



Howard County Council Zoning Board of Howard County

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February 20, 2018

Alan M. Schwartz, Esq.
10450 Shaker Drive, Suite 109
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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

RE: ZB 1119M, HRVC

The Chair of the Zoning Board has considered your request of February 5, 2018 for a postponement of ZB 1119M due to your inability to attend the first 2 scheduled Zoning Board hearing dates of February 28 and March 6, 2018, as you will be out of the country. As you are representing 18 people in Zoning Board Case No. 1119M, and participated in the Planning Board meeting of January 4, 2018, your request to postpone the Zoning Board hearing is granted.

The only remaining date scheduled for this case is March 13, 2018. Pursuant to Howard County Code Section 16.211 concerning Zoning Board Scheduling in a Councilmanic Election Year, the Zoning Board shall not take final action on any zoning application after the date of the primary election, which is June 26, 2018. (See attached letter from the Zoning Board setting a deadline of mid-April, 2018 as a cut-off date for scheduling Zoning Board hearings).

Due to overwhelming interest by the public to participate in this case, the Zoning Board anticipates that this case cannot be completed in one night. Therefore, the Zoning Board will be postponing this case until a new Council is seated.

Sincerely,

Robin Regner
Board Administrator

Attachment
cc: Scott Barhight



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TO INTERESTED PARTIES:

RE: Zoning Board Scheduling
Councilmanic Election Year

Pursuant to Howard County Code Section 16.211, in any year in which members of the County Council are elected, the incumbent Councilmembers shall not take final action on any zoning application after the date of the primary election as set by law and until the newly elected County Council members have qualified and taken office. Please be advised that the primary election date in Maryland is June 26, 2018. Final action has been interpreted to mean a signed and issued decision of the Zoning Board not just a vote to approve or deny a zoning application by the Zoning Board.

In order to allow for sufficient time for any Zoning Board decisions to be prepared and signed by the Zoning Board members by this Howard County Code deadline, the Zoning Board is expecting to finish the decision-making process on cases by mid-April, 2018.

It is possible that cases which begin prior to mid-April, 2018 may not be able to finish by mid-April, 2018 and therefore may have to start over with the next Zoning Board in 2019. Quasi-judicial hearings on zoning cases which need to be scheduled after the date of this notice are not guaranteed to meet this cut-off of mid-April, 2018 and might not be scheduled for hearing at all by this Zoning Board. The Zoning Board may decide not to schedule original or continuation

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quasi-judicial hearings on zoning applications which seem unlikely to be able to meet this cut-off of mid-April, 2018.

Please contact the Zoning Board office at 410-313-2395 should you have any questions or need additional information.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Terrasa". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jennifer Terrasa, Chairperson
Howard County Zoning Board