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Code Inspections and Enforcement
County Office Building
111 W Chesapeake Ave
Towson, MD 21204

Re: 12639 Belair Rd)

Dears Sirs,

I noticed that a complaint was recently filed for the subject address. Since I had been planning to do so myself, I will add my name to those disgusted with this wanton disregard for our community and provide additional information.

    Owner: Thomas M Brandt, purchased June 1999
    Zoned BL CR, surrounded by RC5 and RC7
    Parcel size: 23,958 sq ft (.55 acre)

The first attached photo is from the County web site and shows the property several years ago with the front area almost void of vehicles, which it was for some time. Thus, any current use should be considered a new use, not "grandfathered". It is unknown what the present claimed use is, but it appears to be only a dismantling facility.

The lot is now full of junked and dismantled cars, in violation of the following BCZR provisions:

    230.1 does not include Service Garage (or junk yard) as an permitted use.

    408.1 which prohibits a junkyard on less than 1 acre

    408.2 which prohibits a junkyard within 300 ft of any other zone

    408.3 which required screening

    405A.1 which requires screening

    405A.2 which requires a paved surface

In addition, the following provisions applicable to the CR District are being violated:

    259.3C.2 requires a setback for the front yard of "not less that 15 feet from the street right-of-way" (which is 60 ft wide)

    259.3C.6 requires "storage" to be at the side or rear of building and screened.

    259.3C.7.d requires that "display of goods, vehicles and equipment" must be "not more than five feet in front of the required front building line".

Thank you for your assistance in cleaning up this mess.

Regards,

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Notes:

July 6 - checked status - correction notice issued to "cease junkyard conditions" and "damaged vehicles must be in screened area". Given until July 13. (This letter was not in file.)