

August 18, 2014

Mr. Arnold Jablon
Director, Permits, Approvals, and Inspections
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Subject: Bill 42-14 and Williamsburg Inn, 11131 Pulaski Hwy

Dear Mr. Jablon,

As you are probably aware, the recent County Council Bill 42-14 provided an exception from mandatory removal now that the 15-year abatement period for signs has ended for "legally nonconforming signs erected prior to 1960 along numbered U.S. highways, excluding U.S. Route 1" (thus essentially limited to those on Route 40). This bill takes effect today. Unfortunately, the bill specified neither the process for making such a determination nor how a citizen could be a part of the process. Presumably, it comes to your department for consideration.

The first application of this new exception will be the Williamsburg Inn (now renamed to "Parker's"). The ongoing zoning case 2014-0048-A was the reason of this legislation. In a request to postpone a scheduled August 27 Board of Appeals hearing, the motion stated that "the Owner will submit to Baltimore County incontrovertible evidence of the sign at issue in this case having been erected prior to 1960".

This letter constitutes an official request that I be notified of the owner's submission so that I may examine the same, that I be given an opportunity to contest that evidence and its application in relation to the second sign at this property, and that I be invited to attend any meeting or discussion you or any member of your staff may have with the owner or his attorney relative to this matter.

Thanks for your assistance in keeping this process open and in the public view.

Regards,

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