

OFFICIAL DECISION
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPLICANT: Stu's Music Shop
 721 Baltimore Boulevard
 Westminster, Maryland 21157

AGENT: Carroll Add
 19 North Court Street
 Westminster, Maryland 21157

REQUEST: A variance reducing the minimum required front setback of 40
 feet for two proposed free standing signs to be erected.

LOCATION: 721 Baltimore Boulevard (Md. Rt. 140) in Election District 7.

BASIS: Article 14, Division II. Section 14.23(f); Article 15, Section 15.5;
 Ordinance 1E.

HEARING HELD: December 28, 1988

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

Based on the application, testimony and evidence comprising the record of this case, the Board hereby authorizes the request. The pertinent findings justifying the authorization include the facts that the business identification signs are designed to provide reasonable notice to drivers proceeding in either direction on Baltimore Boulevard (Md. Rt. 140) enabling lane changes and turning maneuvers to promote vehicular traffic safety. The single faced sign to be located in front of the music shop will be visible to drivers proceeding west on the highway. The double-faced sign to be erected adjacent to Kindee Kata Road will be visible to drivers proceeding in both directions on the highway, and provide reasonable notice to permit safe slowing and turning maneuvers into Kindee Kata Road. Attention is directed to the fact that in order for the double faced sign to be visible to drivers proceeding easterly on the highway, the sign must be elevated with the top of the structure approximately 10 feet above ground level. This will provide visibility above two existing signs located on the adjoining property to the west. The relaxation of the minimum front set back requirements is considered to be appropriate in order to promote the interest of public safety. No evidence was presented which would indicate that the establishment of the signs as proposed would unduly affect the adjoining properties.

Jan. 11, 1989
Date

John Totura
John Totura, Chairman