BOARD OF APPEALS

June 21, 2023

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

AGENDA

AP2023-022: An appeal was filed by Dominion Realty LLC for a variance from the required 20 parking spaces to 17 spaces for future warehouse, retail, and office use on parcel improved with retail shopping center on property owned by the appellant and located at 18113 Maugans Avenue, Hagerstown, Zoned Highway Interchange.- **GRANTED**

AP2023-027: An appeal was filed by Kehoe Realty LLC for a variance from the required 40 ft. front yard setback to 20 ft. for proposed new structure on property owned by the appellant and located at 1221 Security Road, Hagerstown, Zoned Residential Suburban.- **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 June 12, 2023. 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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Property Location:

Dominion Realty LLC

14627 Cearfoss Pike

Hagerstown MD 21740

Appellant: Dominion Realty LLC

18113 Maugans Avenue

Suite 101

Hagerstown MD 21740

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18113 Maugans Avenue, Suite# TBD

Hagerstown, MD 21740

Description Of Appeal: Variance from the required 20 parking spaces to 17 for future warehouse, retail, and office

use on property improved with retail shopping center.

Appellant's Legal Interest In Above Property:

Owner: Yes

Contract to Rent/Lease:

Docket No:

Tax ID No:

RB Overlay:

Filed Date:

Hearing Date:

Zoning Overlay:

Zoning:

No

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05/04/2023

06/21/2023

13010757

HI

No

Lessee: No

Contract to Purchase:

No

Other:

Previous Petition/Appeal Docket No(s):

AP2019-015

Applicable Ordinance Sections:

Washington County Zoning Ordinance Section: 22.12 (b)

Reason For Hardship: Unusual and unique shape of the property

If Appeal of Ruling, Date Of Ruling:

Ruling Official/Agency:

Existing Use:

Retail Shopping Center

Proposed Use:

Additional Retail/Office and Warehouse Use

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.

Appellant Signature

State Of Maryland, Washington County to-wit:

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Kathryn B Rathvon
NOTARY PUBLIC
WASHINGTON COUNTY
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APPOON AND STORY EXPIRES NOVEMBER 07, 2025

Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 25.51(C)

Docket No: AP2023-022

State of Maryland Washington County, To Wit:

On 5/4/2023, before me the subscriber, a Notary of the public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Frederick, Seibert & Associates Inc and made oath in due form of law as follows:

Frederick, Seibert & Associates 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 06/21/2023, 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 06/06/2023 and will remain until after the above hearing date.

Frederick, Seibert & Associates Inc

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

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

Notary Public

Seal

My Commission Expires



BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

OWNER REPRESENTATIVE AFFIDAVIT

This is to certify that ED SCHRETBER, FSA	
is authorized to file an appeal with the Washington County Board of Appeals for	
PARKING VARIANCE	on property
located 18113 MAUGANS / LUE, HAGERSTOWN MD 21740	60000
The said work is authorized by Dominion Renty , LLC C/o Michael the property owner in fee.	
301-	800 -7446
PROPERTY OWNER	
DOMINION REMTY, LLC	
e/o Michael GODINER	
Name Managara Assa	- 1-1
18113 MAUGANS AVE, SU	TE 101
Address HAGERSTOWN MP 21740	
City, State, Zip Code	
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Sworn and subscribed before me this	23.
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Notary Public	
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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
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Name FSA 128 S. POTOMINE ST	
Address	
HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740	
City, State, Zip Code	
Authorized Representative's Signature	
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NOTARY IN Notary Public	
My Commission Expires: 9/15/2024	

Project Name:

Dominion Realty, LLC

Owner/Applicant: Dominion Realty, LLC c/o Michael Godinez

Project Address: 18113 Maugans Ave, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Tax Map 243 Grid Parcel 1378

Account #

13010757

Zoning:

HI

Variance request: The applicant is requesting a parking reduction of the required 20 spaces to 17 spaces. The new building requiring the parking is comprised of the following:

Warehouse:

4,994 Square Feet

Retail:

2,000 Square Feet

Office:

1,800 Square Feet

This variance is from section 22.12(b) of the Washington County Zoning Ordinance.

The owner/applicant will demonstrate "Practical Difficulty" due to the unusual and unique shape of the property. Please see previous case AP 2019-015.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

MICHAEL GODINEZ

Appeal No. AP2019-015

Appellant

OPINION

This appeal is a request for a variance to reduce the minimum required parking from 52 parking spaces to 21 parking spaces, and a variance to reduce setback for a freestanding sign from 25 feet to 10 feet at the subject property. The subject property is located at 18113 Maugans Avenue, Hagerstown, Maryland; is owned by Caleb Martin; and is zoned Highway Interchange (HI). The Board held a public hearing on the matter on June 12, 2019.

Findings of Fact

Based upon the testimony given, all information and evidence presented, and upon a study of the specific property involved and the neighborhood in which it is located, the Board makes the following findings of fact:

- 1. Appellant is the contract purchaser of the subject property, located at 18113 Maugans Avenue, Hagerstown, Maryland.
- 2. The property consists of a large industrial/commercial type building and 13 existing parking spaces.
- 3. Appellant proposes to construct a 4,480 square foot addition to increase the size of the building for three segmented uses. There will be a 2,000 square foot section

for a reptile and aquatics store. There will be a 3,000 square foot section devoted to Appellant's E-commerce garden supply store for inventory storage. The remaining area will be used as a small storefront for the minimal in-store traffic. Appellant also plans to pave the parking area and improve the aesthetics of the property.

- 4. There will be very little destination traffic to the subject property, with much of the business being conducted online.
- 5. With the proposed addition to the building, the new site design calls for 21 parking spaces.
 - 6. There was no opposition presented to this request.

Rationale

This Board has authority to grant a variance upon a showing of practical difficulty or undue hardship. §§ 25.2(c) and 25.56. ¹ "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 variance 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. § 25.56(A). After presenting testimony and evidence but prior to deliberations, Appellant withdrew his variance request related to the setback for a freestanding sign. Thus, the

¹ "When the terms unnecessary hardship (or one of its synonyms) and practical difficulties are framed in the disjunctive ("or"), Maryland courts generally have applied the more restrictive hardship standard to use variances, while applying the less restrictive practical difficulties standard to area variances because use variances are viewed as more drastic departures from zoning requirements." *Belvoir Farms Homeowners Ass'n, Inc. v. North*, 355 Md. 259, 276 n.10 (1999) (citations omitted).

Board is left to consider Appellant's lone variance request to reduce the minimum required parking spaces at the subject property.

"Uniqueness' of a property for zoning purposes requires that the subject property have an inherent characteristic not shared by other properties in the area, i.e., its shape, topography, subsurface condition, environmental factors, historical significance, access or non-access to navigable waters, practical restrictions imposed by abutting properties (such as obstructions) or other similar restrictions." *North v. St. Mary's Cnty.*, 99 Md. App. 502, 514 (1994).) In this case, the subject property has an extremely irregular and definitively unique shape. It is located along a significant curve in the roadway which further limits the site design and location of buildings. Appellant did not construct the building currently on the subject property nor did he cause the strange configuration of the property lines.

The Appellant has demonstrated a practical difficulty if variance relief is not granted. Appellant is correct that under the current Ordinance requirements, he would need 51 parking spaces to comply with the added square footage to the building. Appellant is able to create 21 parking spaces while keeping his expansion design. It is likely that this increase in parking spaces is unnecessary for the expected visitor volumes to the businesses, and thus far exceeds the actual minimum capacity standards.² The relaxation of the setback requirements affords Appellant the necessary relief and avoids the unreasonable and unfair result of limiting what is otherwise a permitted use of the subject property. For all these reasons, we conclude that the grant of variance relief

² The minimum requirements for parking spaces often do not take into consideration actual use of the property. Although Appellant's business and the reptile and aquatics store are permitted uses which were implicitly contemplated when devising the parking requirements, their character as online retail businesses with limited destination customers was clearly not envisioned.

secures public safety and welfare and upholds the spirit of the Ordinance.

Accordingly, the request for a variance to reduce the minimum required parking spaces from 52 spaces to 21 spaces at the subject property is hereby GRANTED by a vote of 4-1.

BOARD OF APPEALS

By: Paul Fulk, Chair

Date Issued: July 9, 2019

Frederick Seibert & Associates, Inc.

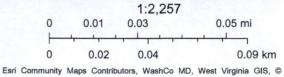


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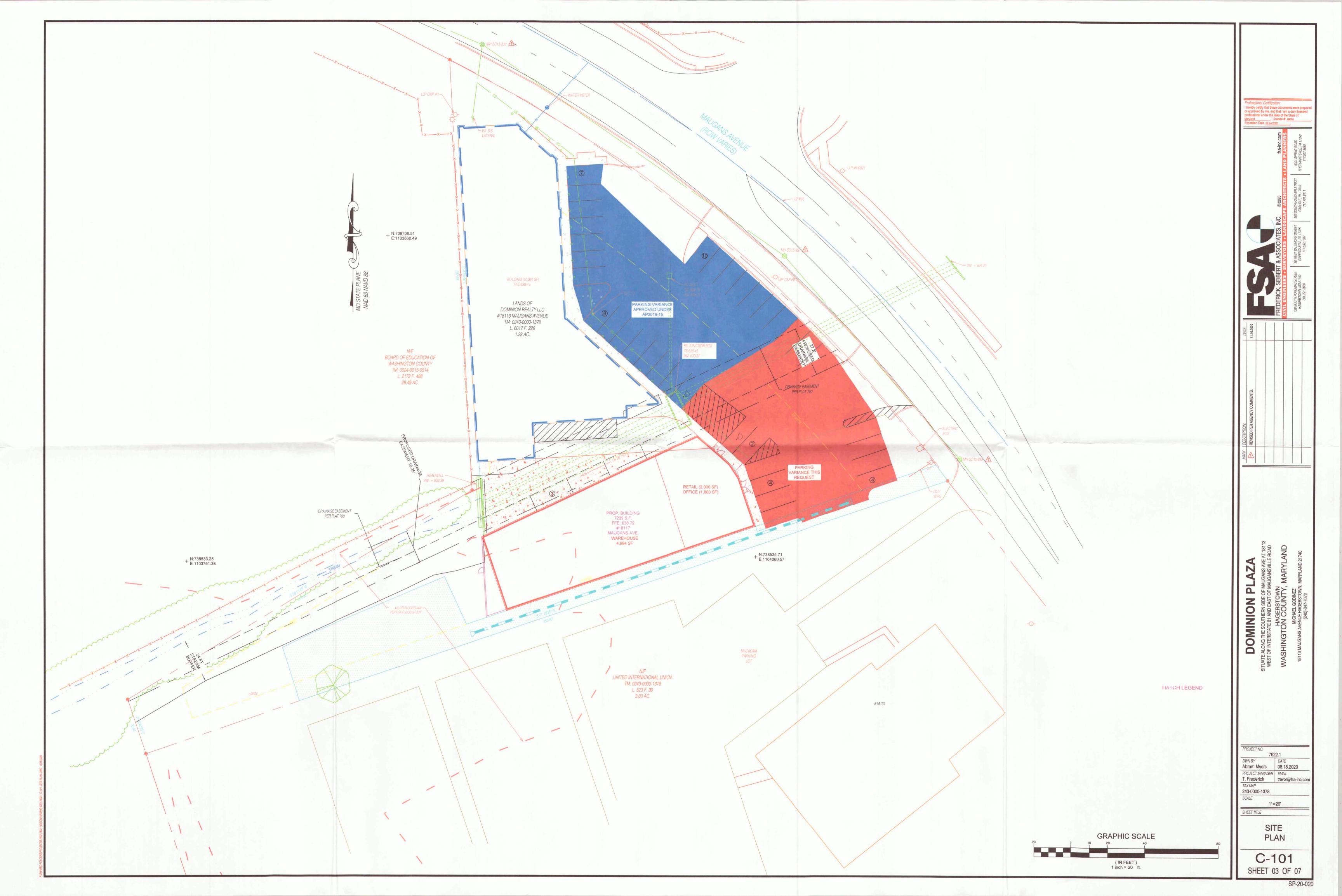
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Special Tax Recapture: None

Account Identifier:

District - 13 Account Number - 010757

Owner Information

Owner Name:

DOMINION REALTY LLC

Use: Principal Residence: NO

COMMERCIAL

Mailing Address:

14627 CEARFOSS PIKE

Deed Reference:

/06017/ 00226

HAGERSTOWN MD 21740-0000

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address:

18113 MAUGANS AVE HAGERSTOWN 21740-0000 Legal Description:

1.21 ACRES

18113 MAUGANS AVE MAUGANSVILLE

Map: Grid: Parcel: Neighborhood: 0243 0000 1378 30000.22

Subdivision: Section: Block: Lot: Assessment Year:

Plat No: M790

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Town: None

Primary Structure Built Above Grade Living Area Finished Basement Area Property Land Area County Use 10,432 SF

1.2100 AC

StoriesBasementType

STORAGE WAREHOUSE/

ExteriorQualityFull/Half BathGarageLast Notice of Major Improvements

2020

Value Information

	Base Value	Value	Phase-in Assessments	
		As of 01/01/2021	As of 07/01/2022	As of 07/01/2023
Land:	211,800	211,800		
Improvements	368,200	370,600		
Total:	580,000	582,400	581,600	582,400
Preferential Land:	0	0		

Transfer Information

Seller: MARTIN CALEB H Type: ARMS LENGTH IMPROVED	Date: 07/12/2019 Deed1: /06017/ 00226	Price: \$365,000 Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price: \$0
Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Deed1: /00561/ 00235	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments:	Class	07/01/2022	07/01/2023
County:	000	0.00	
State:	000	0.00	
Municipal:	000	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00

Special Tax Recapture: None

Homestead Application Information

Homestead Application Status: No Application

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Information

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Status: No Application

Date:

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Special Tax Recapture: None

Account Identifier:

District - 13 Account Number - 002819

Owner Information

Owner Name:

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF Use:

EXEMPT COMMERCIAL Principal Residence:NO

Mailing Address:

WASHINGTON COUNTY

10435 DOWNSVILLE PIKE

Deed Reference: /02172/ 00488

HAGERSTOWN MD 21740-0000

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address:

18145 MAUGANS AVE

Legal Description: 28.49 ACRES

HAGERSTOWN 21740-0000

18145 MAUGANS AVE

MAUGANSVILLE ELEM SCHOOL

0024 0015 0514 30000.22

Map: Grid: Parcel: Neighborhood: Subdivision: Section: Block: Lot: Assessment Year: Plat No: 9671

Town: None

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91,586 SF

Primary Structure Built Above Grade Living Area Finished Basement Area Property Land Area County Use

28.4900 AC

Stories Basement Type

2008

ExteriorQualityFull/Half BathGarageLast Notice of Major Improvements

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/

Value Information

	Base Value	Value	Phase-in Assessments	
		As of 01/01/2021	As of 07/01/2022	As of 07/01/2023
Land:	2,136,700	2,136,700		
Improvements	16,691,800	16,884,400		
Total:	18,828,500	19,021,100	18,956,900	19,021,100
Preferential Land:	0	0		

Transfer Information

Seller: CHARLTON CORA M	Date: 10/30/2003	Price: \$515,000
Type: ARMS LENGTH IMPROVED	Deed1: /02172/ 00488	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments:Class		07/01/2022	07/01/2023	
County:	440	18,956,900.00	19,021,100.00	
State:	440	18,956,900.00	19,021,100.00	
Municipal:	440	0.000.00	0.000.00	

Special Tax Recapture: None

Homestead Application Information

Homestead Application Status: No Application

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Information

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Status: No Application Date:

View Map

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View GroundRent Registration

Special Tax Recapture: None

Account Identifier:

District - 13 Account Number - 000948

Owner Information

Owner Name:

LONG KEITH J & KIMBERLY S Use:

RESIDENTIAL

Principal Residence: YES Deed Reference:

Mailing Address:

13803 SUNRISE DR

/01640/ 00556

HAGERSTOWN MD 21740-1602

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address:

13803 SUNRISE DR HAGERSTOWN 21740-0000 Legal Description: LTS 11&12 0.63 AC

13803 SUNRISE DRIVE

MAUGANSVILLE

Map: Grid: Parcel: Neighborhood: Subdivision: Section: Block: Lot: Assessment Year: Plat No:

0243 0005 1384 13020333.22

Town: None

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Primary Structure Built Above Grade Living Area Finished Basement Area Property Land Area County Use 1,792 SF 27,325 SF

StoriesBasementType

1 full/ 1 half 1Att/1Det

ExteriorQualityFull/Half BathGarage Last Notice of Major Improvements

YES STANDARD UNITBRICK/ 4

Value Information

	Base Value	Value Phase-in As		ssessments	
		As of 01/01/2023	As of 07/01/2022	As of 07/01/2023	
Land:	56,800	56,800			
Improvements	191,900	292,600			
Total:	248,700	349,400	248,700	282,267	
Preferential Land:	0	0			

Transfer Information

Seller: LONG KEITH J & KIMBERLY S	Date: 03/30/2001	Price: \$0
Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Deed1: /01640/ 00556	Deed2:
Seller: LONG KEITH J &	Date: 10/02/2000	Price: \$0
Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Deed1: /01601/ 00312	Deed2:
Seller: MARTIN DEAN E & DARLENE F	Date: 06/16/1997	Price: \$114,900
Type: ARMS LENGTH MULTIPLE	Deed1: /01342/ 00147	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessmen	nts: Class	07/01/2022	07/01/2023
County:	000	0.00	
State:	000	0.00	
Municipal:	000	0.00 0.00	0.000.00

Special Tax Recapture: None

Homestead Application Information

Homestead Application Status: Approved 05/15/2008

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Information

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Status: No Application

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Special Tax Recapture: None

Account Identifier:

District - 13 Account Number - 033595

Owner Information

Owner Name:

WASH CO COMMISSIONERS BOARD OF Use:

EXEMPT

Mailing Address:

100 W WASHINGTON ST

Principal Residence: NO

Deed Reference: /04479/ 00053

HAGERSTOWN MD 21740-0000

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address:

SENECA RIDGE DR HAGERSTOWN 21740-0000

0186

SWM2 2023

Legal Description: SWM AREA #2 1.0383 ACRES

SENECA RIDGE DRIVE SENECA RIDGE SUBDIVISION

0024 0009 1191

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Map: Grid: Parcel: Neighborhood: Subdivision: Section: Block: Lot: Assessment Year:

Plat No: 10166

Plat Ref:

Town: None

Primary Structure Built Above Grade Living Area Finished Basement Area

Property Land Area County Use

1.0383 AC

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Stories Basement Type Exterior Quality Full/Half Bath Garage Last Notice of Major Improvements

Value Information

	Base Value	Value	Phase-in Assessments	
		As of 01/01/2023	As of 07/01/2022	As of 07/01/2023
Land:	0	0		
Improvements	0	0		
Total:	0	0	0	0
Preferential Land:	0	0		

Transfer Information

Seller: MAGNUM CENTER LLC	Date: 02/28/2013	Price: \$0
Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Deed1: /04479/ 00053	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price: \$0
Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Deed1: /01906/ 00458	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments: Class 07/01/2022 07/01/2022			07/01/2023
County:	502	0.00	0.00
State:	502	0.00	0.00
Municipal:	502	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00

Special Tax Recapture: None

Homestead Application Information

Homestead Application Status: No Application

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Information

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Status: No Application

Date:

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Special Tax Recapture: None

Account Identifier:

District - 13 Account Number - 011133

Owner Information

Owner Name:

WASH CO COMMISSIONERS BOARD OF Use:

EXEMPT Principal Residence:NO

Mailing Address:

100 W WASHINGTON ST HAGERSTOWN MD 21740-0000 Deed Reference: /04479/ 00053

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address:

MAUGANS AVE

Legal Description: SWM AREA #1 1.9976 ACRES

HAGERSTOWN 21740-0000

MAUGANS AVE E/S MAUGANSVILLE RD

Map: Grid: Parcel: Neighborhood: Subdivision: Section: Block: Lot: Assessment Year: 0243 0012 1190 13010330.22

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SWM 2023

Plat No: 10166

Town: None

Primary Structure Built Above Grade Living Area Finished Basement Area Property Land Area County Use

1.9976 AC

Stories Basement Type Exterior Quality Full/Half Bath Garage Last Notice of Major Improvements

Value Information

	Base Value	Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		As of 01/01/2023	As of 07/01/2022	As of 07/01/2023	
Land:	0	0			
Improvements	0	0			
Total:	0	0	0	0	
Preferential Land:	0	0			

Transfer Information

Seller: MAGNUM CENTER LLC	Date: 02/28/2013	Price: \$0
Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Deed1: /04479/ 00053	Deed2:
Seller: HORST NORMAN A & LOIS H	Date: 01/12/2004	Price: \$150,000
Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Deed1: /02230/ 00091	Deed2:
Seller: MARTIN CHARLES E & SARAH	Date: 12/04/1989	Price: \$93,750
Type: NON-ARMS LENGTH OTHER	Deed1: /00936/ 01023	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments:Class 07/01/2022 07/01/20			07/01/2023
County:	502	0.00	0.00
State:	502	0.00	0.00
Municipal:	502	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00

Special Tax Recapture: None

Homestead Application Information

Homestead Application Status: No Application

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Information

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Status: No Application

View Map

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View GroundRent Registration

Special Tax Recapture: None

Account Identifier:

District - 13 Account Number - 008620

Owner Information

Owner Name:

INTERNATIONAL UNION UNITEDUse:

COMMERCIAL

Principal Residence:NO

Mailing Address:

18131 MAUGANS AVENUE Deed Reference:

/00523/ 00030

HAGERSTOWN MD 21740-1664

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address:

MAUGANS AVE

Legal Description: 3.03 ACRES SW/S

MAUGANSVILLE 21767-0000

MAUGANSVILLE SCHOOL RD MAUGANSVILLE

Map: Grid: Parcel: Neighborhood: 0243 0000 1376

Subdivision: Section: Block: Lot: Assessment Year:

Plat No:

Town: None

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2021

Plat Ref:

1981

8,661 SF

Primary Structure Built Above Grade Living Area Finished Basement Area Property Land Area County Use 131,986 SF

Stories Basement Type CLUB HOUSE /

Exterior Quality Full/Half Bath Garage Last Notice of Major Improvements

Value Information

	Base Value	Value	Phase-in Asses	sments
		As of 01/01/2021	As of 07/01/2022	As of 07/01/2023
Land:	757,500	757,500		
Improvements	374,500	402,300		
Total:	1,132,000	1,159,800	1,150,533	1,159,800
Preferential Land:	0	0		

Transfer Information

Seller:	
Type:	
Seller:	
Type:	
Seller:	

Date: Deed1: Price: Deed2

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Date: Deed1: Price: Deed2:

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Municipal: Special Tax Recapture: None

Homestead Application Information

Homestead Application Status: No Application

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Information

Homeowners' Tax Credit Application Status: No Application Date:



ZONING APPEAL

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Kehoe Realty LLC

Docket No:

AP2023-027

6390 Riding Horse Drive

Tax ID No:

18016613

Mt Airy MD 21771

Zoning:

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Appellant:

Kehoe Realty LLC

RB Overlay:

No

6390 Riding Horse Drive

Zoning Overlay:

06/01/2023

Mt. Airy MD 21771

Filed Date: **Hearing Date:**

06/21/2023

Property Location:

1221 Security Road

Hagerstown, MD 21742

Description Of Appeal: Variance from the required 40 ft. front yard setback to 20 ft. for proposed new structure.

Appellant's Legal Interest In Above Property:

Owner: Yes

Lessee: No

Contract to

No

Rent/Lease:

Contract to

No Purchase:

Other:

Previous Petition/Appeal Docket No(s):

Applicable Ordinance Sections:

Washington County Zoning Ordinance Section 8.5 (a)

Reason For Hardship:

Unique and unusual shape of property due to nature of the surrounding properties and

Antietam Creek/floodplain buffering.

If Appeal of Ruling, Date Of Ruling:

Ruling Official/Agency:

Existing Use:

Bar & Grill/Restaurant

Proposed Use:

Bar & Grill/Restaurant

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.

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
MAYONMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 07, 2025

Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 25.51(C)

Docket No: AP2023-027

State of Maryland Washington County, To Wit:

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Kehoe Realty LLC

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

Kathryn B Rathvon NOTARY PUBLIC WASHINGTON COUNTY

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 07, 2025

Notary Public

Seal

My Commission Expires



BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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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 1221 Security Rd. Hagerstown, MD 21740 Property ID: 18-014613
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: Section 8.5 - Minimum Front Yard Depth
Specify the particular requirement(s) from which a variance is desired in that section or subsection: Min. Front Yard Required - 40' Proposed - 20'
Describe the nature and extent of the desired variance from Ordinance requirements: listed above: See attached.
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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? YesX 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. III25 Bernisder For Rd. Greenca5+le, PA 17225 Address and of Appellant T17-593-7200 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.



May 31, 2023

Washington County Board of Appeals 80 W. Baltimore Street Hagerstown, MD 21740

Re: Request for Variances: +/- 2.66 ac. located at 1221 Security Road, Hagerstown, MD 21740 (TM 38; Parcel 678; Tax ID No. 18-016613) (the "Property")

Dear Board Members:

KEHOE REALTY LLC, a Maryland limited liability company (the "Applicant") hereby requests a variance from the Washington County Zoning Ordinance (the "Ordinance") as follows:

Min. Front Yard:

40' requirement: 20' proposed

Summary

The Applicant purchased the Property in August '22 and is in the process of planning a comprehensive renovation to the Property that will require a complete tear-down and rebuilding of the existing building and improvements (collectively, the "**Project**"). A conceptual site plan for the Project is attached.

Although the subject Property is currently improved with the Creekside Bar & Grill (and has been for at least 30+ years), it is zoned RS (Residential, Suburban). See attached, labeled Zoning Map.

As such, the Applicant is in the process of confirming with the Planning Director that the existing use is a legal, nonconforming use entitled to continue operating on the Property. Once confirmed, the applicable Min. Front Yard Depth will be 40' pursuant to § 8.5 of the Zoning Ordinance.

As shown on the Site Plan, the current building currently sits on (and possibly even slightly over) the front Property line abutting Security Road.

Although the current sketch plan shows the building located +/- 26' from the front property line, in the event the footprint needs to move closer to the road due to the proximity of Antietam Creek to the rear of the Property the within request is for a variance from the applicable 40' setback to 20'.

General Authority

The Board of Appeals of Washington County (the "Board") is authorized by Section 25.2(c) of the Zoning Ordinance to grant variances from "height, lot area, yard regulations, parking space requirements, sign regulations, distance requirements specified in Section 4.9, buffer requirements and other distance or dimensional requirements."

Pursuant to Section 25.56, a variance may be granted upon a showing of either practical difficulty or undue hardship.

In this case, the two (2) requested variances are "dimensional" rather than "use" variances making practical difficulty the applicable standard.

Section 25.56(A) of the Zoning Ordinance sets forth the criteria for finding practical difficulty; they are as follows:

- 1. Strict compliance would unreasonably prevent use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2. Denying the variance 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.

Justification

Unique and Unusual

The Property is unique and unusual in a manner different from the nature of the surrounding properties such that its uniqueness causes the subject setback requirement to disproportionately impact the Property in that:

- The Property is extremely long and narrow tapering even further on the E/S;
- The impact of the Property's narrowness is further magnified by being bounded on the S/S by the Antietam Creek and the corresponding floodplain buffering requirements;

Practical Difficulty

In this case, requiring strict compliance with the Ordinance would render conformance unnecessarily burdensome since the Property's shape and location makes it impractical if not impossible to situate the proposed new building any further from Security Road.

Although the building may be able to be situated as much as 25-26' from Security Road, in order to allow some flexibility in the final building design and site plan process the Applicant has requested a variance to 20' and thus has requested the minimum variances

required to accommodate the Project and a lesser relaxation than that applied for would not give substantial relief.

Because the existing building is located on (and possibly even slightly over) the front Property line abutting Security Road, granting the requested variance to allow the new building to be constructed no less than 20′ from the property line would still be a drastic improvement over the current situation. As such, approving the requested variance will facilitate and observe the spirit of the Zoning Ordinance and secure public safety and welfare.

CONCLUSION

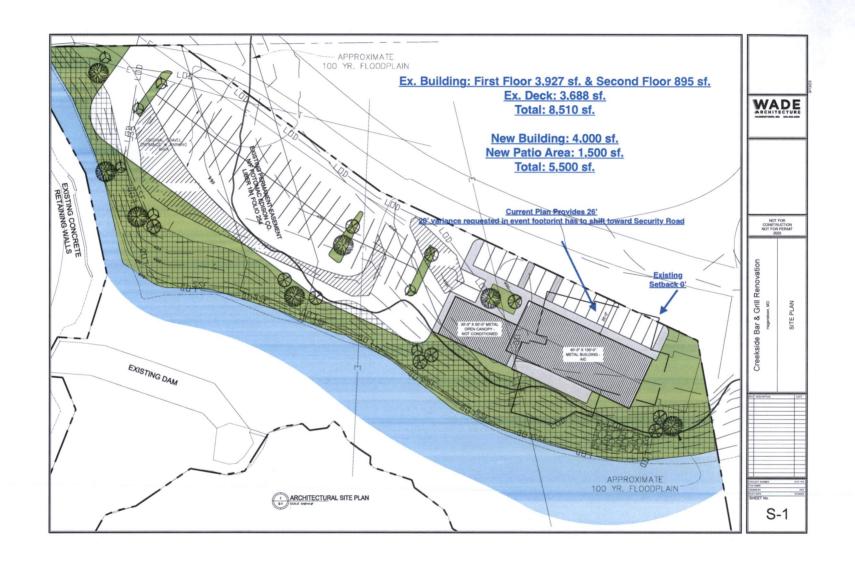
For the reasons and justifications stated above, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Board grant the requested variance so that the Project may proceed as proposed and illustrated on the attached conceptional site plan.

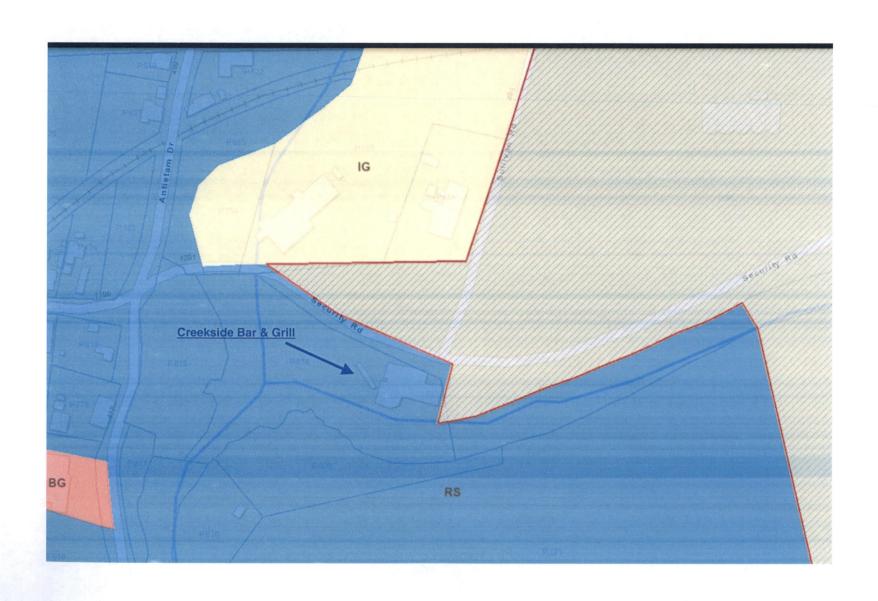
A check for the Board's filing fee and engineering review fee, and list of adjacent property owners are provided herewith.

Very truly yours, JD LAW COMPANY, INC.

Jason M. Divelbiss *Attorney at Law*

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	Map/Parcel	<u>Premises Address</u>	<u>Owner</u>	Mailing Address
1	0038/0615	458 Antietam Drive. Hagerstown, MD 21742	Washington County Board of Commissioners	100 W. Washington St. Ste 1101 Hagerstown, MD 21740
2	0038/0655	Security Rd. Hagerstown, MD 21742	Holcim US Inc	6211 Ann Arbor Rd. Dundee, MI 48131
3	0038/0754	Security Rd. Hagerstown, MD 21742	Andy B. Stamper Jr. & Pamela K. Stamper	1210 Security Rd. Hagerstown, MD 21742
4	0038/0753	1210 Security Rd. Hagerstown, MD 21742	Andy B. Stamper Jr. & Pamela K. Stamper	1210 Security Rd. Hagerstown, MD 21742
5	0038/0098	1260 Security Rd. Hagerstown, MD 21742	Holcim US Inc	6211 Ann Arbor Rd. Dundee, MI 48131
6	0038/0609	Needys Lane Hagerstown, MD 21742	Gerald E. Levardi	70 Upper Rd. Martinsburg, WV 25401
7	0038/0610	Needys Lane Hagerstown, MD 21742	Anthony Christoper Manilla	19222 Jamestown Drive. Hagerstown, MD 21742