

## BOARD OF APPEALS

March 18, 2026

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

### AGENDA

**AP2026-005:** An appeal was filed by First Church of God of Blairs Valley for a variance from the 25 ft. setback from the road right-of-way to 6 ft. for proposed freestanding sign on property owned by the appellant and located at 13722 Blairs Valley Road, Clear Spring, Zoned Environmental Conservation District.

**AP2026-006:** An appeal was filed by Anytime Electric for a special exception to establish a contractor's equipment storage yard for an electrical contractor on vacant property owned by Paul & Fannie Diller and located adjacent to 17639 Mason Dixon Road, Hagerstown, Zoned Agricultural Rural.

**AP2026-007:** An appeal was filed by Sharpsburg Pike Holding LLC for a variance from the 25 ft. setback from the road right-of-way to 7 ft. for proposed monument sign on property owned by the appellant and located at 10306 Ezra Drive, Hagerstown, Zoned Highway Interchange.

**AP2026-008:** An appeal was filed by Mision Cristiana Ciudad Deseada Church for a special exception to establish a place of worship in an existing commercial building on property owned by Hagerstown Table Corp. and located at 17559 York Road, Hagerstown, Zoned Business Local.

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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 March 9, 2026. 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.

Tracie Felker, Chairman

Board of Zoning Appeals



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ZONING APPEAL

Property Owner: First Church of God of Blairs Valley
Appellant: First Church of God of Blairs Valley
Property Location: 13722 Blairs Valley Road
Description Of Appeal: Variance from the 25 ft. setback from the road right-of-way to 6 ft. for proposed freestanding sign.

Appellant's Legal Interest In Above Property: Owner: Yes, Lessee: No, Other:
Contract to Rent/Lease: No, Contract to Purchase: No

Previous Petition/Appeal Docket No(s):
Applicable Ordinance Sections: Washington County Zoning Ordinance Section 22.23 (e)
Reason For Hardship: Location of the road through the church property
If Appeal of Ruling, Date Of Ruling:
Ruling Official/Agency:
Existing Use: Proposed Use: Freestanding Sign
Previous Use Ceased For At Least 6 Months: Date Ceased:
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.

Signature of Appellant: [Handwritten Signature]
Appellant Signature

State Of Maryland, Washington County to-wit:

Sworn and subscribed before me this 23 day of Feb., 2026.

My Commission Expires Nov. 7, 2029

Signature of Notary Public: [Handwritten Signature]
Notary Public





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## AFFIDAVIT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 25.51(C)

Docket No: AP2026-005

State of Maryland Washington County, To Wit:

On 2/23/2026, before me the subscriber, a Notary of the public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Philip Helser and made oath in due form of law as follows:

Philip Helser 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 03/18/2026, 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 03/03/2026 and will remain until after the above hearing date.

*Philip A Helser*

Philip Helser

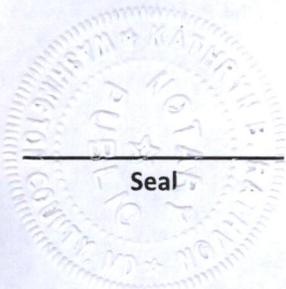
Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Notary Public

*Nov. 7, 2029*

My Commission Expires





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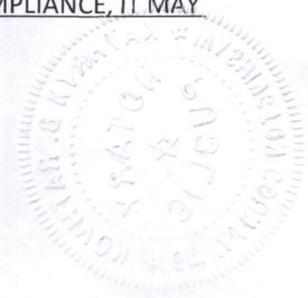
### ATTENTION!

### 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.





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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 13722 Blairs Valley Road Clear Spring, MD 21722

Appellant's present legal interest in above property: (Check One)

Owner (Including Joint Ownership) Lessee Contract to rent/lease Contract to Purchase Other Trustee/Elder

Specify the Ordinance section and subsection from which the variance is desired: 22.22e / 22.24 b.2 / 22.25e

Specify the particular requirement(s) from which a variance is desired in that section or subsection: 22.22e, No part of support is less than 25 Ft of right of way / 22.24 b.2 Sign's must be static / 22.25e Sign shall not be located on the right of way.

Describe the nature and extent of the desired variance from Ordinance requirements: listed above: 1 To be able to place a led sign with in the right of way. 2 The sign is led and will change the info on it.

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 Phil's G Helser

Address and of Appellant 13530 Blairs Valley Rd Clear Spring MD 21722

Email of Appellant philhelsersr@gmail.com

Phone Number of Appellant 301-302-5406

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.

# *Blairs Valley 1<sup>st</sup> Church Of God*

2/23/2026

Trustee/Elder  
Philip G Helser  
13530 Blairs Valley Rd  
Clear Spring, MD  
21722 301-302-5406

*To Washington County Commissioners:  
Reasons for variance request.*

Our church respectfully requests approval of a variance to the required signage setback regulations due to site-specific conditions that create practical limitations on compliant sign placement. The configuration of the property, including visibility constraints and existing structural features, restricts the ability to install signage in full accordance with current setback requirements while maintaining effective identification of our church. The proposed signage location has been carefully considered to ensure it does not obstruct visibility, create safety concerns, or negatively impact neighboring properties and the overall character of the area. Granting this variance would allow reasonable business identification consistent with surrounding development while upholding the intent of the county's zoning ordinances and supporting activity within the community.

Thank you

  
Philip G. Helser

# *Blairs Valley 1<sup>st</sup> Church Of God*

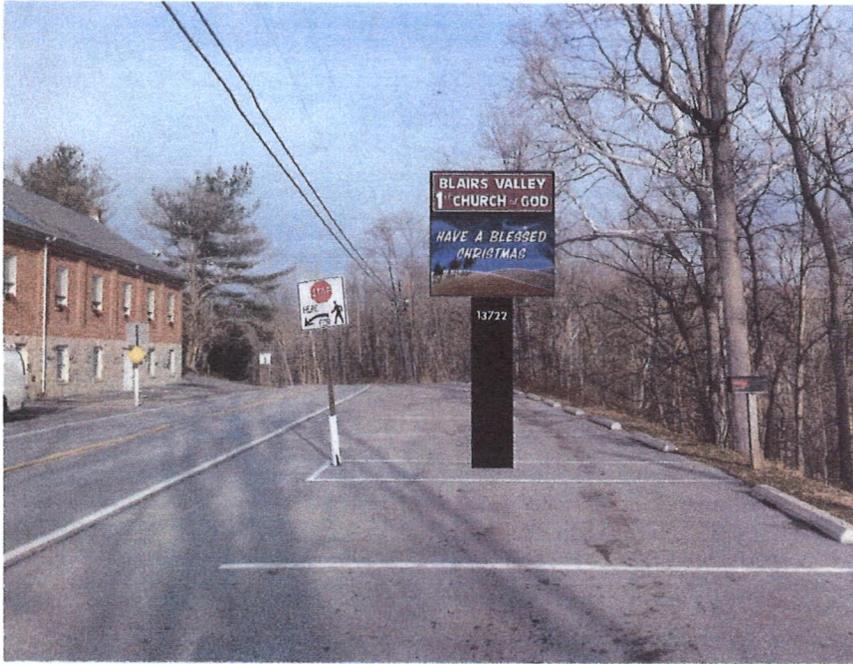
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## Explanation of existing and desired conditions.

Currently the existing sign is 3 ft. w x 4 ft H. The sign is set into a stone wall and is parallel with the road. The sign is not well read at 15 mph because of its location. Visiting pastors have told us that GPS has been sending them to wrong locations.

The new sign would be perpendicular to the road and double sided it would be seen from either direction of travel. The name of the Church and its building number would be part of the non-changing section of the sign. The LED section would display various messages such as service times, various programs and advertising special events for the community.



NOT TO SCALE

height from ground to base 7'-8'

Sign dimensions: (led 6'W X 4'H) lighted upper 16" X 6'

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PROJECT: BLAIRS VALLEY 1ST CHURCH OF GOD		TRACY BAER 717-360-2154 tbaer@baersign.com	 <b>BAER'S SIGN SERVICE</b> LLC <i>Signs for Success Since 1948</i>
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# Property and Zoning Lookup

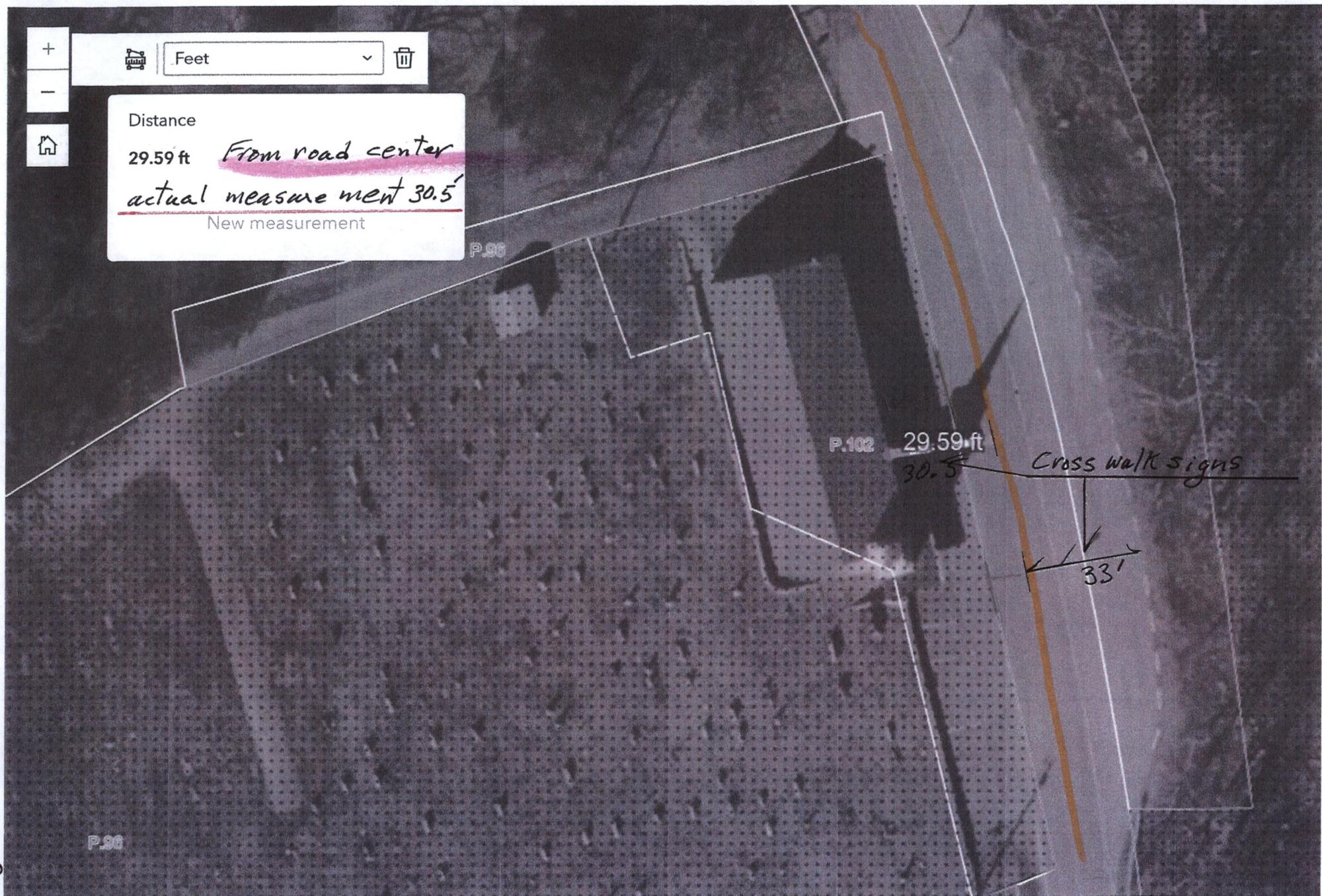
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New measurement



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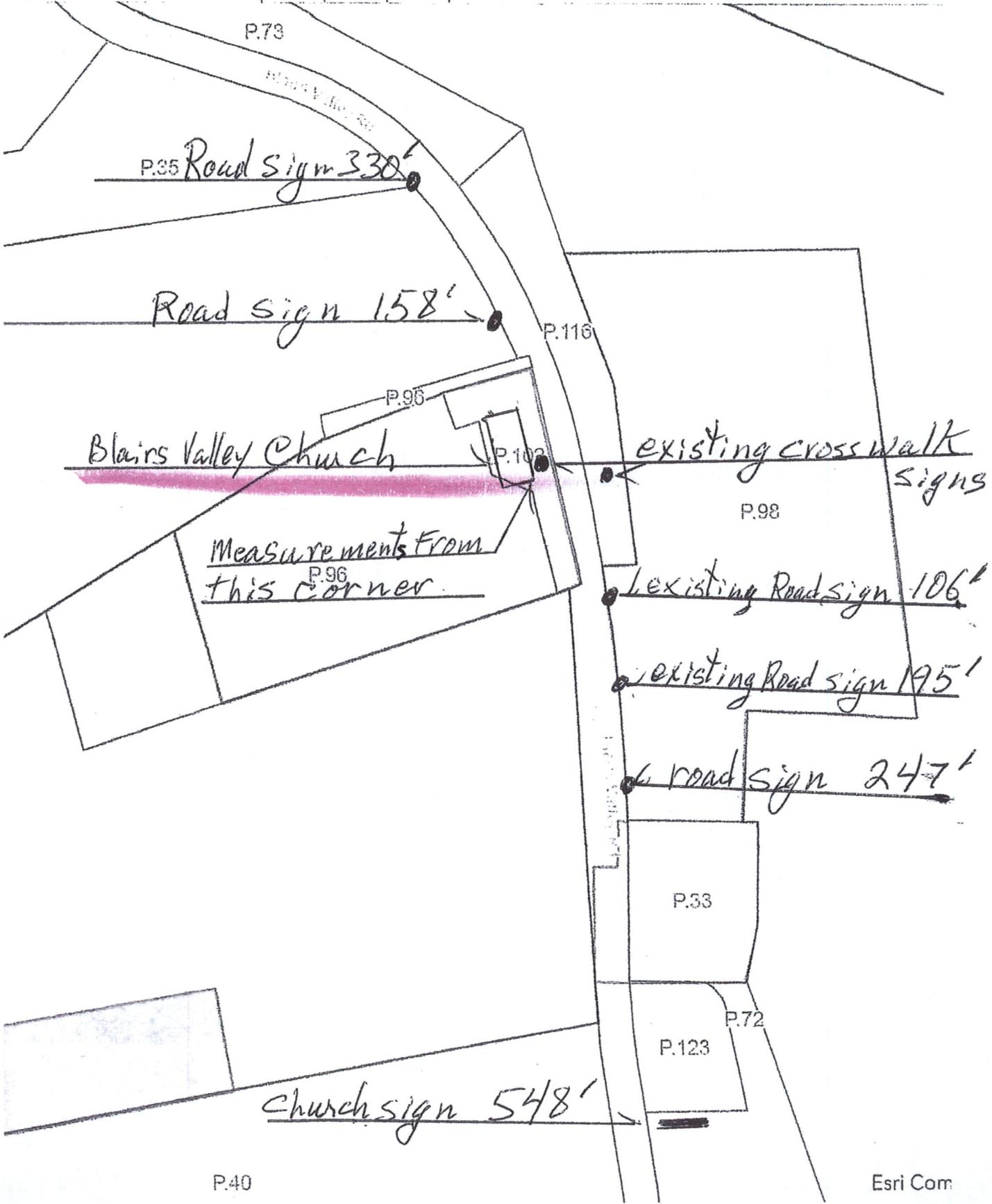
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graveyard right of way

Utility Pole

Parking

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Blairs Valley Church

Parking

18' Septic Tank opening

35'6" Holding Tank opening

Sewer/Septic locations

Parking & right of ways

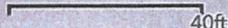
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# Blairs Valley 1<sup>st</sup> Church Of God

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Trustee/Elder  
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13530 Blairs Valley Rd  
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21722 301-302-5406

## List of neighboring properties.

- Ray and Virginia Yeakle :  
13726 Blairs Valley Rd Clear Spring, Md 21722
- Ronnie and Faye Western:  
13641 Blairs Valley Rd Clear Spring, MD 21722
- Clyde And Janelle Stotler:  
13640 Blairs Valley Rd Clear Spring, MD
- Blairs Valley Cemetery Association, Inc.  
13722 Blairs Valley Rd Clear Spring, MD  
PO Box 21 Clear Spring, Md 21722





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ZONING APPEAL

Property Owner: Paul & Fannie Diller
1659 Mason Dixon Road
Greencastle PA 17225
Appellant: Anytime Electric
14500 Daley Road
Hagerstown MD 21740
Docket No: AP2026-006
Tax ID No: 13019231
Zoning: A(R)
RB Overlay: No
Zoning Overlay:
Filed Date: 02/24/2026
Hearing Date: 03/18/2026
Property Location: State Line Road
Hagerstown, MD
Description Of Appeal: Special exception to establish a contractor's equipment storage yard for an electrical contractor.

Appellant's Legal Interest In Above Property: Owner: No Contract to Rent/Lease: No
Lessee: No Contract to Purchase: Yes
Other:

Previous Petition/Appeal Docket No(s):
Applicable Ordinance Sections: Washington County Zoning Ordinance Article 3 Table 3.3 (1) Q

Reason For Hardship:
If Appeal of Ruling, Date Of Ruling:
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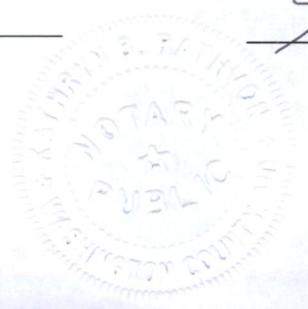
Existing Use: Agricultural Land Proposed Use: Electrical Contractor Storage Yard and Office
Date Ceased:
Previous Use Ceased For At Least 6 Months:
Area Devoted To Non-Conforming Use - Existing:
Proposed:

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 Feb, 20 26.

Nov. 7, 2029 My Commission Expires Notary Public





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**AFFIDAVIT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 25.51(C)**

Docket No: AP2026-006

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On 2/24/2026, before me the subscriber, a Notary of the public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Frederick, Seibert & Association Inc and made oath in due form of law as follows:

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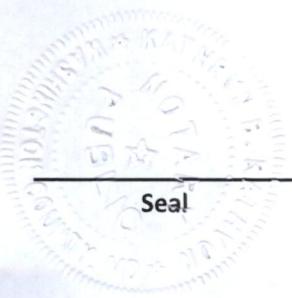
Frederick, Seibert & Association Inc

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

Notary Public

Nov. 7, 2029

My Commission Expires



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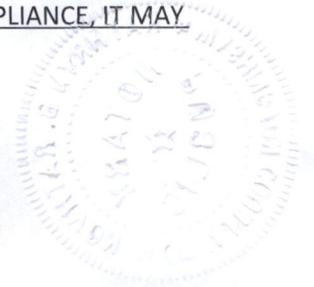
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**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**OWNER REPRESENTATIVE AFFIDAVIT**

This is to certify that Bryan Eby or ED SCHREIBER  
is authorized to file an appeal with the Washington County Board of Appeals for  
Special exception for contractor's storage yard \_\_\_\_\_ on property  
located along the south side of Mason Dixon Road (TM:0010-0013-0070)

The said work is authorized by  Paul Diller Estate, Robert Diller Executor  
the property owner in fee.

**PROPERTY OWNER**

Paul R. Diller Estate Robert L. Diller Executor  
Name

1321 Mason-Dixon Rd.  
Address

Greencastle, PA, 17225  
City, State, Zip Code

Robert L. Diller Executor  
Owner's Signature

Sworn and subscribed before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

Julie R. Horst  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 09-10-2027

**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE / CONTRACT PURCHASER**

Bryan Eby  
Name

14500 Daley Road  
Address

Hagerstown md. 21740  
City, State, Zip Code

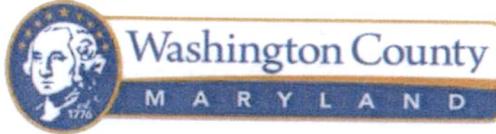
[Signature]  
Authorized Representative's Signature

Sworn and subscribed before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

Julie R. Horst  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 09-10-2027





BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

OWNER REPRESENTATIVE AFFIDAVIT

This is to certify that ED SCHREIBER is authorized to file an appeal with the Washington County Board of Appeals for SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR CONTRACTORS EQUIPMENT STORAGE on property located ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF MARYDIXON ROAD TRN-10 6-13-P-70 The said work is authorized by the property owner in fee.

PROPERTY OWNER

Name
Address
City, State, Zip Code
Owner's Signature

Sworn and subscribed before me this day of , 20.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

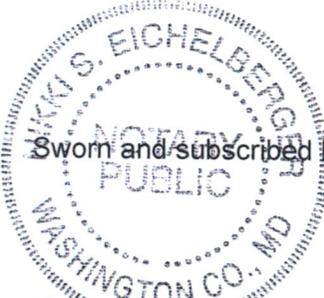
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE / CONSULTANT

ED SCHREIBER, FSA
Name
128 S. POTOMAC ST
Address
HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740
City, State, Zip Code

Authorized Representative's Signature

Sworn and subscribed before me this 19 day of February, 2026.

Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 9/15/2028

**Project Name:** Anytime Electric

**Owner:** Estate of Paul R Diller  
c/o Robert L Diller, Executor  
1321 Mason-Dixon Road  
Greencastle, PA 17225

**Applicant:** Bryan Eby  
Anytime Electric  
14500 Daley Road  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
[Bryaneby84@gmail.com](mailto:Bryaneby84@gmail.com)  
301-573-4664

**Project Address:** 26 acres along the south side of Mason Dixon Road  
approximately 1,100 LF west of Daly Road

**Tax Map** 10 **Grid** 13 **Parcel** 70

**Account #** 13-019231

**Zoning:** A(R)

**Re: Application for Special Exception – Contractors Equipment Storage Yard**

**Applicant:** Bryan Eby, Owner, Anytime Electric

The Applicant, Bryan Eby, owner of Anytime Electric, respectfully requests a Special Exception to permit a Contractors Equipment Storage Yard for an electrical contractor.

Mr. Eby is proposing to relocate his existing operation, currently situated approximately one-half (½) mile south along Daley Road. The current location (14500 Daley Road) was granted a Special Exception under Application No. AP2011-004 without conditions and has operated in compliance for approximately fifteen (15) years. Due to the continued growth of the business, Mr. Eby has outgrown the existing facility and has entered into a contract to purchase the subject property.

The subject tract consists of approximately 26 acres, of which the northern 200 feet (approximately 3.15 acres) are located in Pennsylvania. The area proposed for the Special Exception encompasses approximately 4 acres, with the remaining 22 acres to continue in agricultural use.

Access to the subject area will be provided by a paved driveway from Mason Dixon Road. The proposed building site is located approximately 600 feet from Mason Dixon Road, minimizing visual impact from the public right-of-way.

The proposed development includes the following:

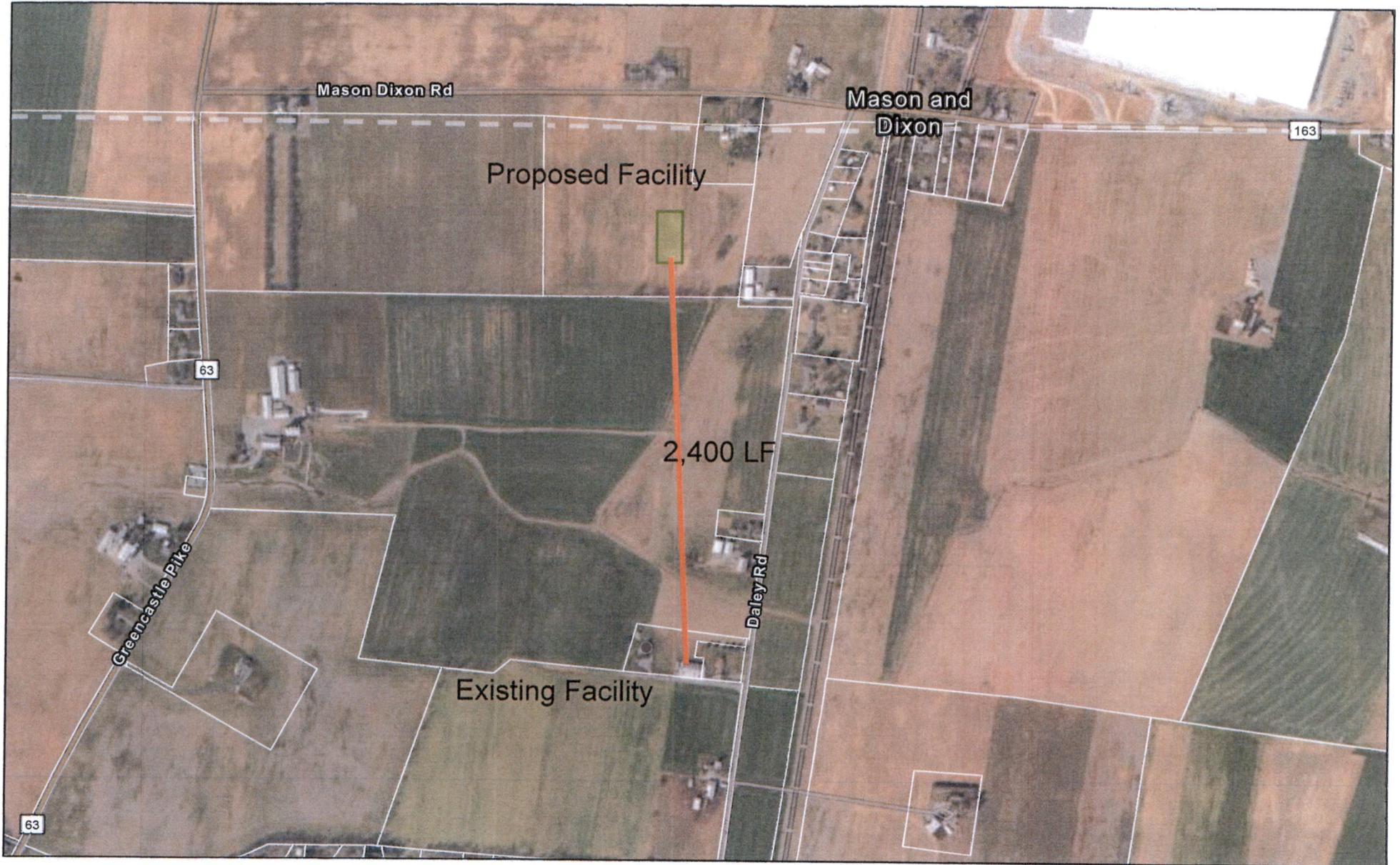
1. Construction of a 22,000-square-foot building to include storage, shop, and office space. The structure will be designed to resemble agricultural buildings common to the surrounding area.
2. A parking area accommodating approximately 30 automobile spaces and 15 work truck spaces.
3. Installation of stormwater management facilities and a landscape buffer along the adjacent property boundary within the 3.5-acre project area.
4. A workforce of approximately 30 employees, with approximately 20 employees reporting to the site daily before departing for field assignments.
5. Hours of operation from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
6. All exterior lighting will be building-mounted.
7. Outside storage limited to 15 work trucks and no more than 12 wood utility poles.
8. No customer traffic will be generated at the site.

The prior approval under AP2011-004 and the Applicant's fifteen years of compliant operation demonstrate Mr. Eby's ability to adhere to approved plans and conditions. The proposed relocation reflects the natural growth of a successful local business.

The property is located in a rural area, and the proposed use will not produce fumes, smoke, odors, dust, gases, vibrations, glare, or noise that would disturb neighboring properties. Furthermore, Mr. Eby has met with all adjoining property owners and has received favorable feedback and support regarding the proposed relocation.

For these reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed use satisfies the criteria for a Special Exception and will not adversely impact the health, safety, or welfare of the surrounding community.

# Frederick Seibert & Associates, Inc.

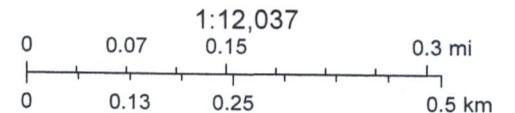


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## ARTICLE 5A – "A(R)" AGRICULTURAL (RURAL) DISTRICT<sup>51</sup>

### Section 5A.0 Purpose

The purpose of this district is to provide for continued farming activity and the many uses that do not require public water and sewerage facilities and which may be more suitably located outside of the urban-type growth of the larger communities of the County. The Agricultural zoning district has been purposely drawn to enclose large blocks of the best soils for intensive agricultural production as well as gently rolling topography for farming. Most of the operating farms as well as the largest block of farmland preserved through the Agricultural Preservation Program is located in this area.

### Section 5A.1 Principal Permitted Uses and Accessory Uses

See the Table of Land Uses [Section 3.3, Table No. 3.3(1)]

### Section 5A.2 Special Exceptions

See the Table of Land Uses [Table No. 3.3(1)] and any other use the Board of Appeals finds is functionally similar to any permitted use or special exception listed in the table for this district. The Board of Appeals shall not grant any special exception that is inconsistent with the purpose set forth for this district.

### Section 5A.3 Criteria

The maximum density in the Agricultural zoning district shall be one (1) dwelling unit per five (5) acres of land owned minus the lot area taken off under Section 5A.4.

### Section 5A.4 Exemptions

- (a) Each parcel of land of sufficient size as of October 29, 2002 shall be permitted to subdivide up to three (3) lots, which may be increased to a maximum of five (5) lots based on a sliding scale of one additional lot for each fifty (50) acres of land. The minimum lot size shall be the minimum lot size for the zoning of the property prior to the effective date of this amendment. Additional lots permitted under the zone will then be calculated on the remaining acreage based on one lot for every five acres.
- (b) Additional exemptions are available for the preservation of historic properties listed on the County Inventory of Historic Sites, the National Register of Historic Places or the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory of Historic Sites. A lot may be created around the existing historic site/structure along with two additional lots on the original parcel upon the owner requesting and the Board of County Commissioners approving the placement of an "HP" Historic Preservation District Overlay designation on the lot with the historical site or structure.

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Revision 14, Article 5A added 7/26/05 (RZ-03-005)

Section 5A.5 Residential Lot Size and Bulk Dimensions<sup>52</sup>

	Lot Area	Lot Width	Lot Area/Family	Front Yard	Side Yard	Rear Yard	Height
Dwelling, Single Family	40,000 sq. ft.	100 ft.	40,000 sq. ft.	40 ft in.	15 ft.	50 ft.	40 ft.
Dwelling, Two-Family	40,000 sq. ft.	100 ft.	20,000 sq. ft.	40 ft.	15 ft.	50 ft.	40 ft.
Dwelling, Semi-Detached**	20,000 sq. ft.	50 ft.	20,000 sq. ft.	40 ft.	15 ft.	50 ft.	40 ft.

\*\* Semi-detached dwellings are special exception uses in this district and require Board of Zoning Appeals approval.

Section 5A.6 Non-Residential Lot Size and Bulk Dimensions (not covered in Rural Business)<sup>53 54</sup>

This section covers uses listed in the Table of Land Uses [Table No. 3.3(1)] that are principally permitted and that are not governed by the Rural Business floating zone.

	Lot Area	Lot Width	Front Yard	Side Yard	Rear Yard
Banquet/Reception Facilities	5 acres	300 ft.	50 ft.	100 ft.	50 ft.
Schools, Elementary	15 Acres	400 ft.	150 ft.	100 ft.	50 ft.
Schools, Middle	30 Acres	500 ft.	150 ft.	100 ft.	50 ft.
Schools, High	60 Acres	500 ft.	150 ft.	100 ft.	50 ft.
Churches	2 Acres	200 ft.	100 ft.	50 ft.	50 ft.
Other Principal Permitted or Conditional Uses	3 Acres	300 ft.	50 ft.	50 ft.	50 ft.

Section 5A.7 Special Provisions<sup>55</sup>

1. New development adjacent to existing Industrial Mineral (IM) zoning districts shall have a setback of 200 feet from all shared property lines.
2. Developments opting to use the clustering provision outlined in Article 22, Division VIII of this Ordinance may reduce side yard setbacks to a minimum of 15 feet from adjacent property lines created by the new development.
3. Development that occurs within the Airport Overlay Area as designated in the Comprehensive Plan shall have a density requirement of one (1) dwelling unit per fifty (50) acres of land owned. No lots under Section 5A.4 shall be permitted in the Airport Overlay Area.
4. Side yard setbacks for residential use lots shall be a minimum of 50 ft. for lots five (5) acres or greater in size.

<sup>52</sup> Revision 16, Section 5A.5 amended 8/4/09 (RZ-09-001)

<sup>53</sup> Revision 15, Section 5A.6 amended 9/19/06 (RZ-06-007)

<sup>54</sup> Revision 18, Section 5A.6 amended 1/16/18 (RZ-07-007/ORD-2018-03)

<sup>55</sup> Revision 16, Section 5A.7 amended 8/4/09 (RZ-09-001)

A(R)-Agriculture (Rural)  
 EC-Environmental Conservation  
 P-Preservation  
 RV-Rural Village  
 RB-Rural Business  
 IM-Industrial Mineral

LAND USES	A(R)	EC	P	RV	RB	IM	Intensity of Use
Temporary or Seasonal Retail - provided that the area devoted to the use be limited to less than 2,500 sq. ft. and that the use on the premises occurs for at least 30 days and does not exceed 6 months within a calendar year <sup>12</sup>	SE	SE	SE	SE	P	N	LOW
<b>Q. Transportation and Warehousing</b>							
Airports, private or landing fields, and heliports, subject to the Provisions of Article 21.	SE	SE	SE	N	N	N	N/A
Commercial parking lot or garage	N	N	N	N	P	N	LOW
Contractor's equipment and Storage yards	SE	SE	SE	SE	P	N	MODERATE
Explosives Storage	SE	SE	SE	N	N	N	N/A
Mini-warehouses excluding outside storage or outside uses	N	N	N	N	P	N	LOW
Mixed use buildings including, warehouses, wholesale and retail sale	N	N	N	N	P	N	MODERATE
Warehouses	N	N	N	N	P	N	MODERATE
<b>R. Utilities<sup>13</sup></b>							
Commercial Communications Towers, subject to the requirements of Section 4.22	SE	SE	SE	N	N	N	N/A
Public utility buildings, structures, or uses including radio, television, and other communication facilities not considered Essential Utility Equipment, as defined in Article 28A	SE	SE	SE	SE	P	N	LOW
Solar Energy Generating Systems, in accordance with Section 4.26	SE	SE	SE	N	N	SE	LOW

<sup>12</sup> Revision 17, Table No. 3.3(1)P. amended and eff. 2/26/13 (RZ-12-004/ORD-2012-03)

<sup>13</sup> Revision 17, Table No. 3.3(1)R. amended 10/4/11 (RZ-11-003/ORD-2011-21)

P-Permitted  
 SE-Special Exception  
 A-Accessory  
 N-Not Permitted

**Commercial Communications Equipment:**

Any cables, wires, lines, wave guides, antennas, and any other equipment or facilities associated with the transmission or reception of communications which a person seeks to locate or has installed upon a commercial communications tower or antenna support structure.

**Commission:**

The Washington County Planning Commission.

**Comprehensive Care Facility:**

A building or group of buildings that contain independent dwelling units, facilities for assisted living, and facilities for nursing or convalescent care on the same site.

**Concrete Operations:**

Concrete and ceramic products manufacture, including ready-mix concrete plants shall not exceed five (5) acres in size where permitted by special exception without a specific finding of compatibility of the use by the Board of Appeals.

**Conference Centers:**<sup>223</sup>

A facility used for conferences and seminars. Such facilities may also have accommodations for sleeping, food preparation and eating, recreation, entertainment, and meeting rooms provided these ancillary uses do not exceed 49% of the structure. Such uses may be accessory when associated with hotels, motels, or resorts.

**Construction Started:**

For the purposes of this Ordinance, construction will be deemed to have begun when all the necessary excavation and piers and/or footings of one or more buildings or structures covered by the permit have been completed.

**Contractor's Storage Yard:**

The temporary or permanent storage of contractor's equipment and/or supplies relating to any of the building trades that are located outside of permanent structures on a parcel of land and that may or may not include office space and a maintenance area.

- A. Low intensity storage: shall be defined as a storage yard of 2,500 square feet or less that allows for storage of up to 5 individual pieces of equipment, including company vehicles, and employs 3 people or less.

<sup>223</sup>

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Revision 17, definition added 4/23/13 (RZ-12-002/ORD-2013-13)

- B. High intensity storage: shall be defined as a storage yard of more than 2,500 square feet that allows for the storage of more than 5 individual pieces of equipment, including company vehicles, and employs 4 people or more.

**Convenience Store:**

Any retail establishment offering for sale: prepackaged or pre-processed food products, household items, and other goods commonly associated with the same and having a gross floor area of 5,000 square feet or less. Such establishments may also sell gasoline at retail prices. The area utilized for the sale of gasoline shall be considered as part of the gross floor area.

**Country Inn:**<sup>224</sup>

A structure located outside of a designated growth area in which overnight or otherwise temporary lodging and meals are provided, in exchange for compensation, to transient guests in not more than ten (10) guest rooms, and may include banquet/reception facilities, catering for on-site events, and meeting rooms. Restaurants are not included as part of this definition.

**Court:**

An open, uncovered outdoor space enclosed on two or more sides by exterior walls or buildings on the same lot.

**Crematories:**<sup>225</sup>

Facilities designed for the cremation of human and animal bodies. Such facilities are considered as an accessory use when operated in conjunction with a funeral home.

**Dairy Products Store:**

A retail establishment offering for sale dairy products produced on-site and that is accessory to a principal agricultural use of a property.

**Declaration of Intent:**

A signed and notarized statement by the landowner of the owner's agent certifying that the activity on the landowner's property:

- A. Is for certain activities exempted under the Washington County Forest Conservation Ordinance, and
- B. Does not circumvent the requirements of the Forest Conservation Ordinance.

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<sup>224</sup> Revision 18, definition added 1/16/18 (RZ-07-007/ORD-2018-03)

<sup>225</sup> Revision 16, definition amended 8/4/09 (RZ-09-001/ORD-09-08)

BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

BRYAN EBY  
Appellant

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Appeal No. AP2011-004

OPINION

This action is a request for a special exception to establish an electrical contractor's storage facility and for variances from the minimum lot area of 4 acres to 2.6 acres, from the minimum lot width of 300' to 195', and from the minimum 50' left side yard setback to 15' from said facility. The subject property is located at 14611 Greencastle Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland, is owned by the Lowell R. and Luella M. Eby, and is zoned Agricultural (Rural).

A public hearing was held before the Board on March 23, 2011. No opposition was presented to this appeal.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The following findings of fact are made by the Board, based upon the testimony given and all data and other evidence presented, and upon a study of the specific property involved, as well as the neighborhood:

1. Appellant seeks to build a storage building to house electrical equipment on the subject property.
2. Appellant is subdividing this property from a larger tract, the remainder of which remains as farmland.
3. The subject property is rocky pasture and not highly suitable to higher-value agricultural use.
4. The equipment will be stored inside of the structure.
5. The structure will be similar in design and appearance to other agricultural buildings found in the neighborhood.
6. The facility will be serviced by approximately 2 deliveries per week.
7. There will be no customer visits to the facility.

8. The hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

9. The area is very rural, and the closest residence—save that of his father, who works with the Appellant in the business—is about 500' away.

10. Traffic generation will be minimal, as Appellant's 4 employees take their vehicles home and report directly to job sites.

11. Appellant's business is currently operated as a home occupation from a lot directly in front of this one.

12. The variances are necessary due to the size and shape of the proposed lot and so that the maximum amount of land may remain in agricultural use.

13. No one testified in opposition to this request.

#### RATIONALE

The Board has authority to grant a special exception pursuant to Section 25.2(b) of the Zoning Ordinance for Washington County, Maryland. A special exception is defined as a grant of a specific use that would not be appropriate generally or without restriction; and shall be based upon a finding that the use conforms to the plan and is compatible with the existing neighborhood. A variance may be granted upon a showing of practical difficulty or undue hardship. Sections 25.2(c) and 25.56. "Practical Difficulty" may be found by the Board when: (1) strict compliance would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome; and (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 (3) granting the variance would observe the spirit of the Ordinance and secure public safety and welfare. Section 25.56(a).

The Appellant has met its burden for the requested relief. The special exception use is one that is pre-deemed to be compatible in the district unless the inherent adverse effects of the use are greater at the proposed site than they would be at any other location in the district. The business is operating as a home occupation on an adjacent property. The site is in a relatively rural area of the County, and traffic generated by the use is already occurring and is not incompatible with existing road infrastructure. Likewise, the use itself will not generate fumes, smoke, odors, dust, gas, vibrations, glare or noise that would disrupt neighbors' quiet enjoyment of their property.

Furthermore, the grant of the variances allows the greatest amount of productive farmland to remain in agricultural use. For these reasons, each element of a practical difficulty is met and we are convinced that the grant of this variance upholds the spirit of the ordinance.

No evidence was presented that the proposed use was incompatible with the neighborhood; disruptive of neighbors' quiet enjoyment of their properties; detrimental to surrounding property values; generative of excessive odors, dust, gas, smoke, fumes, vibrations, or glare; generative of traffic that would exceed the capacity of existing infrastructure; or that the proposal was an inappropriate use of land or structure. Based upon all of the testimony and evidence presented, this Board finds that the subject request does not adversely affect the public health, safety, security, morals, or general welfare, nor does it result in dangerous traffic conditions, or jeopardize the life and property of neighborhood residents. Accordingly, for the reasons set forth herein, this appeal is hereby GRANTED by a vote of 5-0.

BOARD OF APPEALS

By: Donald Spickler, Chair

Date Issued: April 21, 2011

January 21, 2026

Washington County Board of Zoning Appeals  
100 West Washington Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740

RE: Special Exception for a Contractor's Storage Yard for Electrical Contractor

Dear Board Members:

We the below, signed neighbors of the 21-acre Diller parcel located along the south side of Mason Dixon Road, hereby acknowledge that we met with Mr. Brian Eby (contract/purchaser) regarding the above referenced special exception and we are not opposed to the Board granting a special exception for a contractor's storage yard so that he may use this property for his electrical contractor business.

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Arlin Martin @ State Line Road, Hagerstown, MD

  
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Taylor Davis and Amanda Davis @ 17639 Mason Dixon Road, Hagerstown, MD

  
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Darrell Eby and Joyce Eby @ 14714 Daley Road, Hagerstown, MD

  
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Paul Diller @ Mason Dixon Road, Hagerstown, MD

  
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Laron Eby and Janice Eby @ 14611 Greencastle Pike, Hagerstown, MD

  
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Eunice (Strite) @ 1665 Mason Dixon Road, Greencastle, PA  
Petre

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Paul and Fannie Diller @ 1659 Mason Dixon Road, Greencastle, PA



0' 60' 120' 180'

### CONCEPT DATA

<b>PARCEL AREA</b>	
TRACT 1 (MARYLAND)	22.76 ACRES
TRACT 2 (PENNSYLVANIA)	3.15 ACRES
TOTAL AREA	25.91 ACRES
<b>IN AGRICULTURE</b>	22 ACRES ±
<b>ZONING</b>	A(R)
<b>PROPOSED USE</b>	ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR'S EQUIPMENT & STORAGE YARDS (SE)
<b>MINIMUM LOT AREA</b>	3 ACRES
<b>MINIMUM LOT WIDTH</b>	300'
<b>SETBACKS</b>	
FRONT	50'
SIDE	50'
REAR	50'
<b>NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES</b>	30 ± OVERALL, 20 EMPLOYEES REPORT TO THIS SITE DAILY BEFORE DEPARTING FOR FIELD ASSIGNMENTS
<b>NUMBER OF DELIVERIES</b>	2 BOX TRUCKS DAILY, 1 TRACTOR TRAILER MONTHLY
<b>EXTERIOR LIGHTING</b>	BUILDING MOUNTED
<b>HOURS OPERATION</b>	MONDAY - FRIDAY 6:30 AM - 4:30 PM
<b>OUTSIDE STORAGE</b>	15 WORK TRUCKS, 12 UTILITY POLES
<b>REQUIRED PARKING</b>	
WAREHOUSE	1 SPACE PER 1,500 SF GFA + 1 SPACE PER 350 SF GFA OF SALES AND/OR OFFICE SPACE
<b>PROPOSED PARKING</b>	16,000 / 1,500 = 11 + 1,800 / 350 = 5 16 SPACES REQUIRED 30 AUTO SPACES & 15 WORK TRUCK SPACES

### CONCEPT NOTES

1. THIS PLAN IS CONCEPTUAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
2. THE BASE MAP COMPRISES OF GIS, AERIAL IMAGERY & TAX MAPS.
3. ALL DRIVEWAYS AND ENTRANCES ARE TO BE APPROVED BY THE APPROPRIATE REVIEW AGENCIES.
4. NO CUSTOMER TRAFFIC WILL BE GENERATED AT THE SITE.
5. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IS SHOWN CONCEPTUALLY IN SIZE AND LOCATION.
6. NO GRADING AND UTILITY STUDIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR THIS SCOPE OF WORK.
7. FOREST CONSERVATION HAS NOT COMPLETED FOR THIS SCOPE OF WORK.





WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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ZONING APPEAL

Property Owner: Sharpsburg Pike Holding LLC
1741 Dual Highway
Suite B
Hagerstown MD 21740
Appellant: Sharpsburg Pike Holdings LLC
1741 Dual Highway
Suite B
Hagerstown MD 21740
Property Location: 10306 Ezra Drive
Hagerstown, MD 21740
Docket No: AP2026-007
Tax ID No: 10067469
Zoning: HI
RB Overlay: No
Zoning Overlay:
Filed Date: 02/24/2026
Hearing Date: 03/18/2026

Description Of Appeal: Variance from 25 ft. setback from the road right-of-way to 7 ft. for proposed monument sign.

Appellant's Legal Interest In Above Property: Owner: Yes Contract to Rent/Lease: No
Lessee: No Contract to Purchase: No
Other:

Previous Petition/Appeal Docket No(s):

Applicable Ordinance Sections: Washington County Zoning Ordinance Article 22 Division II Section 22.23 (e)

Reason For Hardship:

If Appeal of Ruling, Date Of Ruling:

Ruling Official/Agency:

Existing Use:

Proposed Use:

Previous Use Ceased For At Least 6 Months:

Date Ceased:

Area Devoted To Non-Conforming Use -

Existing:
Proposed:

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

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Appellant Signature

State Of Maryland, Washington County to-wit:

Sworn and subscribed before me this 27 day of Feb, 2026.

Nov. 7, 2029
My Commission Expires

[Handwritten signature]
Notary Public



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**AFFIDAVIT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 25.51(C)**

Docket No: AP2026-007

State of Maryland Washington County, To Wit:

On 2/24/2026, before me the subscriber, a Notary of the public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Frederick, Seibert & Association Inc and made oath in due form of law as follows:

Frederick, Seibert & Association 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 03/18/2026, 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 03/03/2026 and will remain until after the above hearing date.

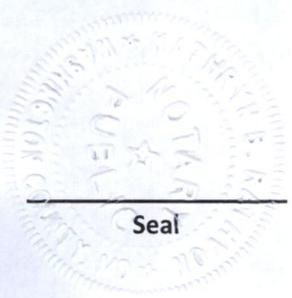
Frederick, Seibert & Association Inc

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

Notary Public

Nov. 7, 2029

My Commission Expires



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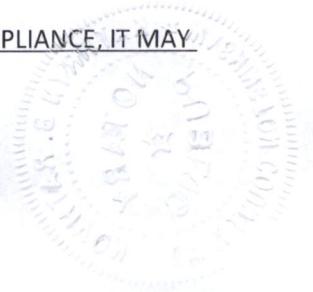
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5. An affidavit certifying the property will be posted for the minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing date.

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.



**Project Name:**       **Shops of Sharpsburg Pike**

**Owner/Applicant:**       **Sharpsburg Pike Holding LLC**  
                                  **1741 Dual Highway, Suite B**  
                                  **Hagerstown, MD 21740**

**Project Address:** **10306 Ezra Dr, Hagerstown, MD 21740**

**Tax Map**   57   **Grid**   10   **Parcel**   656   **Lot**   6  

**Account #**       **10067469**

**Zoning:**        HI

**Variance request:**       From section 22.23(e) "Use on the Premises" signs. As stated in the Washington County Zoning Ordinance individual businesses are permitted a freestanding sign to advertise the use or tenant on the same lot as the freestanding sign. Also mentioned is that the sign must be 25' from the ROW. The applicant is requesting relief from the 25' setback requirement to 7' which is where the sign could be placed if the ROW were uniform and not offset in front of lot 6a.

The 25' setback requirement is consistent for a uniform width ROW from which the sign must be set back from. In this particular case the Sharpsburg Pike right of way has a uniform 50 foot overall right of way except at the new traffic signal for Sharpsburg Pike and Vida Drive. Due to new traffic signals, the right of way offsets further into lot 4 by 19 feet thus making visible and useful placement of a freestanding sign difficult. This request is very similar to AP2025-026 which granted the reduction of a freestanding sign from 25 feet to 10 feet from the right of way due to an unusually large ROW in the vicinity of traffic signals. The subject site is directly across Sharpsburg Pike from the granted request in AP2025-026.

Additional testimony will be provided at the hearing to support the applicants desire for combining signs and reducing the lot frontage requirement.





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ZONING APPEAL

Property Owner: Hagerstown Table Corp
603 Oak Hill Avenue
Hagerstown MD 21740
Appellant: Mision Cristiana Ciudad Deseada Church
72 Keystone Lane
Berryville VA 22611
Property Location: 17559 York Road
Hagerstown, MD 21740
Description Of Appeal: Special exception to establish a place of worship in existing commercial building.

Docket No: AP2026-008
Tax ID No: 26010748
Zoning: BL
RB Overlay: No
Zoning Overlay:
Filed Date: 02/26/2026
Hearing Date: 03/18/2026

Appellant's Legal Interest In Above Property: Owner: No
Contract to Rent/Lease: Yes
Lessee: No
Contract to Purchase: No
Other:

Previous Petition/Appeal Docket No(s):
Applicable Ordinance Sections: Washington County Zoning Ordinance Article 11 Section 11.3 (c)

Reason For Hardship:
If Appeal of Ruling, Date Of Ruling:
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Existing Use: Commercial Uses
Proposed Use: Place of Worship
Previous Use Ceased For At Least 6 Months:
Date Ceased:
Area Devoted To Non-Conforming Use -
Existing:
Proposed:

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

[Signature]
Appellant Signature

State Of Maryland, Washington County to-wit:

Sworn and subscribed before me this 26 day of Feb, 2026.

Nov. 7, 2029
My Commission Expires

[Signature]
Notary Public





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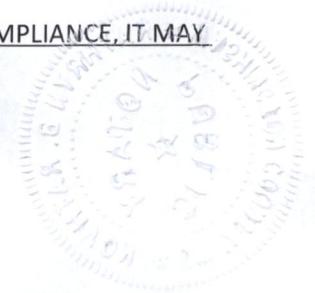
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**Mision Cristiana Ciudad Deseada Church**  
72 Keystone Ln  
Berryville, VA 22611

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## **Board of Zoning Appeals**

### **Washington County, Maryland**

#### **Re: Application to Establish a Worship Hall**

Dear Members of the Board,

On behalf of Mision Cristiana Ciudad Deseada Church, our pastoral leadership, and our church board committee, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Board of Zoning Appeals for granting us the opportunity to appear before you and for taking the time to hear our application regarding the establishment of a small worship hall at the above-referenced property.

We truly appreciate your professionalism, attention, and dedication to serving Washington County and its residents. It is an honor to be considered, and we are thankful for the respectful and thoughtful manner in which our request was received.

Enclosed with this letter is our formal Statement to the Board of Zoning Appeals, submitted exactly as presented during the hearing, outlining our mission, proposed operations, anticipated attendance, and our commitment to full compliance with all county regulations and community standards.

Our church's desire is to be a positive presence within the Hagerstown community—serving families, supporting youth, promoting moral values, and contributing to a safe and respectful neighborhood environment. We remain fully committed to being responsible neighbors and to working cooperatively with Washington County at all times.

Thank you once again for your time, your service, and your careful consideration of our application. Should you require any additional information or clarification, we would be honored to provide it.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Edgar Sorto

Mision Cristiana Ciudad Deseada Church  
On behalf of the Church Board Committee

Contact Information:  
Pastor Edgar Sorto – 540-323-1560  
Manuel Alejandro Jimenez (Assistant) – 571-233-1221

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**Statement to the Board of Zoning Appeals**  
**Washington County, Maryland**  
**Application to Establish a Worship Hall**  
**Mision Cristiana Ciudad Deseada Church**

Property Address:  
17559 York Road  
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740  
Washington County, Maryland

Dear Members of the Board,

We come before you respectfully and with sincere appreciation for the opportunity to present this proposal. We are grateful for your time, consideration, and service to Washington County and to the State of Maryland.

We are here to request approval to establish a small worship hall at:

17559 York Road, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, Washington County, Maryland,  
under the name Mision Cristiana Ciudad Deseada Church.

Our church is currently located at 72 Keystone Lane, Berryville, Virginia, where we have faithfully served our community since the early 1990s. For over three decades, we have remained in the same location, building strong relationships and providing spiritual guidance and community support. Today, our congregation includes approximately 587 members, including children.

Several families currently travel from Hagerstown to Berryville each week to attend services. This requires significant travel time, especially for families with children. By opening a small worship hall in Hagerstown, these families would be able to worship, serve, and grow spiritually within their own community, reducing travel burdens and strengthening their local involvement.

Our mission extends beyond religious services. We are committed to:

- Strengthening families and promoting unity.
- Providing moral and spiritual guidance.
- Offering mentorship to youth and helping guide them away from drugs and alcohol.
- Supporting the Hispanic community in becoming strong, responsible contributors to society.
- Helping prevent family breakdown and social instability.
- Creating a positive, safe, and supportive environment for the surrounding community.

We believe that establishing this worship hall will contribute to a safer and more stable neighborhood by offering guidance, support, and community engagement.

#### Expected Attendance

At this time, we anticipate approximately 30 attendees initially. While we hope to grow in the future, any expansion would be handled responsibly and in full compliance with county regulations.

#### Operating Hours

- Wednesdays: 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- Fridays: 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
- Sundays: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

In addition, there may be occasional special events or activities. Specific dates have not yet been scheduled; however, such events would most likely take place on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays. All events will be conducted respectfully and with consideration for the surrounding community.

#### Community Commitment & Compliance

- We will implement parking control measures to ensure safe and orderly traffic flow.
- Volunteers will assist with parking when necessary to prevent congestion or disruption.
- All vehicles will be parked in designated spaces.
- Noise levels will remain within legally permitted guidelines.
- No loud outdoor amplified activities will be conducted.
- We will maintain cleanliness inside and outside the property.
- The surrounding area will remain clean and well cared for.
- We will comply fully with all county codes, zoning requirements, safety standards, and community regulations.

Our intention is to reflect respect, responsibility, and cooperation at all times.

#### Commitment to the Community

Our prayer and sincere intention is to create a peaceful space where individuals and families can hear the Word of God, receive guidance, and find strength during difficult times. We seek to help individuals make wise decisions, strengthen family values, and contribute positively to society.

We respectfully ask for your consideration and approval of this request. We are committed to serving Washington County with integrity and dedication.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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