

October 23, 2007

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

Re: 11717 Belair Rd, Kingsville
Castle Motor Sports

Dear Sirs,

I request that you take action concerning multiple code violations at the subject property.

A site plan was approved by the County for the grading and landscaping completed last year which included installation of a curb 10 feet from the southwest boundary with the church and a requirement to landscape this 10 foot strip. This landscape and lighting plan was approved by Avery Harden on September 27, 2006, so he should be consulted if there are any questions regarding the validity of this complaint.

Specifically, the following violations exist:

1. A large number of advertising flags are placed around the perimeter of the site, including some which depict the image of a Stop sign in violation of BCZR 450.6.A.2. In addition, when the wind blows from the east, these signs block the view of oncoming traffic for drivers attempting to exit Goettner Road. I believe that a correction notice was issued earlier this year to remove these flags.
2. Three illuminated signs have been attached to the exterior walls of the building in addition to the previously existing roof-mounted enterprise sign. Although a permit was issued in August for these three new signs, it should not have been, since Permits was apparently not aware of the existing roof-sign, which is now not allowed and should have been removed during the recent renovations.
3. Although not allowed by the approved lighting plan, an additional tall, high-intensity light has been installed at the back of the property, aiming forward and shining onto the road.
4. A 50-foot tall flag pole, apparently with a ground-based light shining upward, is currently being installed. It is my understanding that a building permit should be required, that a Zoning Hearing would be required for such a pole to exceed 25 feet, and that any upward-pointing light would be in violation of the approved lighting plan. Further, the base of this pole appears to be within the required 10-foot landscaping area.

I am available at most anytime to discuss this case.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

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