Case 4103

OFFICIAL DECISION BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

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REQUEST:

Enlargement of parking facilities serving a nonconforming use, to wit:

a convenience grocery and dairy products store

LOCATION:

934 Washington Road (Md. Rt. 32) in Election District 7

BASIS:

Article 4, Section 4.3; Carroll County Zoning Ordinance 1E

HEARING HELD: May 30, 1996

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

The application, testimony and evidence comprising the record of this case are hereby included by reference in this decision. Based on the record and in accordance with the state Open Meetings Act, the Board authorized the request, and elected not to impose the site plan requirements of Section 4.26 of Ordinance 1E on this application.

The pertinent findings determining the authorization include the facts that the convenience grocery and dairy store is a lawfully existing nonconforming use; the enlargement will involve less than 5,000 square feet of area and provide seven additional spaces as depicted on the plot plan (Applicant's Exhibit 1); the additional spaces are expected to improve ingress and egress to and from the premises; a proposed walkway, benches, landscaping and lighting are also planned; the enlargement, as proposed and subject to (1) installing wheel bumper curbs to prevent vehicles from encroaching or overhanging the adjoining property to the north, (2) installing low level lighting with the lights shielded on the top and sides to prevent glare from interfering with the vision of drivers or adversely affecting neighbors, (3) relocating the proposed traffic directional arrows for the new spaces at least twenty feet south of the location depicted on the plot plan and, (4) establishment of landscaping as generally portrayed by the plot plan will be beneficial and will not adversely affect residents of adjacent properties, the values of those properties, or public interests.

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