## CARROLL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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## Office of Zoning Administration

Official Decision **Case ZA-1089 Zoning Manager** Carroll County, Maryland

**APPLICANT:** 

Len Stoler Dodge Jeep Chrysler

**REQUEST:** 

A variance from the maximum square footage allowed for signs from 297

square feet to 340.02 square feet

LOCATION:

1001 Baltimore Blvd. Westminster, Md.

MAP/BLOCK/PARCEL:

46/16/693

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances, Chapters 103-138C and

223-181

**HEARING HELD:** 

January 2, 2008

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Based on the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing the variance is granted.

Facts, which support the request for relief from the strict terms of the Ordinance, in this case, a variance from the maximum square footage allowed for signs from 297 square feet to 340.02 square feet are as follows:

The applicants are requesting additional square footage for their on premises advertising signs to accommodate all three franchises they own. They want to put their dealer name on the freestanding sign as well as the building and according to Chrysler standards the name brand signs must be bigger than the dealer name. They will have one freestanding sign in addition to the signs on the building. Without the dealer name on the freestanding sign the business is not easily identified by motorists on the highway. The applicant is also in the architectural stages of preparing plans to enlarge the existing building by putting additions on each side which will then increase the linear footage of the building wall used in calculating signs.

No neighbors were present at the hearing opposing the variance; therefore, the granting of this variance should have no adverse effect on any adjoining property owners.

This approval is valid for one year from the date of this decision.

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Note:

An appeal of a Decision made pursuant to Chapter 223-181.2 may be made to the Board of Zoning Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of the Zoning Administrator's decision in accordance with Chapter 223-182 and 223-188 of the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances.

A decision of the Zoning Administrator made pursuant to Chapter 223-181 is final and constitutes a zoning action. Unless timely appealed, parties may not thereafter challenge the Zoning Administrator's decision.

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Zoning Manager