the lot area of 5,000 sq. ft. to 3,750 sq. ft. and lot width from 35 ft. to 25 ft. for proposed subdivision of residential lot into two lots for future semi-detached dwellings on the property owned by the appellant and is the vacant lot located between 801 & 809 Interval Road, Hagerstown, Zoned Residential Urban.- **DENIED**

AP2024-012: An appeal was filed by Mark Myers for a variance from the 15 ft. side yard setback to 11 ft. for the existing single-family dwelling for future subdivision on property owned by the appellant and located at 14708 & 14710 National Pike, Clear Spring, Zoned Agricultural Rural. - **GRATNED**

AP2024-013: An appeal was filed by Seven Brew Coffee for a variance from the previously reduced number of parking spaces of 667 down to 610 for proposed drive-thru coffee shop on property owned by DK Valley Plaza LLC and located at 1701 Massey Boulevard, Hagerstown, Zoned Business General. - **GRANTED**

AP2024-014: An appeal was filed by First Breach LLC for an expansion of the previously approved special exception use of the explosive manufacturing/storage ammunition primers to now include small arm ammunition manufacturing/storage of smokeless propellant and the accessory use of a testing area for production produced and a variance from the required setback/buffer of this use to not be less than 1,000 ft. from any residential district/existing residential use on separate lot and or any residential portion of a mixed use district to 808 ft. from existing residential use on separate lot located at 18531 Showalter Road. Property is owned by New Heights Industrial Park LLC and is located at 18450 Showalter Road Bay 1 & 2, Hagerstown, Zoned Industrial General. - **GRANTED**

Pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Law, notice is hereby given that the deliberations of the Board of Zoning Appeals are open to the public. Furthermore, the Board, at its discretion, may render a decision as to some or all of the cases at the hearing described above or at a subsequent hearing, the date and time of which will be announced prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Katie Rathvon at 240-313-2464 Voice, 240-313-2130 Voice/TDD no later than April 15, 2024. Any person desiring a stenographic transcript shall be responsible for supplying a competent stenographer.

The Board of Appeals reserves the right to vary the order in which the cases are called. Please take note of the Amended Rules of Procedure (Adopted July 5, 2006), Public Hearing, Section 4(d) which states:

Applicants shall have ten (10) minutes in which to present their request and may, upon request to and permission of the Board, receive an additional twenty (20) minutes for their presentation. Following the Applicant's case in chief, other individuals may receive three (3) minutes to testify, except in the circumstance where an individual is representing a group, in which case said individual shall be given eight (8) minutes to testify.

Those Applicants requesting the additional twenty (20) minutes shall have their case automatically moved to the end of the docket.

For extraordinary cause, the Board may extend any time period set forth herein, or otherwise modify or suspend these Rules, to uphold the spirit of the Ordinance and to do substantial justice.

Jay Miller, Chairman

Board of Zoning Appeals

ZONING APPEAL

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Jack & Peggy Steich

11913 Cheryl Drive

Hagerstown MD 21742

Appellant:

Jack Steich

11913 Cheryl Drive

Hagerstown MD 21742

Property Location:

Interval Road

Hagerstown, MD 21740

Description Of Appeal:

Variance from the lot area of 5,000 sq. ft. to 3,750 sq. ft. and lot width from 35 ft. to 25 ft. for

proposed subdivision of residential lot into two lots for future semi-detached dwellings.

Appellant's Legal Interest In Above Property:

Owner: Yes

Contract to Rent/Lease:

Docket No:

RB Overlay:

Filed Date:

Hearing Date:

Zoning Overlay:

Tax ID No:

Zoning:

No

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RU

No

Lessee: No

Contract to

No

Purchase:

Other:

Previous Petition/Appeal Docket No(s):

Applicable Ordinance Sections:

Washington County Zoning Ordinance Section 9.5 (a)

Date Ceased:

Reason For Hardship:

Strict compliance of the Ordinance would prevent the use of the property for a permitted

purpose.

If Appeal of Ruling, Date Of Ruling:

Ruling Official/Agency:

Existing Use:

Vacant Lot

Proposed Use:

Subdivision to create Two Residential Lots

Previous Use Ceased For At Least 6 Months:

Area Devoted To Non-Conforming Use -

Existing:

Proposed:

I hearby affirm that all of the statements and information contained in or filed with this appeal are true and correct.

State Of Maryland, Washington County to-wit:

Sworn and subscribed before me this

Appellant Signature

My Commission Expires

Kathryn B Rathvon ARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 25.51(C)

Docket No: AP2024-011

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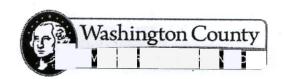
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Appeal for Variance

Appeal is hereby made for a variance from a requirement of the Washington County Zoning Ordinance as follows: BETWEEN SOI INTERVAL R
Location LOT 32, PLAT 125 EMPTY LOT 809 INTERVALE
Appellant's present legal interest in above property: (Check One)
Owner (Including Joint Ownership) Lessee Contract to rent/lease
Contract to PurchaseOther
Specify the Ordinance section and subsection from which the variance is desired:
Specify the particular requirement(s) from which a variance is desired in that section or subsection:
MINIMUM LOT WIDTH
Describe the nature and extent of the desired variance from Ordinance requirements: listed above:
LOT WIDTH FROM 35 FT. To 25 FT.
Describe reason(s) why the Ordinance requirement(s) in question would result in peculiar and/or unusual practical difficulties to or would impose exceptional or undue hardship upon the owner of the property if the requested variance were not granted:
Provide Detailed Explanation on Separate Sheet
Has any previous petition or appeal involving this property been made to the Board? Yes No
If yes, list docket number(s):
I hereby certify that I have, to the best of my knowledge, accurately supplied the information required for the above referenced appeal.
Signature of Appellant Signature of Appellant 1913 CHERYL DRIVE NAGERSTOWN MD. Address and of Appellant
Email of Appellant SPSTEICH & ACL. Com Email of Appellant SPSTEICH & ACL. Com Phone Number of Appellant
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submit an application. However, the application shall be processed in person.

This lot is 50' wide and 150' deep and is noted as Lot 32 on the subdivision plat known as Kailor's Addition to Hagerstown, dated 2 January 1914 and recorded at plat folio 125. **My plan is to subdivide this lot; build a semi-detached home and sell each side separately**. However, in order to so I am requesting a variance to Section 9.5 of the Washington County Zoning Ordinance (the "Ordinance").

The lot is currently zoned RU as defined under Article 9 of the Ordinance and semi-detached dwellings are a permitted use. Section 9.5 of the Ordinance currently requires a minimum lot area of 5,000 sq. ft. and a minimum lot width of 35 ft. per lot. I am requesting that the minimum lot area be lowered to 3,750 sq. ft. and the minimum lot width be lowered to 25 ft. for each lot. (This request for variance is very similar to Appeal No. AP2018-015 which was granted on 5 July 2018 – subdivision plat 11630)

I am seeking the variance on the basis of Practical Difficulty. Strict compliance of the Ordinance would prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose especially since current front, side and rear setbacks would be followed. The use of the property is permitted and is a long-standing established use of many surrounding properties. Also, strict compliance would have little practical benefit, as the proposed plan seeks to make positive use of a vacant and unused property and would observe the spirit of the Ordinance.

Finally, granting this variance will help achieve the goals set forth in the county's proposed comprehensive plan by, among other things:

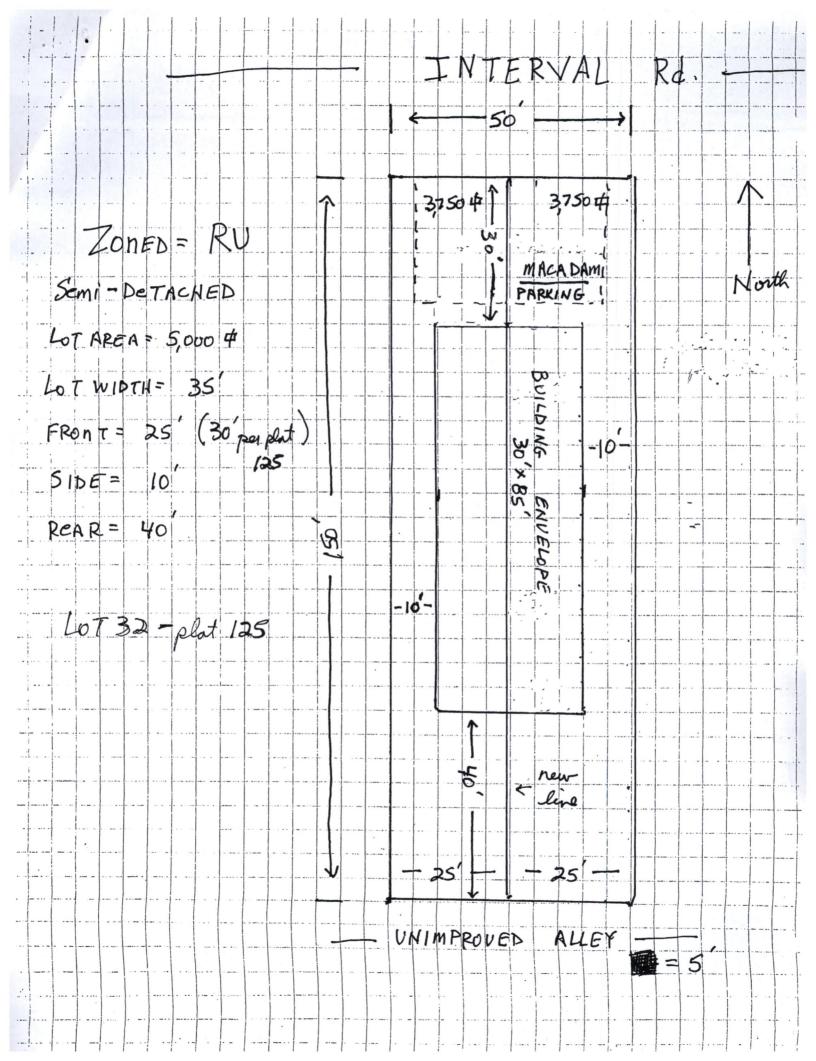
- a. Provide a diverse range of housing for citizens, and
- b. Encourage infill development and revitalization.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Steich

Adjoining Property Owners

801 Interval Road	Jose Robert Orellana	801 Interval Rd. Hagerstown, MD 21740
804 Interval Road	Euthenia Holdings, LLC	144 Boswell Rd. Smithsburg, MD 21783
808 Interval Road	Euthenia Holdings, LLC	144 Boswell Rd. Smithsburg, MD 21783
809 Interval Road	Euthenia Holdings, LLC	144 Boswell Rd. Smithsburg, MD 21783
810 Interval Road	Ronald H. Remsburg	12907 Oakhill Ave. Hagerstown, MD 21742
812 Jefferson Blvd	Richard Wilhide	812 Jefferson Blvd, Hagerstown, MD 21740
824 Jefferson Blvd	DLJ Mortgage Capital	3217 S. Decker Lake Dr. Salt Lake City UT 84119
830 Jefferson Blvd	Ronald Young	514 Forest View Rd Linthicum MD 21090



Kathryn B Rathvon NOTARY PUBLIC WASHINGTON COUNTY MARYLAND MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 07, 2025

ZONING APPEAL

Property Owner: Appellant:	Mark Myers 14806 National Pike Clear Spring MD 21722 Mark Myers	2		Docket No: Tax ID No: Zoning: RB Overlay:	AP2024-012 23000431 A(R) No	
	14806 National Pike			Zoning Overlay:		
	Clear Spring MD 21722	2		Filed Date:	04/03/2024	
Property Location:	14708 National Pike Clear Spring, MD 21722	2		Hearing Date:	04/24/2024	
Description Of Appeal:	Variance from the 15 ft. s subdivision.	ide yard set	back to 11	Lft. for the existing sin	gle-family dwelling for future	
Appellant's Legal Interes	t In Above Property:	Owner:	Yes	Contract to Rent/Lease:	No	
		Lessee:	No	Contract to Purchase:	No	
		Other:		Purchase.		
Previous Petition/Appea	l Docket No(s):					
Applicable Ordinance Se	ctions:	Washing	ton Coun	ty Zoning Ordinance	Section 5A.5	
Reason For Hardship:	The odd shape of the p	roperty.				
If Appeal of Ruling, Date	Of Ruling:					
Ruling Official/Agency:						
Existing Use: 2 Sin	gle-Family Dwellings	Propose	d Use:	Subdivision for T	wo Residential Lots	
Previous Use Ceased For	At Least 6 Months:			Date Ceased:		
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Docket No: AP2024-012

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Frederick Seibert & Associates

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

Notary Public

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Project Name:

Mark Myers Lot 1

Owner/Applicant: Mark Myers, 14806 National Pike, Clear Spring, MD

21722.

Project Address: 14708 National Pike, Clear Spring, MD 21722

Tax Map 35 Grid 16

Parcel 79

Account # 23000431

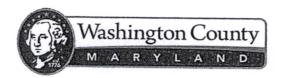
Zoning:

A(R)

Variance request:

To reduce the Minimum Building Setback Line on the right side yard of proposed lot 1 to 11 feet from the required 15 feet as specified in "Table 5A.5 Residential Lot Size and Bulk Dimensions". Currently there are two principal dwellings on the 4.43 acre property. It is the applicants desire to separate the dwellings allowing each to have its own lot and road frontage. By subdividing the property an existing zoning infraction of having two dwellings on one zoning lot is eliminated, each dwelling/lot can then be sold individually which promotes homeownership.

The odd shape of the property, only 140' of frontage created the need to have one dwelling in the front and one dwelling further back the property versus what maybe viewed a more conventional side by side configuration. In order to properly subdivide and provide fee simple road frontage to each lot an 11 foot panhandle is proposed to serve the remaining dwelling which reduced the existing right side yard of 22 feet to the requested 11 feet.



OWNER REPRESENTATIVE AFFIDAVIT

This is to certify that ED SCHRETBER	
is authorized to file an appeal with the Washington County Board of Appeals for RIGHT SIDE YARD VARIANCE located 14708 NATIONAL PILE, CLEAR SPRING MD 7	on property
The said work is authorized by MAZK MYEZS the property owner in fee.	/72Z
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MARK D. MYERS	
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14806 NATIONAL TIKE Address	
CLEAR SPRING MP 21722	
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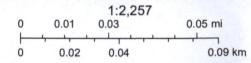


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Moats, Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Virginia muli, to Mark D. Myers, by deed dated i colour, 2024, and recorded in the Land Records of Washington County, Maryland in Liber No. 7400, folio 273; and that stones marked

and/or bars marked O have been placed as indicated.

I hereby certify that these documents were prepared by me or under my responsible charge, and that I am a duly licensed Professional Land Surveyor under the Laws of the State of Maryland, License No. LS-10731 Expiration Date

Professional Land Surveyor

General Notes

- 10,000 square feet is hereby reserved for sewage disposal. No permanent physical objects are permitted in this
- 2. There is a 10 ft, wide drainage and utilities easement along all front lot lines and an 8 ft. wide drainage and utilities easement along all side and rear lot lines hereby reserved unless otherwise shown hereon.
- . Bearings, distances and coordinates are based on MD Grid NAD83.
- Soil types are as shown hereon.
- Minimum Building Setbacks: front yard- 40'; side yard- 15'; rear yard- 50'. Minimum Building Setback Lines are based on the current Washington County Zoning Ordinance. Accessory structures may be constructed in accordance with Section 4.10 and Section 23.5 (b). Accessory Structures are not permitted without the placement of the principal permitted structure. Zoned A(R).
- Total upstream watershed affecting this subdivision: is less than 400 Acres.
- This parcel does not lie in the 100 year flood plain per FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel No. 24013C0111D dated August 15, 2017, Flood Zone X.
- Contours based on Washington County Aerial Topography and boundary is based on a field survey performed by FSA, Inc on 01-23-2024 under the supervision of Frederick M. Frederick.
- There are no floodplains, streams, steep slopes, and other related buffers, or habitat of threatened or endangered species as required to be shown by Sections 306, 307 and 314 of the Washington County Subdivision Ordinance and Section 4.21 (C&D) of the Washington County Zoning Ordinance. This subdivision is not within 1000' of the
- 10. This subdivision is not within the Edgemont Reservoir Watershed, Smithsburg Reservoir Watershed, however is within the Conocheague Watershed #02142504.
- No other wells or septics lie within 100 feet of the Lot Lines except as shown hereon.
- 12. All grading on each lot, done either before or after the construction of a dwelling or their appurtenances, shall be the full responsibility of the lot owner.
- 13. No permanent structures (fences, sheds, play equipment, retaining walls, etc.) shall be permitted within any storm drainage easement, either shown or described, on the Final Plat of Subdivision.
- 14. This plat has been reviewed and approved per the A(R) Zoning District. Any development/construction shall be in
- accordance with the Washington County Zoning Ordinance currently being enforced. 15. This plat was prepared without the benefit of a title report and therefore may not indicate all encumbrances on this
- 16. Any development must comply with the Washington County Stormwater Management, Grading, Soil Erosion and
- *. The proposed well location shown hereon is for general purposes only and are not to be construed as the only approved location for a proposed well. The proposed well location must be at least 100 feet away from any septic area or reserve septic area on any lot, at least 10 feet away from any property line, 30 feet away from the house foundation, and 15 feet away from any road or right-of-way. Furthermore, the proposed well should also be a minimum of 100 feet away from any stormwater management facility or dry well (if required) as part of the building permit for the proposed house.
- 8. An additional right of way 50 feet in width as measured from the centerline of National Pike is hereby dedicated for the purpose of future road widening.

Certificate of Approval FINAL APPROVAL GRANTED

Washington County Planning Commission

Final Approval good for one hundred eighty (180) days from above date

Soil Table Area (Ac.) 1.28

NF	IBFARING	DISTANCE
1	S 68'50'26" E	79.80'
2	S 11°48'47" W	66.86
3	S 13'33'48" W	103.29'

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ZONING APPEAL

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DK Valley Plaza LLC

Docket No:

AP2024-013

1777 Reisterstown Road

Tax ID No:

26025796

Suite 165

Baltimore MD 21208

Zoning:

BG

Appellant:

Seven Brew Coffee

RB Overlay:

No

3108 Vestal Parkway East

Zoning Overlay:

Vestal NY 13850

Filed Date: **Hearing Date:** 04/04/2024 04/24/2024

Property Location:

1701 MASSEY Boulev

Hagerstown, MD 21740

Description Of Appeal:

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Appellant's Legal Interest In Above Property:

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Yes

Rent/Lease: Contract to

Lessee: No

Purchase:

No

Other:

Previous Petition/Appeal Docket No(s):

AP93-038, AP93-047, AP-212, AP-222, AP2008-066, AP2020-021,

AP2021-004, AP2024-013

Applicable Ordinance Sections:

Washington County Zoning Section 22.12 (b) 1

Reason For Hardship:

If Appeal of Ruling, Date Of Ruling:

Ruling Official/Agency:

Existing Use:

Shopping Center

Proposed Use:

Drive-Thru Coffee Shop

Date Ceased:

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Appellant's present legal interest in above property: (Check One)
Owner (Including Joint Ownership) Lessee Contract to rent/lease
Contract to PurchaseOther
Specify the Ordinance section and subsection from which the variance is desired: Zoning Ordinance 22.12
Specify the particular requirement(s) from which a variance is desired in that section or subsection: 22.12.B.1: Customer/Visitor Parking - Minimum Spaces Required. Parking for employees, customers, and/or visitors shall be provided
in accordance with the following table.
Describe the nature and extent of the desired variance from Ordinance requirements: listed above:
A variance is requested for the minimum number of parking spaces allowed for the identified parcel.
Describe reason(s) why the Ordinance requirement(s) in question would result in peculiar and/or unusual practical difficulties to or would impose exceptional or undue hardship upon the owner of the property if the requested variance were not granted:
Provide Detailed Explanation on Separate Sheet
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I hereby certify that I have, to the best of my knowledge, accurately supplied the information required for the above referenced appeal.
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1550 East Republic Road Springfield, MO 65804 tothassociates.com 417.888.0645

Board of Zoning Appeals 80 West Baltimore Street Hagerstown, MD 21740

Re: 7 Brew - Variance Request

Dear Board of Zoning Appeals,

The Valley Plaza Shopping Center located at 1701, 1705, 1709, & 1713 Massey Boulevard, Hagerstown, MD 21740 contains a retail shopping building and associated parking. Seven Brew (proposed development) at 1701 Massey is requesting a variance for a reduction in parking space requirements per Zoning Ordinance Section 22.12.b.1. Justifications for the variances are provided below. Please see the attached 'Parking Exhibit', showing existing and proposed parking spaces for your reference.

In March 2021, the Valley Plaza Shopping Center was granted a variance to reduce the number of parking spaces from 889 to 667. Seven Brew would like to request a variance to further reduce the available parking spaces in the Valley Plaza Shopping Center from 667 down to 610.

Seven Brew is a drive-through business, no dine-in or sit-down option is available. They only serve drinks; no food service is provided. Seven Brew has a very small footprint, consisting of a 540 square foot prefabricated building and a total developed site area of less than 0.5 acres. Seven Brew operates two drive-thru lanes, allowing them to move customers through the business quickly and safely. The proposed Seven Brew development will provide the code required parking stall per Section 22.12.b.1 (6 employee stalls).

The addition of the proposed Seven Brew development is anticipated to have no negative impact to the overall parking within the Valley Plaza Shopping Center. The different uses (retail and dining) allow for different peak traffic times which result in adequate available parking for both uses. Historically, there have been more available parking stalls at the shopping center than needed during peak business hours. As trends in shopping have changed in recent years from brick-and-mortar stores to online shopping, the need for larger parking lots has significantly reduced. Therefore, it is requested that the required number of parking stalls for the shopping center be allowed to be reduced below the code minimum to allow for the development of the proposed Seven Brew.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 417-888-0645.

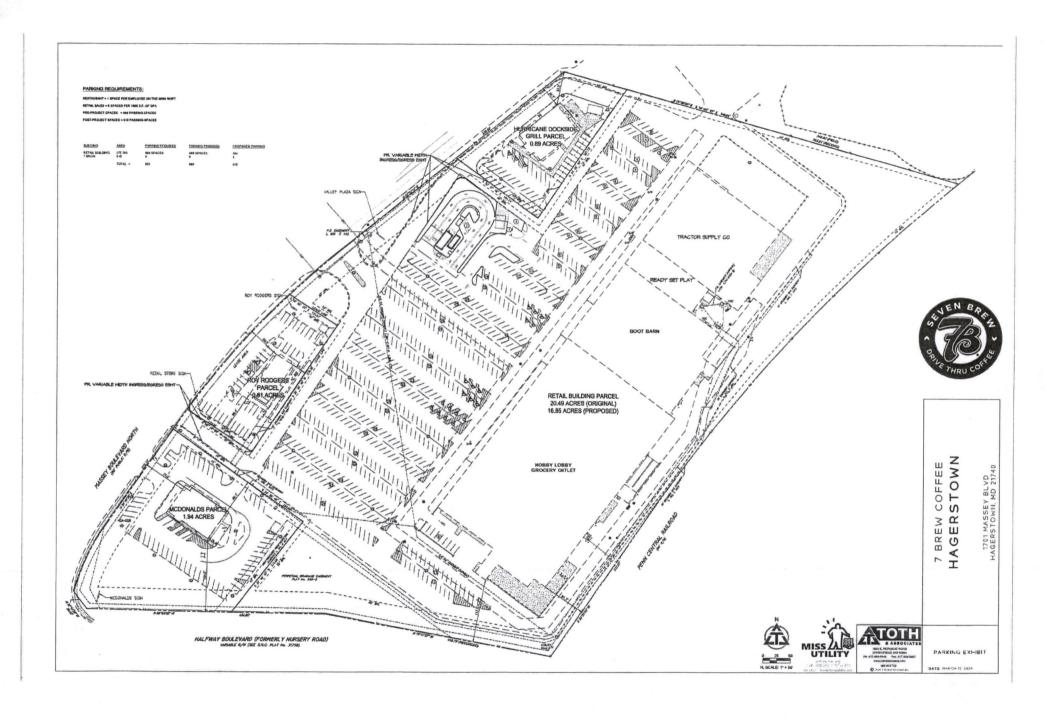
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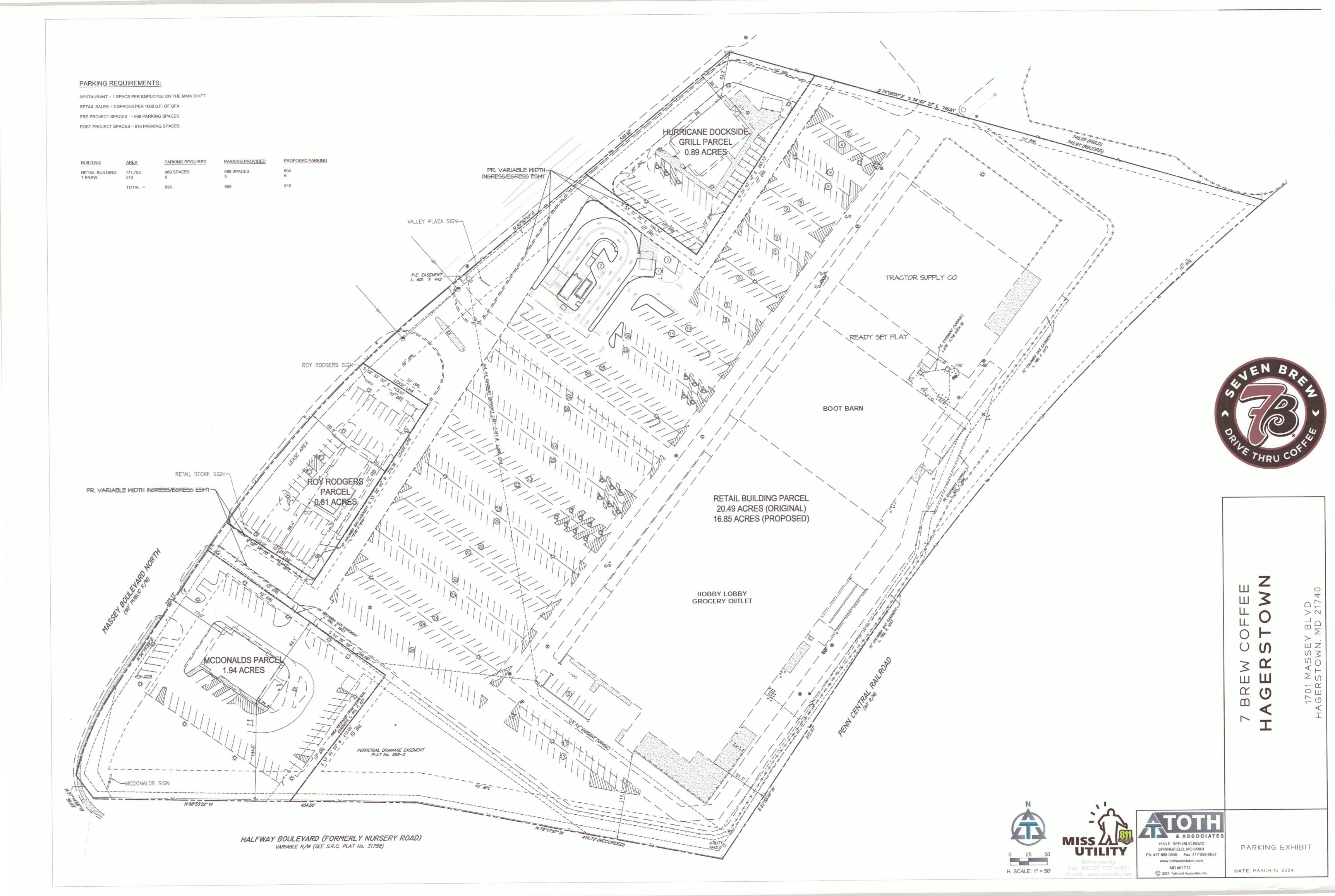
Shawn Barry, PE Vice President.



Practical Difficulty

- 1. Strict compliance would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome; and
 - Shopping patterns have changed substantially over the years with the rise of on-line shopping and at home delivery, thus causing traditional brick and mortar stores to see less traffic than in the past and creating parking lots at existing retail shopping centers that have available parking exceeding peak traffic needs. The existing retail uses located on the subject property have different peak traffic times throughout the day from the proposed 7 Brew Coffee Shop. Not allowing the requested reduction in parking would be an unnecessary burden on the property given the overabundance of existing parking spaces, and the fact that the proposed use would not share the same peak hour traffic generation.
- 2. Denying the variances would do substantial injustice to the applicant and a lesser relaxation than that applied for would not give substantial relief; and
 - Not allowing the applicant to reduce the parking requirements for the proposed 7 Brew would be an injustice to the applicant and would simply keep an underutilized asphalt parking field in place that would serve no benefit to the existing tenants of the Center.
- 3. Granting the variance would observe the spirit of the Ordinance and secure public safety and welfare.
 - Granting the variance would observe the spirit of the Ordinance, as sufficient parking would still be available to the meet the demands of all the Tenants of the Center. The addition of the 7 Brew project would break up a large expanse of parking, adding additional pervious areas and landscaping. Locating the proposal in this location also uses existing infrastructure that is already in place and reduces any sort of greenfield expansion of infrastructure.







Adjacent Property Owners Information

Owners Name	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip	Tax Map	Grid	Parcel	Lot
Owners Name		City	State	Zip	Tax Iviap	Grid	Parcei	LOL
DK Valley Plaza LLC	1777 Reistertown Rd, Suite 165	Baltimore	MD	21208	49	7	631	
Aschenbach Hagerstown LLC, C/O Hagerstown Ford	1714 Massey Blvd	Hagerstown	MD	21740	48	12	752	1
UNG Enterprises LLC	13725 Creekside Dr	Silver Spring	MD	20804	49	7	655	
Massey Boulevard LLC, C/O Jerry E Massey	17026 Virginia Ave	Willimasport	MD	21795	48	12	821	
2013 Massey Boulevard LLC	PO Box 4217	Hagerstown	MD	21741	48	12	133	
Heister Street Association Inc	1681 Wesel Blvd	Hagerstown	MD	21740	49	7	603	4C
AC & T Co Inc	PO Box 4217	Hagerstown	MD	21741	49	7	979	
Subconscious LLC	11321 Massey Blvd	Hagerstown	MD	21740	49	13	624	
M & W Ventures LLC, C/O Kevin Miller	17500 York Dr	Hagerstown	MD	21740	49	13	1052	
FCPT Holdings LLC	591 Redwood Highway Ste 1150	Mill Valley	CA	94941	48	18	960	1
Sams Real Estate Business Trust Club #8193, C/O Walmart Stores Inc	PO Box 8050 MS 0555	Bentonville	AR	72712	49	7	603	1A

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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ZONING APPEAL

Pro	perty	Owner:

New Heights Industrial Park LLC

Docket No:

AP2024-014

C/O The Bluestone Group 225 Broadway 32nd Floor Tax ID No:

27038166

New York NY 10007

Zoning:

IG

Appellant:

First Breach Inc

RB Overlay:

18450 Showalter Road

Zoning Overlay:

No

Bay 1&2

Hagerstown MD 21742

Filed Date:

04/04/2024

Property Location:

Hearing Date:

04/24/2024

18450 Showalter Road, Hanger# 1&2

Hagerstown, MD 21742

Description Of Appeal:

Special exception for the expansion of the previously approved explosive manufacturing/storage ammunition primers to now include small arm ammunition manufacturing/storage of smokeless propellant and the accessory use of a testing area for products produced and variance from the required setback/buffer of this use to not be less than 1,000 ft. from any residential district/existing residential use on separate lot and or any residential portion of a mixed use district to 808 ft. from existing residential use on separate lot located at 18531 Showalter Road.

Appellant's Legal Interest In Above Property:

Owner: No

Contract to

No

Rent/Lease: Contract to

Lessee: Yes

Purchase:

No

Other:

Previous Petition/Appeal Docket No(s):

AP2022-032

Applicable Ordinance Sections:

Washington County Zoning Ordinance Section 14.2(a)

Reason For Hardship:

Cost to relocate the business to meet the setback requirement for the special exception use

would negatively impact the exiting permitted business on the property.

If Appeal of Ruling, Date Of Ruling:

Ruling Official/Agency:

Existing Use:

Ammunition Manufacture

Proposed Use:

Expansion of Ammunition Manufacture

Operations Date Ceased:

Previous Use Ceased For At Least 6 Months:

Area Devoted To Non-Conforming Use -

Existing:

Proposed:

I hearby affirm that all of the statements and information contained in or filed with this appeal are true and correct.

Appellant Signature

State Of Maryland, Washington County to-wit:

Sworn and subscribed before me this ______ day of

Kathryn B Rathvon NOTARY PUBLIC WASHINGTON COUNTY MARYLAND MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 07, 2025

My Commission Expires

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AFFIDAVIT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 25.51(C)

Docket No: AP2024-014

State of Maryland Washington County, To Wit:

On 4/4/2024, before me the subscriber, a Notary of the public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared First Breach Inc and made oath in due form of law as follows:

First Breach Inc will post the zoning notice sign(s) given to me by the Zoning Administrator in accordance with Section 25.51(c) of the Washington County Zoning Ordinance for the above captioned Board of Appeals case, scheduled for public hearing on 04/24/2024, and that said sign(s) will be erected on the subject property in accordance with the required distances and positioning as set out in the attached posting instructions.

Sign(s) will be posted on 04/09/2024 and will remain until after the above hearing date.

First Breach Inc

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

Kathryn B Rathvon NOTARY PUBLIC WASHINGTON COUNTY

MARYLAND MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 07, 202 **Notary Public**

Seal

My Commission Expires

ATTENTION!

Posting Instructions

The premises MUST be posted in accordance with the following rules:

- 1. The sign must be posted a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing Section 25.51(c) Property upon which the application or appeal is concerned shall be posted conspicuously by a zoning notice no less in size than twenty-two (22) inches by twenty-eight (28) inches at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the hearing.
- 2. The sign must be placed on the property within ten (10) feet of the property line which abuts the most traveled public road.
- 3. The sign must be posted in a conspicuous manner not over six (6) feet above the ground level, and affixed to a sturdy frame where it will be clearly visible and legible to the public.
- 4. The sign shall be maintained at all times by the applicant until after the public hearing. If a new sign is needed or required, please contact the Plan Review Department at 240-313-2460.
- 5. An affidavit certifying the property will be posted for the minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing date.

Proper posting of the sign will be spot checked by the Zoning Inspector. IF SIGN IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE, IT MAY RESULT IN RESCHEDULING OF THE HEARING.

WASHINGTON COUNTY
MARYLAND
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 07, 2025



OWNER REPRESENTATIVE AFFIDAVIT

Amendment to Special Exception / Variance (Docket No: AF		on property
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Appeal for Special Exception

Appeal is hereby made for a special ex	ception under the Washington County Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Location 18450 Showalter Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742	
Appellant's present legal interest in abo	ove property: (Check One)
Owner (Including Joint Ownersh	nip)
Contract to PurchaseO	ther
Use Proposed: Small Arms Ammunition	Manufacture or Smokeless Propellant Storage for Production of Ammunition
And accessory use testi Zoning Ordinance section and subsecti	ng area ion(s) providing for proposed use: Section 14.2(a)
If filing functionally similar to a principal describe the use similarities:	I permitted use or special exception use, please list the use and
Provide Detailed Explanation on Separate Sheet	
Yes No	olving this property been made to the Board?
If yes, give docket number(s): AP2022	-032
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Amendment to previous granted Sp	pecial Exception to include small arm ammunition manufacturing
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	18450 Showalter Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742
Signature of Appellant	Address of Appellant
jordan@firstbreach.com	410-303-1600
Email of Appellant	Phone Number of Appellant

This appeal form is to be used to assist the customer in gathering the information necessary to submit an application. However, the application shall be processed in person.



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Appeal for Variance

Appeal is hereby made for a variance from a requirement of the Washington County Zoning Ordinance as follows: Location 18450 Showalter Rd, Hagerstown, MD 21742 Appellant's present legal interest in above property: (Check One) Owner (Including Joint Ownership) V Lessee ____ Contract to rent/lease Contract to Purchase Other Specify the Ordinance section and subsection from which the variance is desired: 14.2(a) Specify the particular requirement(s) from which a variance is desired in that section or subsection: Special exception uses shall not be less than 1,000 feet from any residential district, from any exisiting residential use on a separate lot, or any residential portion of a mixed use district Describe the nature and extent of the desired variance from Ordinance requirements: listed above: Request for reduction in set back/buffer from existing residential use on separate lot located 18531 Showalter Rd from 1,000 feet to 808 feet (192 foot reduction) Describe reason(s) why the Ordinance requirement(s) in question would result in peculiar and/or unusual practical difficulties to or would impose exceptional or undue hardship upon the owner of the property if the requested variance were not granted: **Provide Detailed Explanation on Separate Sheet** Has any previous petition or appeal involving this property been made to the Board? ✓ Yes No If yes, list docket number(s): AP2022-032 I hereby certify that I have, to the best of my knowledge, accurately supplied the information required for the above referenced appeal. First Breach, Inc. 18450 Showalter Rd ordan Low Hagerstown, MD 21742 Signature of Appellant Address and of Appellant

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Phone Number of Appellant

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Email of Appellant

Jordan@firstbreach.com

Date: 04/01/2024

Washington County Board of Appeals 80 West Baltimore Street Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

Re: 18450 Showalter Road, Bays 1 & 2, Hagerstown, Maryland 21742 Request for Amendment to Special Exception

Dear Board Members,

New Heights Industrial Park, LLC (the "Landlord"), is the owner of +/- 41.9 acres of real property located at Map 0024, Parcel 1201 with an address of 18450 Showalter Road, Hagerstown, Maryland 21742 (the "Property"), the Property is zoned "IG" (Industrial General) with the Airport Overlay "AP/O".

The Property is the New Heights Industrial Park, a 900,000 sf industrial park, formerly housing the Fairchild Aircraft Manufacturing Company. New Heights Industrial Park boasts 50-foot ceilings, dock high doors and other amenities commensurate with industrial and manufacturing uses. Ingress and egress to the Property is by way of Showalter Road, which serves as the Property's southern boundary for a distance of 1,500 feet. Hagerstown Regional Airport bounds the Property on the North and West sides, while the Property's Eastern boundary parallels Basore Drive.

The Landlord leases portion of the Property to various commercial and industrial use tenants. Additionally, the Northern-most portion of the building on the Property is home to the Hagerstown Aviation Museum. Among the Landlord's tenants is First Breach, Inc. (the "Applicant").

Special Exception

The Applicant requests an amendment to its current granted Special Exception, to use a portion of their leased premises, which currently manufactures the non-explosive components of ammunition, for ammunition assembly and smokeless powder storage as well as an accessory use testing area in the underground portion of Applicant's leased space that will not be open to the public. Unlike black powder, smokeless powder burns, rather than explodes when ignited. Per the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms agency (ATF), smokeless powder is



excluded from explosive storage regulations. The accessory use testing area is for a process use necessary for the business operations of the Applicant.

First Breach's manufacture and assembly of the non-explosive ammunition components is a principally permitted use in the IG District. First Breach's business has been successful, and as a result of that success, First Breach desires to expand their business to include ammunition assembly and smokeless powder storage, for use in ammunition assembly, to its current production operations. The accessory use testing area will be used to test assembled ammunition and necessary to normal business operations. Product will be tested using a Wisemann universal receiver, a mounted and stationary barrel that will not move nor require trigger pull operation, unlike a standard firearm. The testing area will not be open to the public under any circumstance. First Breach anticipates further success from ammunition assembly as well as significant job growth for First Breach and as a result of ammunition assembly for the Washington County area.

As set forth in Article 14 of the Washington County Zoning Ordinance (the "Zoning Ordinance"), "Explosive manufacture or storage" is a permissible special exception use in the Industrial, General District, requiring approval by the board of Zoning Appeals. A condition of the Board's grant of a special exception is that it shall not be inconsistent with the purpose set forth for the district.

The purpose of the Industrial, General District "is to provide locations for manufacturing, processing, and other heavy industrial uses which may require extensive transportation, water and/or sewerage facilities, or open space, because of the number of employees, the type of manufacturing operation, and or any by-products which might result from the use. Zoning Ordinance, Section 14.0. The AP/O "Airport Overlay Zone" "...is intended to reduce the limiting effects on Airport operations and improvements that incompatible residential development can create." First Breach's contemplated special exception use shall be located in a secure room within the leased premises. Given the secure nature of the indoor manufacture space there will be no adverse effects on the airport operations.

The Zoning Ordinance defines "Explosives" as "any chemical compound, mixture, or devise, the primary or common purpose of which is to function by explosion." "Smokeless powder is a type of powder used in firearms and artillery that produces less smoke and less fouling when fired compared to black powder." Smokeless powders are exempt from regulation under 18 U.S.C. Chapter 40 and the regulations in 27 CFR Part 555.

To the South of the Property, all the adjoining land is zoned Highway Interchange "HI". The Hagerstown Regional Airport is zoned Airport District "AP". East of the Property are parcels zoned Business Local "BL", Residential Transition "RT" and additional "HI" parcels.



The Property is served by public water and sewer facilities. First Breach's proposed use fits within all required setbacks and will not exceed the 100-foot height restriction. All current and existing refuse storage and collection, landscaping, lighting, signs and loadings areas presently used by First Breach in the conduct of its existing manufacturing business will be used in conjunction with its manufacture of primers. First Breach operates Monday-Friday with two shifts (7:00am-3:00pm and 3:00pm-11:00pm) for its approximately 30 employees. Should the Board approve Applicant's special exemption request, the Applicant would create an additional 25 jobs distributed between the two shifts.

Approving this application permits First Breach to expand its current manufacturing operation, taking further advantage of the Property's proximity to major transportation routes in Washington County, including Route 11 and Interstate 81. While some additional traffic is a natural byproduct of adding jobs and employees to the business, those trips will occur at the beginning and end of the shifts, and First Breach does not anticipate a significant increase in truck trips to and from the Property, thus even though extensive transportation and heavy traffic is anticipated by the IG District, any increase in traffic resulting from First Breach's expansion will not be unreasonable. Similarly, a substantial increase in water/sewer usage, or the need of open space, beyond which First Breach currently utilizes is not anticipated.

Section 14.2 of the Zoning ordinance proscribes the location of the enumerated special exception uses in the IG District within 1,000 of any Residential District, any existing residential use on a separate lot, or any residential portion of a mixed-use development. The RT District is greater than 1,000 feet from where First Breach proposes to manufacture the primers.

Lastly, *Schultz v. Pritts*, 291 Md. 1 (1981), requires the Board to determine, as part of its special exception analysis, "whether there are facts and circumstances that show that the particular use proposed at the particular location proposed would not have any adverse effects above and beyond those inherently associated with such a special exception use irrespective of its location within the zone." Id. At 22-33.

The location of the Property and the leased premises occupied by First Breach minimizes any adverse effects imputable to the assembly of ammunition and storage of smokeless powder, as well as the proposed accessory use testing area. The Property is surrounded by commercial districts (BL and HI) supporting commercial uses. Fronting on Showalter, the Property is located within an expansive commercial, industrial and transportation area. The Hagerstown Regional Airport is one of the main economic drivers of the County and First Breach's contemplated expansion of its operations does not interfere or conflict with airport operations. First Breach is one of many tenants of the New Heights Industrial Park, all of whom are properly suited to occupy space in the IG District. First Breach's expansion into ammunition assembly and smokeless powder storage will occur within a secure room within the facility and smokeless powder will be stored per NFPA 495 guidelines, within the leased premises. Any



concerns about noise, vibration, fumes, odors, or other adverse effects are ameliorated by First Breach's location of the ammunition assembly, smokeless powder storage, and accessory use testing area, and overall layout of the Property. To the extent any adverse effects arise from First Breach's current use of the Property, those associated with the addition of primer manufacture to its operations will not cause any effects above and beyond those inherently associated with such special exception use.

VARIANCE REQUEST

While the RT District in the vicinity of the Property is beyond 1,000 feet of the ammunition assembly and smokeless powder storage contemplated by First Breach, a house turned residential apartments located at 18531 Showalter Road on a parcel zoned HI (Map: 0024, Parcel:1059) is approximately 808 feet from the intended location of the requested special exception use. Apartments are not principally permitted use in the HI District; thus, Applicant presumes they exist as a valid non-conforming use or by virtue of approval from the Board or Washington County Planning and Zoning.

This non-conforming use is adjacent to the Colonial Bar and Grill at 14130 Pennsylvania Avenue (Map: 0024, Parcel: 0406) and Vista Business Park (Map: 0024, Parcel: 0470). Both adjoining parcels are zoned "HI".

In conjunction with Applicant's appeal for special exception, Applicant respectfully requests a variance from the provision of Section 14.2(a) requiring at least 1,000 feet from any approved special exception use and any existing residential use on a separate lot. The Apartment house in question is approximately 808 feet from the location on the Property where First Breach intends to assemble ammunition and store the smokeless powder. The Applicant requests this variance on the grounds that the 1,000 foot buffer from an existing residential use on a separate lot create a practical difficulty for the Applicant and First Breach.

1. <u>Strict compliance would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome.</u>

Strict compliance with the 1,000-foot buffer would preclude the expansion of First Breach's ammunition component manufacturing business to assembly of the components for finished ammunition. Smokeless powder is a necessary component of small caliber ammunition. First Breach's current operations are a principally permitted use in the IG District. Adding ammunition assembly is a natural expansion of those existing operations and permissible as a special exception use in the IG, following a hearing before the BZA. First Breach intends to locate the ammunition assembly and smokelss powder storage within their existing shop, inside a secured area. Forcing strict compliance would



unreasonably prevent First Breach to expand their ammunition assembly business. Moreover, compliance could only be achieved through a physical relocation of the First Breach facility to another location. The Property is home to other tenants with active and ongoing business operations. The Hagerstown Aviation Museum is also a tenant on the Property. Requiring First Breach, its neighbor tenants, including a Museum which displays actual airplanes to physically relocate would be a monumental undertaking and potentially damaging to the air craft on display and renders conformance unnecessarily burdensome.

2. <u>Denying the variance would do substantial injustice to the applicant and a lesser relaxation than that applied for would not give substantial relief.</u>

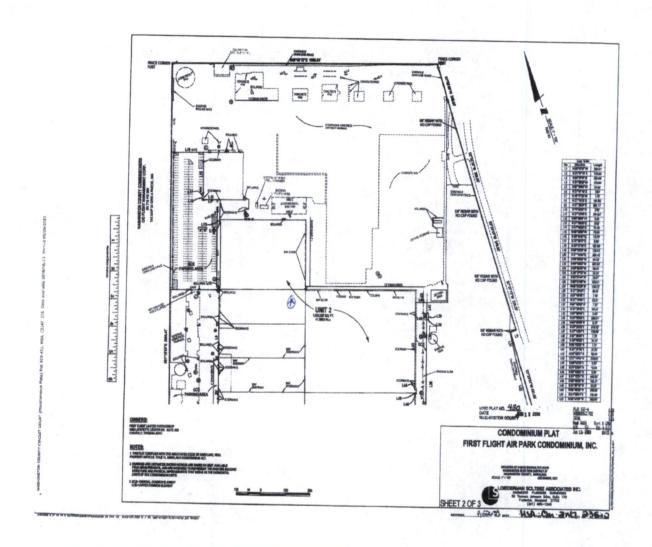
A reduction of the buffer to 808 feet is the absolute minimum needed for the applicant to then conform to the Zoning Ordinance. Any lesser reduction would be insufficient for relief. Denying the variance would preclude the Applicant to expand its business operations, harming the relationship between the Applicant, its landlord and the county. It would be logical to assume that First Breach could look to move to another location, thereby harming the Applicant's ongoing efforts to revitalizing an industrial area and creating jobs in Washington County which formerly house the Fairchild's manufacturing activities.

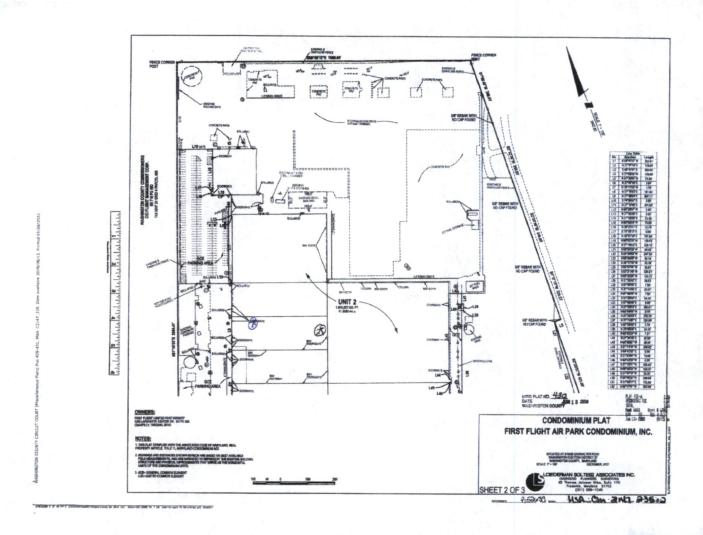
3. <u>Granting the variance would observe the spirit of the Ordinance and secure public safety and welfare.</u>

The Property is zoned Industrial General. Surrounding properties within 1,000 feet of the Property are similarly zoned for commercial purposes. Washington County has made clear this area is to be commercial and industrial in nature. But for, the residential structure's status as a pre-existing non-conforming use, it would otherwise not be permitted at its current location or anywhere else within 1,000 feet of the Applicant's proposed use. Granting the variance would permit the expansion of the Applicant's manufacturing operations located within a zoning district that Washington County as established and intended for manufacturing uses and observe the spirit of the Ordinance. The variance request is for a mere 192-foot reduction of a buffer area and such reduction will not affect the residents on the property nor the residential use thereon. The Applicant's use will be located inside a secure room within the leased premises, thus ensuring public safety and welfare.

A check in the amount of Eight Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$800.00) for the Boards filing fee and a list of adjacent property owners are provided herewith.









Section Distance 246 meters , 808 feet 0.153 miles 0.246 km



ADJACENT AND ADJOINING PARCELS

- 1. Owner: Board of Washington County Commissioners (Hagerstown Regional Airport)
 - a. Tax Account ID: 27-026141
 - b. Premises Address: 18434 Showalter Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - c. Mailing Address: c/o Richard Lesh: 18434 Showalter Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - d. Map/Parcel: 0024/0689
- 2. Owner: Board of Washington County Commissioners
 - a. Tax Account ID: 27-006124
 - b. Premises Address: 14225 Basore Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - c. Mailing Address: County Court House, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - d. Map/Parcel: 0024/0656
- 3. Owner: Board of Washington County Commissioners
 - a. Tax Account ID: 27-014674
 - b. Premises Address: 14222 Oak Springs Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - c. Mailing Address: County Courthouse Complex, Hagerstown, MD 21740
 - d. Map/Parcel 0024/0657
- 4. Owner: Board of Washington County Commissioners
 - a. Tax Account ID: 27-019854
 - b. Premises Address: 14211 Basore Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - Mailing Address: Real Property Administrator, 100 W. Washington St. Hagerstown, MD 21740
 - d. Map/Parcel: 0024/0417
- 5. Owner: Milestone Associates
 - a. Tax Account ID: 27-005950
 - b. Premises Address: 14240 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - c. Mailing Address: 10228 Governor Lane Blvd #3002, Williamsport, MD 21795
 - d. Map/Parcel: 0024/0416
- 6. Owner: Tony's Pizza Italian Restaurant Inc.
 - a. Tax Account ID: 27-019773
 - b. Premises Address: 14224 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - c. Mailing Address: Same as Premises Address
 - d. Map/Parcel: 0024/0415
- 7. Owner: Lloyd G. Storm
 - a. Tax Account ID: 27-006396

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- b. Premises Address: 14215 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742
- c. Mailing Address: 13191 Gruber Road, Clear Spring, MD 21722
- d. Map/Parcel: 0024/0412
- 8. Owner: Llovd G. Storm
 - a. Tax Account ID: 27-006388
 - b. Premises Address: 0 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - c. Mailing Address 13191 Gruber Road, Clear Spring, MD 21722
 - d. Map/Parcel: 0024/0411
- 9. Owner: Board of Washington County Commissioners
 - a. Tax Account ID: 27-003249
 - b. Premises Address: 14201 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - c. Mailing Address: 100 W. Washington Street #1101, Hagerstown, MD 21740
 - d. Map/Parcel: 0024/0409
- 10. Owner: Kelly F. Eakle
 - a. Tax Account ID: 27-008143
 - b. Premises Address: 14133 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - c. Mailing Address: 429 Chartridge Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - d. Map/Parcel: 0024/0409
- 11. Owner: K D Manor LLC
 - a. Tax Account ID: 27-017509
 - b. Premises Address: 18531 Showalter Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - c. Mailing Address: 17810 Sherman Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740
 - d. Map/Parcel: 0024/1059
- 12. Owner: Perini Industrial Land LLC
 - a. Tax Account ID: 13-016666
 - b. Premises Address: 0 Showalter Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - c. Mailing Address: 13725 Marsh Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742
 - d. Map/Parcel: 0024/0470