



# THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND 20772  
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## *NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION*

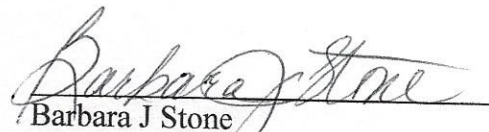
### *OF BOARD OF APPEALS*

RE: Case No. V-62-20 Mark W. Robinson

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Board Order setting forth the action taken by the Board of Appeals in your case on the following date: April 28, 2021

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on 9/23/2021, the above notice and attached Order of the Board were mailed, postage prepaid, to all persons of record.

  
Barbara J Stone  
Administrator

cc: Petitioner  
Adjoining Property Owners  
M-NCPPC, Permit Review Section  
DPIE/Building Code Official, Permitting

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
***Sitting as the Board of Zoning Appeals***

Petitioner: Mark W. Robinson

Appeal No.: V-62-20

Subject Property: Lots 24 & 25, Block 17, Greater Capitol Heights Subdivision, being 815 Glacier Avenue,  
Capitol Heights, Prince George's County, Maryland

Witness: John Watkins, Construction, Inc.

Heard: April 14, 2021 and Decided: April 28, 2021

Board Members Present and Voting: Bobbie S. Mack, Chairperson  
Albert C. Scott, Vice Chairman  
Anastasia T. Johnson, Member

RESOLUTION

This appeal is brought before the Board of Appeals, sitting as the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland (the "Board"), requesting a variance from the strict application of the provisions of Subtitle 27 of the Prince George's County Code (the "Zoning Ordinance").

In this appeal, a proceeding pursuant to Section 27-229 of the Zoning Ordinance, Petitioner requests that the Board approve a variance from Section 27-442(b)(Table I) prescribes that each lot shall have a minimum net lot area of 5000 square feet. Section 27-442(d)(Table III) prescribes that each lot shall have a minimum width of 50 feet measured along the front building line. Section 27-442(e)(Table IV) of the Zoning Ordinance which prescribes that each lot shall have a front yard at least 25 feet in depth. Petitioner proposes to validate existing conditions (net lot area, front building line width and front yard depth) and obtain a building permit for the unauthorized constructions of one-story addition. Variances of 1000 square feet net lot area, 10 feet front building line width and 9.1<sup>1</sup> feet front yard depth is requested.

Evidence Presented

1. The property was subdivided in 1909, contains 4000 square feet, is zoned R-55 (One-family Detached Residential) and is improved with a single-family dwelling, a second-floor addition, covered front porch and deck. The original structure was built in 1939. Exhibits (Exhs.) 3, 5, 10, 11 and 12 (a) thru (d).
2. The property is narrow at 40 feet wide and 100 feet in length. Exhs. 3 and 5.
3. Petitioner would like to validate existing conditions (net lot area, front building line width and front yard depth) and obtain a building permit for the unauthorized constructions of a one-story addition.
4. The net lot area does not meet the current prerequisite of 5,000 square feet, requiring a variance of 1000 feet. The front building line width does not the requirement of 50 feet for which a variance of 10 feet front building line width is required. In addition, the front yard setback is deficient and requires a variance of 8.6 feet. Exhs. 3, 5, 10, 11 and 12 (a) thru (d).
5. Petitioner Mark Robinson testified that he has owned the property for 3 years, but it was and remains uninhabitable. Mr. Robinson explained that he would like to add a full second floor for which a building permit was initially approved and lapsed. He stated that when he attempted to reinstate the building permit, the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcements (DPIE) (Permit Office) stated that an error in identifying setbacks had occurred for the subject property and a variance would be needed. Exhs. 2, 3, 4 (a) thru (d), and 6.

<sup>1</sup> A correction and need for reduction for the front yard setback to 8.6 feet was identified. Because the difference is lower, there is no need to re-advertise the appeal on this change.



6. Mr. John Walker elaborated that the building plans were approved, and the construction had begun, but when it was time for the final inspection, the building permit had expired (caused by problems associated with the job site). When renewal of the permit was applied for, the zoning review section of DPIE discovered that a variance was missed during the review and the permit could not be approved due to setback issues. Mr. Walker stated that the contractor was advised that variances were needed. He stated that the original house had a partial second story and the plan was to complete the second story in the same footprint as the first floor with a covered front porch. Exhs. 2, 3, 4 (a) thru (d), and 6.

7. Mr. Walker also stated that the original house was in complete disrepair and uninhabitable.

8. He testified that neighbors have praised the work done on the house.

#### Applicable Code Section And Authority

Section 27-230 of the Zoning Ordinance authorizes the Board to grant variances when, by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness, shape, topography, or other extraordinary situation or condition of specific parcels of property, the strict application of the Zoning Ordinance would result in peculiar and unusual practical difficulties or an exceptional or undue hardship upon the owner of the property, provided such relief can be granted without substantial impairment of the intent, purpose and integrity of the General Plan or Master Plan.

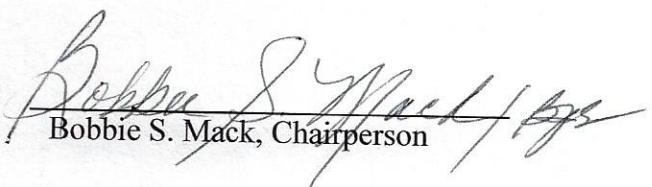
#### Findings of the Board

After hearing all the testimony and reviewing the evidence of record, the Board finds that the requested variance complies with the applicable standards set forth in Section 27-230, more specifically:

Due to the house being in disrepair and uninhabitable, the need to add additional living area, an initial building permit for a second story construction had been approve and the permit expired, the construction is on the same footprint as the dwelling, DPIE identification for the need for variance(s) and the character of the neighborhood, granting the relief requested would not substantially impair the intent, purpose and integrity of the General Plan or Master Plan, and denying the request would result in a peculiar and unusual practical difficulty upon the owner of the property.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, unanimously, that variances of 1000 square feet net lot area, 10 feet front building line width and 8.6 feet front yard depth in order to Petitioner proposes to validate existing conditions (net lot area, front building line width and front yard depth) and obtain a building permit for the unauthorized constructions of one-story addition on the property located at 815 Glacier Avenue, Capitol Heights, Prince George's County, Maryland, be and is hereby APPROVED. Approval of the variances is contingent upon development in compliance with the approved site plan, Exhibit 3 and approved elevation plan, Exhibit 4 (a) thru (d).

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By:   
Bobbie S. Mack, Chairperson

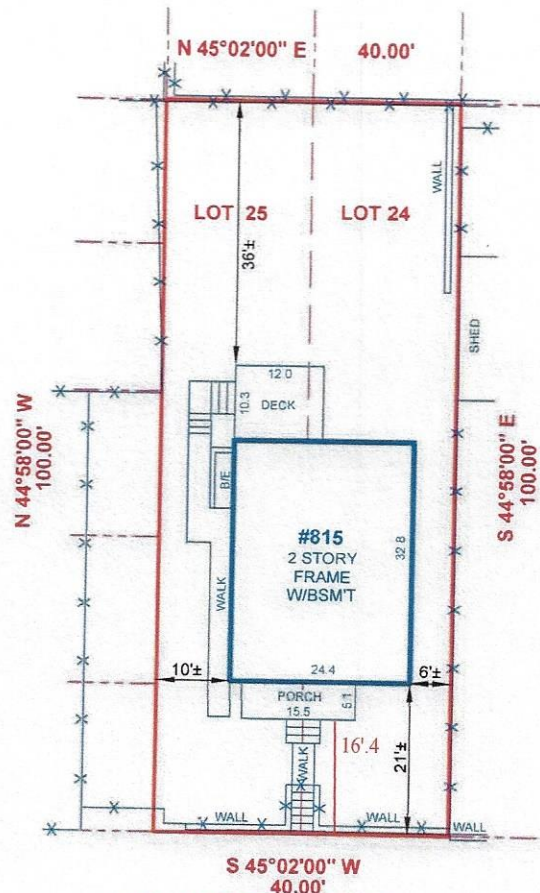
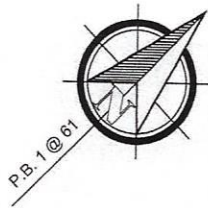
**NOTICE**

Within thirty (30) days from the date of this decision, any person, firm, corporation, or governmental agency who was a party to the Board's proceedings and is aggrieved by its decision may file an appeal to the Circuit Court of Prince George's County.

Further, Section 27-233(a) of the Prince George's County Code states:

A decision of the Board, permitting the erection of a building or structure, shall not be valid for more than two (2) years, unless a building permit for the erection is obtained within this period and the construction is started and proceeds to completion in accordance with the terms of the decision and the permit.





GLACIER AVENUE

EXH. # 3  
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ADMINISTRATOR

LOCATION DRAWING OF:

#815 GLACIER AVENUE  
LOTS 24 & 25 BLOCK 17

SHEET NO. 2

GREATER CAPITOL HEIGHTS

PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 61

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

SCALE: 1"=20' DATE: 01-30-2021

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LEGEND:

- \* - FENCE
- BE - BASEMENT ENTRANCE
- B/W - BAY WINDOW
- BR - BRICK
- BRL - BLDG. RESTRICTION LINE
- BSMT - BASEMENT
- CS - CONCRETE STOOP
- CONC - CONCRETE
- D/W - DRIVEWAY
- FR - FRAME
- MAC - MACADAM
- OH - OVERHANG
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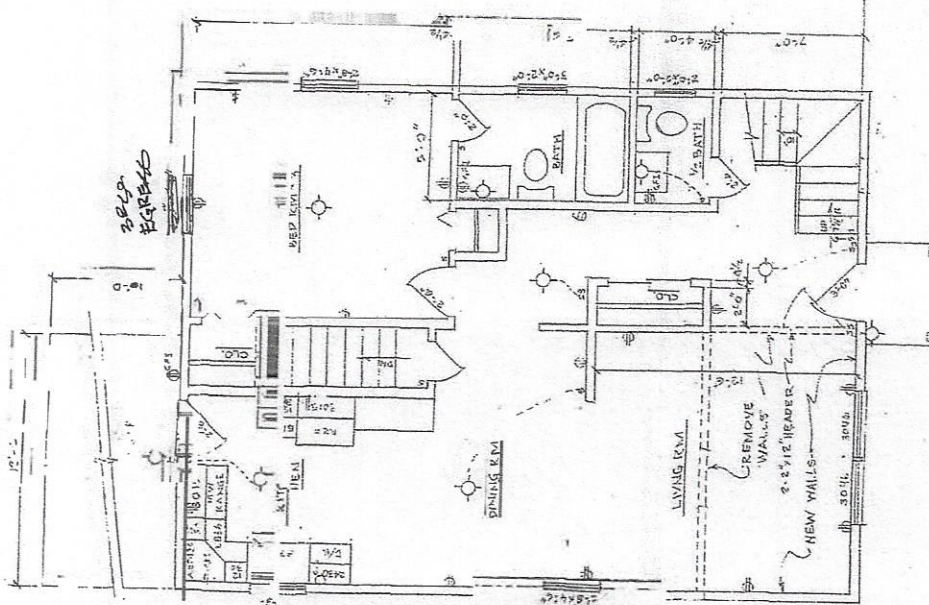
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WILL GIVE YOU A 100%  
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SURVEY TO A  
"BOUNDARY/STAKE"  
SURVEY FOR ONE  
YEAR FROM THE DATE  
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(EXCLUDING D.C. & BALT. CITY)







FIRST FLOOR PLAN

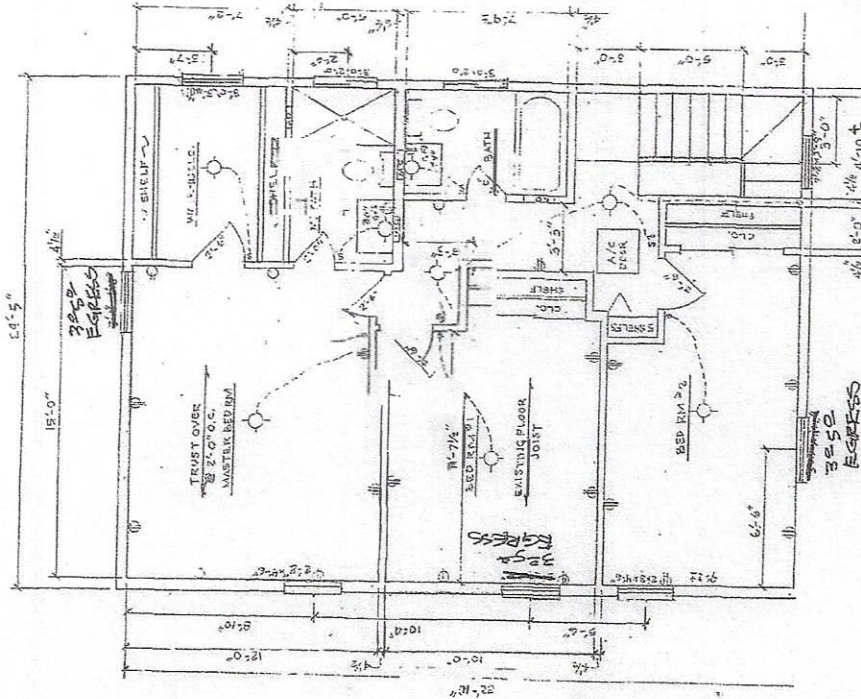


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CALL MISS UTILITY  
Before Breaking Ground  
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To Locate All Underground Utilities



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

(a)

EXH. # 4 (a-d)  
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NEW SINGLE-FAMILY HOME ADJUSTING TO  
EXISTING HOME-BUILDING SYSTEM.  
Approved under permit from the Department of  
Public Safety. A license of Professional Engineer  
shall complete a 100-hour continuing education  
course in fire safety.

For Sprinkled homes, all additions  
(including sunrooms, porches, etc.)  
must also be protected by an  
automatic sprinkler system.  
Current edition... NFPA 101

PERMITS ARE THE PROPERTY  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
AND ENGINEERING

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315 GLADE AVE.

CAPITOL HEIGHT, MD.

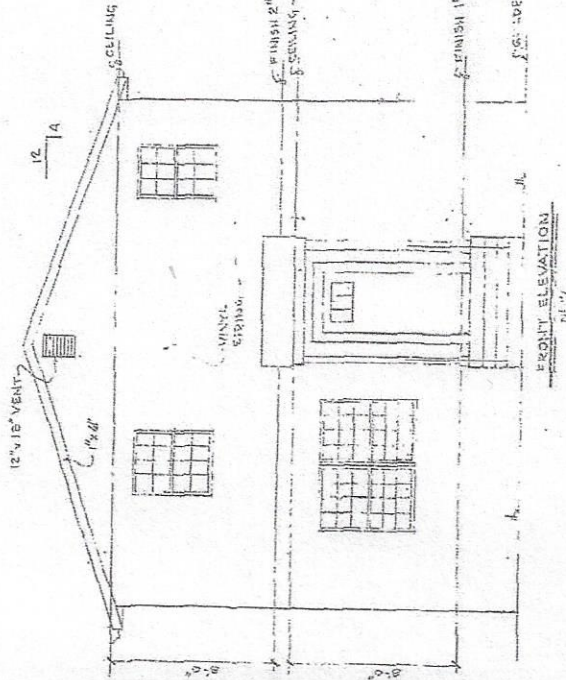
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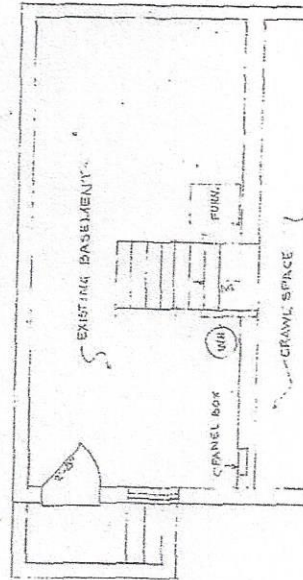
FLOOR PLAN

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NOTES:  
 1. REMOVE EXISTING 2ND FLOOR LUMBER, 110' x 110'.  
 2. EXISTING 1ST FLOOR LUMBER, 110' x 110'.  
 3. EXISTING FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR EXTERIOR WALLS.  
 4. ALL VENT, 12' x 16'.



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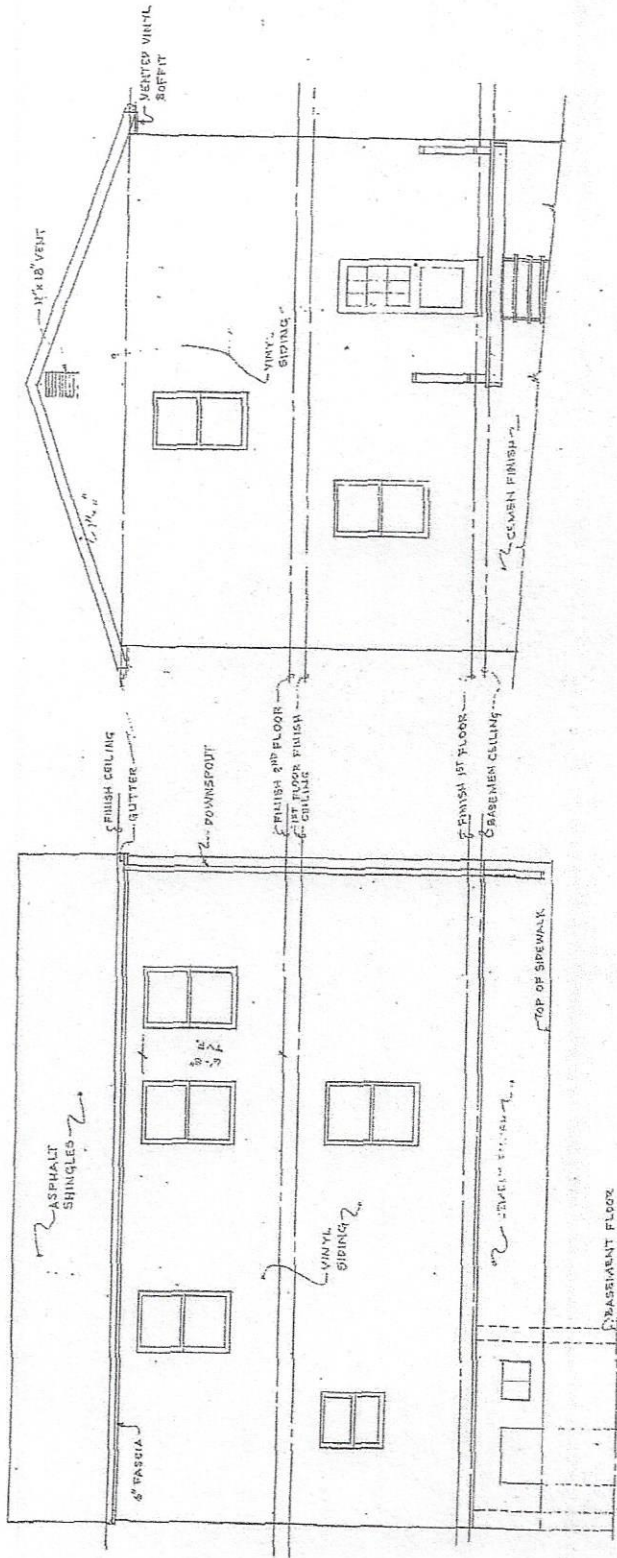
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**(b)**

BEE GLACIER AVE	
CAPITOL HEIGHTS MD	
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RIGHT ELEVATION

REAR ELEVATION

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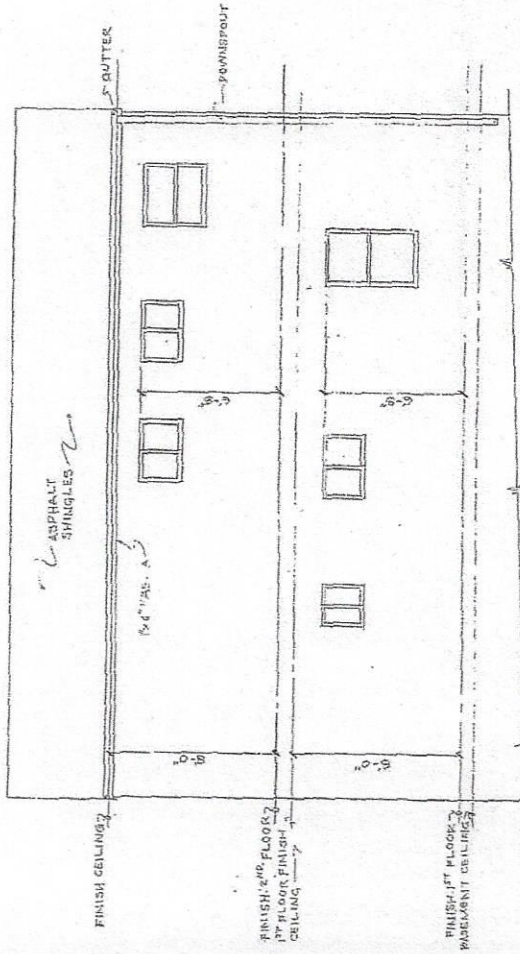
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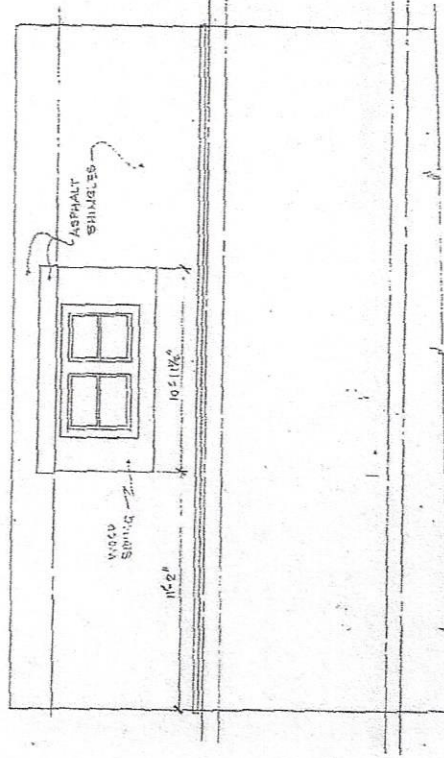
**(c)**

815 GLACIER AVE. CAPITOL HEIGHTS MD.	
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ELEVATIONS	
DRAWING NO. 14R-3	





LEFT ELEVATION



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(d)

816 CLACIER AVE.	
CAPITOL HEIGHTS MD.	
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ELEVATION: 104	
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