BOARD OF APPEALS

September 4, 2024

County Administration Building, 100 W. Washington St., Meeting Room 2000, Hagerstown, at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

AP2024-040: An appeal was filed by Obidi Holdings LLC for requesting to modify condition of previously approved special exception AP2022-029, specifically, "the condition that the proposed use be consistent with the testimony and evidence presented.." to allow: construction of new building rather than re-use of existing building; inclusion of +/- 1,700 sf. "Tenant Space" for "Professional Offices" or "Medical or Dental Clinic/Office"; and additional minor charges to hours of operation, etc. Requesting a variance from the off-street parking space requirement for medical offices from the 38 spaces to 32 spaces. The property is owned by the appellant and is located at 13316 Marsh Pike, Hagerstown, zoned Residential Suburban.-**GRANTED**

Pursuant to the Maryland Open Meetings Law, notice is hereby given that the deliberations of the Board of Zoning Appeals are open to the public. Furthermore, the Board, at its discretion, may render a decision as to some or all of the cases at the hearing described above or at a subsequent hearing, the date and time of which will be announced prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Katie Rathvon at 240-313-2464 Voice, 240-313-2130 Voice/TDD no later than August 26, 2024. Any person desiring a stenographic transcript shall be responsible for supplying a competent stenographer.

The Board of Appeals reserves the right to vary the order in which the cases are called. Please take note of the Amended Rules of Procedure (Adopted July 5, 2006), Public Hearing, Section 4(d) which states:

Applicants shall have ten (10) minutes in which to present their request and may, upon request to and permission of the Board, receive an additional twenty (20) minutes for their presentation. Following the Applicant's case in chief, other individuals may receive three (3) minutes to testify, except in the circumstance where an individual is representing a group, in which case said individual shall be given eight (8) minutes to testify.

Those Applicants requesting the additional twenty (20) minutes shall have their case automatically moved to the end of the docket.

For extraordinary cause, the Board may extend any time period set forth herein, or otherwise modify or suspend these Rules, to uphold the spirit of the Ordinance and to do substantial justice.

Tracie Felker, Chairman

Board of Zoning Appeals

ZONING APPEAL

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Obidi Holdings LLC

303 Memorial Boulevard West

Hagerstown MD 21740

Appellant:

Obidi Holdings LLC

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Hagerstown MD 21740

Property Location:

13316 Marsh Pike, Unit#

Description Of Appeal: R

Hagerstown, MD 21742

Request to modify condition of previously approved special exception AP2022-029, specifically, "the condition that the proposed use be consistent with the testimony and evidence presented.." to allow: construction of new building rather than re-use of existing building; inclusion of +/- 1,700 sf. "Tenant Space" for "Professional Offices" or "Medical or Dental Clinic/Office"; and additional minor charges to hours of operation, etc. Requesting a variance from the off-street parking space requirement for

medical offices from the 38 spaces to 32 spaces.

Appellant's Legal Interest In Above Property:

Owner: Yes

Contract to Rent/Lease:

Docket No:

Tax ID No:

RB Overlay:

Filed Date:

Zoning Overlay:

Hearing Date:

Zoning:

No

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08/14/2024

09/04/2024

RS

No

Lessee: No

Contract to

Purchase:

No

Other:

Previous Petition/Appeal Docket No(s):

AP2024-032, AP2024-020, AP2022-029, AP2021-026

Date Ceased:

Applicable Ordinance Sections:

Washington County Zoning Ordinance Section 8.2 (e) & Section

22.12 (b)

Reason For Hardship:

See justification statement

If Appeal of Ruling, Date Of Ruling:

Ruling Official/Agency:

Existing Use:

Vacant Commerical Building

Proposed Use:

New Commerical Building for Physicians Office

Previous Use Ceased For At Least 6 Months:

Area Devoted To Non-Conforming Use -

Existing:

Proposed:

I hearby affirm that all of the statements and information contained in or filed with this appeal are true and correct.

State Of Maryland, Washington County to-wit:

Sworn and subscribed before me this

day of

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My Commission Expires November 07, 2025

, 20<u>29</u>.

Notary Public

Appellant Signature

AFFIDAVIT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 25.51(C)

Docket No: AP2024-040

State of Maryland Washington County, To Wit:

On 8/14/2024, before me the subscriber, a Notary of the public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Jason Divelbiss and made oath in due form of law as follows:

Jason Divelbiss will post the zoning notice sign(s) given to me by the Zoning Administrator in accordance with Section 25.51(c) of the Washington County Zoning Ordinance for the above captioned Board of Appeals case, scheduled for public hearing on 09/04/2024, and that said sign(s) will be erected on the subject property in accordance with the required distances and positioning as set out in the attached posting instructions.

Sign(s) will be posted on 08/20/2024 and will remain until after the above hearing date. §

Jason Divelbiss HBR

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

Kathryn B Rathvon
NOTARY PUBLIC
WASHINGTON COUNTY

MARYLAND MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 07, 2025 **Notary Public**

Seal

My Commission Expires

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

ATTENTION!

Posting Instructions

The premises MUST be posted in accordance with the following rules:

- 1. The sign must be posted a minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing Section 25.51(c) Property upon which the application or appeal is concerned shall be posted conspicuously by a zoning notice no less in size than twenty-two (22) inches by twenty-eight (28) inches at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the hearing.
- 2. The sign must be placed on the property within ten (10) feet of the property line which abuts the most traveled public road.
- 3. The sign must be posted in a conspicuous manner not over six (6) feet above the ground level, and affixed to a sturdy frame where it will be clearly visible and legible to the public.
- 4. The sign shall be maintained at all times by the applicant until after the public hearing. If a new sign is needed or required, please contact the Plan Review Department at 240-313-2460.
- 5. An affidavit certifying the property will be posted for the minimum of fourteen (14) days prior to the public hearing date.

Proper posting of the sign will be spot checked by the Zoning Inspector. IF SIGN IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE, IT MAY RESULT IN RESCHEDULING OF THE HEARING.

MARYLAND
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 07, 2025



August 13, 2024

Washington County Board of Appeals 80 West Baltimore Street Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

Re: Obidi Holdings, LLC - Medical Clinic/Office - 13316 Marsh Pike

- 1) Request to Modify Conditions of Previously Approved Special Exception (AP2022-029) Specifically, "the condition that the proposed use be consistent with the testimony and evidence presented" To Allow:
 - a. construction of new building rather than re-use of existing building;
 - b. inclusion of +/- 1,700 sf. "Tenant Space" for "Professional Offices" or "Medical or Dental Clinic/Office"; and
 - c. additional minor changes to hours of operation, etc.
- 2) Request for Variance from Off-Street Parking Space Requirement

Dear Board Members:

As shall be discussed in greater detail herein below and upon presentation to the Board, although this request is submitted by the same applicant for the same property as the case presented to the Board in July '24 (AP2024-032), it has been modified in several material ways ensuring that it is not "for substantially the same proposal" as prohibited by § 25.7 of the Zoning Ordinance. Namely, the within new application:

- includes a materially different building design taking into account the opinions and concerns previously expressed by the Board and adjoining property owners;
- (ii) includes a specific, limited and designated use for the \pm 1,700 sf. 2nd Floor "Tenant Space"; and
- (iii) includes a companion request for a slight variance to the Off-Street Parking Requirement to address previously expressed concerns from an adjoining property owner.

Modification of Prior Special Exception

Dr. Emeka Obidi of Partners in Pediatrics & Family Health and Obidi Holdings, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company (the "**Applicant**"), is the owner of the property located at 13316 Marsh Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland consisting of +/- 0.826 acres (TM 25, Parcel 128) (the "**Property**") and currently improved by a vacant +/- 8,695 sf. two-story, mixed-use commercial / residential building (the "**Existing Building**"). An aerial photo of the Property is attached hereto for convenient reference.

Past Uses / Zoning

Historically, the Property was designed and used for a dairy business and principal residence of the owners of that business.

In 1983 a request for Special Exception and setback variances was approved (AP-1447) so the Property could be converted to and used for a local garden-tractor, lawnmower, kerosene heater, and accessories retail goods and service business.

Most recently, the Property was used by Red Hill Tactical for the sale of firearms and related accessories.

Despite this extensive history of commercial uses, the Property is zoned RS (Residential, Suburban). A copy of the current parcel and zoning map is attached hereto.

2022 Special Exception

In 2022, at the request of the Applicant, who was then the contract purchaser, the Board approved a Special Exception to use the Property as a full-service physicians' office (the "2022 Approval") in addition to maintaining the 2nd floor residential unit. A copy of the Board's decision in that case (AP2022-029) is attached hereto.

As per the last paragraph in the Board's Amended Opinion dated December 22, 2022:

The application is granted upon the condition that the proposed use be consistent with the testimony and evidence presented herein ... (p. 3)

In general, the Special Exception use approved in 2022 has not changed; Applicant still intends to operate a full-service physician's office. Therefore, there is no need to request a brand-new Special Exception from this Board.

However, certain details of the Applicant's intended use of the Property have changed since the Board rendered its decision in 2022, primarily the intent to re-use the Existing Building. Thus, the need for a modification to the Board's 2022 Approval.

Project Changes Since 2022

New Building v. Re-Use of Existing

As recited in the Board's decision: "Aside from asbestos remediation, there are no major changes planned for the building at the subject property. Appellant intends to maintain the residence on the second floor of the building." (p. 2)

Unfortunately, due to the discovery of significant structural deficiencies, it was determined that renovation and re-use of the Existing Building was not cost effective and building new was the only option.

Attached hereto are (i) a comparison drawing showing the footprint and layout of the proposed new +/- 9,480 sf. building (the "**New Building**") compared to the existing +/- 8,695 sf. Existing Building; (ii) a comparison drawing showing the relative and nearly identical height and scale of the New Building compared to the Existing Building; and (iii) a color rendering showing the exterior façade and appearance of the proposed New Building.

As referenced above, the new building design is materially different from that presented to the Board in July '24 in at least the following ways: (i) replacement of more commercial type flat roof with more residential type gabled roof; (ii) incorporation of brick accents and board & batten siding material also to lend a more residential appearance to the building; and (iii) modification of the window and window trim designs to a more traditional residential type appearance. See attached front and side building elevation drawings.

Inclusion of "Tenant Space" for "Professional Offices" or "Medical or Dental Clinic/Office"

As part of the proposed New Building, the Applicant has included an additional +/-1,700 sf. on the 2nd Floor and identified it as potential, future "Tenant Space" which is hereby requested to be included within the scope of the Special Exception use permitted on the Property.

Specifically, as permitted in the RS (Residential, Suburban) zoning district, the additional "Tenant Space" would be for "Professional Offices" or "Medical or Dental Clinic/Office."

If not used as expansion space for and as part of the primary use by the Applicant's medical practice, the Applicant would like to have the flexibility to lease the "Tenant Space" to a 3rd party for the specified professional or medical office use.

Attached is a floor plan showing the design and layout of the interior spaces of the New Building, including the inclusion of a 2nd floor residential unit (the same as has been present on the Property since at least the 1960's) and the above referenced "Tenant Space."

Additional, Secondary Changes

The details of Applicant's use have also changed in the following, much less significant ways that we wish to bring to the Board's attention and make part of the within request to modify the 2022 Approval:

	2022 Approval	Requested Modification	
Hours of Operation	M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	
	Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	
Employees	4-6 Total	7-8 Total	
	(3 providers; 1-3 staff)	(3 providers; 4-5 staff)	
Parking Spaces	10 existing + unspecified	34 regular + 2 handicap	
	"more to accommodate the	(see further explanation	
	proposed medical	below in Variance	
	practice" (2022 Approval	Request)	
	Decision, p. 2)		

No Material Change to Potential Impact

In 2022, the Board determined and found as follows with regard to the Applicant's proposed Special Exception use:

The proposed use will not produce any noise, odor, gas, dust, or light that would adversely impact neighboring properties. Other than the coming and going of patient traffic, there will be no outward impact of the medical practice's operation. The use certainly serves the community and fits into the surrounding neighborhood. The Board finds that the proposed use at the subject property will have no greater "adverse effects above and beyond those inherently associated with such a special exception use irrespective of its location within the zone." *Schultz v Pritts*, 291 Md. 1, 15 (1981). For all these reasons, we conclude that this appeal meets the criteria for a special exception, secures public safety and welfare and upholds the spirit of the Ordinance

Use of the New Building, rather than the Existing Building; inclusion of the additional +/- 1,700 sf. of "Tenant Space" for professional or medical uses; and the slight modifications to the details of Applicant's medical office use (a natural reflection of having a newer, modern building and layout) do not materially change the projected impact of Applicant's approved Special Exception use.

As such, Applicant believes it's request for modification to the 2022 Approval should be granted and approved by the Board.

Off-Street Parking Space Requirement

The Applicant is also requesting a variance from the Off-Street Parking Requirement for "Medical & Dental Centers/Offices/Clinics" which, pursuant to § 22.12 of the Zoning Ordinance, is: **1 space per 200 sq. ft GFA**

As applied to the Project, the applicable Off-Street Parking Requirement is: 38 parking spaces for the medical offices (including the 2nd Floor "Tenant Space"); and 2 parking spaces for the 2nd Floor residential unit, for a total of 40 required spaces.

As reflected on the current Site Plan for the proposed New Building, a total of 43 parking spaces are proposed. However, in order to remove those 9 spaces closest to the adjacent property to the west, the Applicant requests that the Off-Street Parking Space requirement for the medical offices be modified from 38 to 32 so that a total of 34 spaces may be provided for the proposed New Building.

To require the additional parking spaces necessary to comply with the currently applicable Off-Street Parking Requirement would require the Applicant to (i) drastically increase the amount of parking area currently existing on the Property; and (ii) more significantly impact the adjacent property owner, both of which would impose an undue burden on the Applicant.

In the Applicant's opinion and belief, slightly reducing the parking requirement from 40 to 34 spaces would be consistent with the operational requirements of the proposed New Building and thus granting the variance would observe the spirit of the Ordinance and secure public safety and welfare.

I look forward to discussing the Applicant's Project and the details of the within request at the Board's next available meeting.

Very truly yours, JD LAW COMPANY, INC.

Jason M. Divelbiss

Attorney at Law

Email: jdivelbiss@divelbisslaw.com

ADJA	CENT PROPERTY OWNERS				
	<u>NAME</u>	PREMISES ADDRESS	LIBER/FOLIO	MAILING ADDRESS	TAX MAP/PARCEL
1	Church Hebron Mennonite Inc	13315 Highline St.	691/519	13315 Highlane St., Hagerstown, MD 21741	25/740
2	Howe, Cecil H & Robin L	13308 Marsh Pike	6721/152	13308 Marsh Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742	25/507
3	Grossnickle, John W & Sandra R	13312 Marsh Pike	1397/1028	13312 Marsh Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742	25/818
4	Skaggs, John E & Catherine A	13322 Marsh Pike	1051/425	13322 Marsh Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742	25/796
5	Maddox, Brianna A	13306 Marsh Pike	6451/290	13306 Marsh Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742	25/245
6	Livingspace Inc	13324 Marsh Pike	1520/729	19707 Bluebell Ct., Hagerstown, MD 21740	25/130
7	Damore, Anthony J & Kelly A	13368 Marquise Dr	6425/292	13368 Marquise Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742	25/832
8	Mellow, Bernadette	13366 Marquise Dr	6573/11	13366 Marquise Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742	25/832
9	Bauroth, Alan & Judy	13362 Marquise Dr	6276/111	19629 Maddelena Cir., Estero, FL 33967	25/832
10	Melby, Catherine S	13356 Marquise Dr	6080/379	13356 Marquise Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742	25/832
11	Ridgley Richard F & Geraldine G	13354 Marquise Dr	6098/219	13354 Marquise Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742	25/832
12	Albowicz, Julianna M	13350 Marquise Dr	6980/53	13350 Marquise Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742	25/832
13	Messer, Theresa M & Larry R	13348 Marquise Dr	5634/304	13348 Marquise Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742	25/832
14	Nichols, Thomas E & Knoll Shawn	13344 Marquise Dr	5316/449	13344 Marquise Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742	25/832
15	Elliot, William D & Juanita B	13342 Marquise Dr	5147/475	13342 Marquise Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742	25/832
16	Gosnell Wayne S & Antoinette P	13338 Marquise Dr	4799/87	13338 Marquise Dr., Hagerstown, MD 21742	25/832



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Appeal for Special Exception

Appeal is hereby made for a special exception under the Washington County Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Location 13316 Marsh Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742
Appellant's present legal interest in above property: (Check One)
X Owner (Including Joint Ownership) Lessee Contract to rent/lease
Contract to PurchaseOther
Use Proposed: Medical Clinic Office, plus additional "tenant space" for professional office" or "medical / Dental Clinic / office." Zoning Ordinance section and subsection(s) providing for proposed use: Section 8.2
If filing functionally similar to a principal permitted use or special exception use, please list the use and describe the use similarities:
Provide Detailed Explanation on Separate Sheet
Has any previous petition or appeal involving this property been made to the Board? Y
If yes, give docket number(s): AP2022 - 029 + AP2024 - 032
Additional comments, if any: See attached
I hereby certify that I have, to the best of my knowledge, accurately supplied the information required for the above referenced appeal.
Signature of Appellant Address of Appellant Hogerstown, MD 21740
Email of Appellant 301 - 791 - 7060 Phone Number of Appellant

This appeal form is to be used to assist the customer in gathering the information necessary to submit an application. However, the application shall be processed in person.



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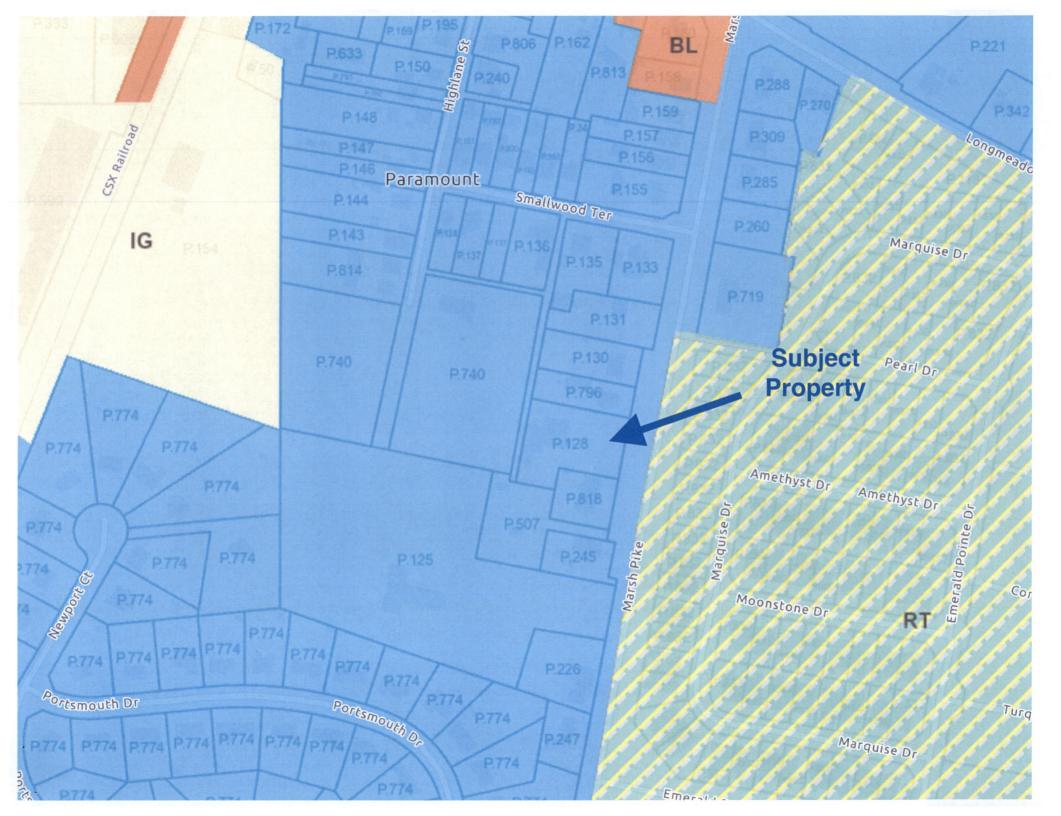
Appeal for Variance

Appeal is hereby made for a variance from a requirement of the Washington County Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Location 13316 Marsh Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742
Appellant's present legal interest in above property: (Check One)
Owner (Including Joint Ownership) Lessee Contract to rent/lease
Contract to PurchaseOther
Specify the Ordinance section and subsection from which the variance is desired:
Specify the particular requirement(s) from which a variance is desired in that section or subsection: Medical & Dental Centers Offices Clinics one space per 200 sf. GFA.
Describe the nature and extent of the desired variance from Ordinance requirements: listed above: Section 22.12 reduction from the required 38 parking spaces
to 32 parking spaces.
Describe reason(s) why the Ordinance requirement(s) in question would result in peculiar and/or unusual practical difficulties to or would impose exceptional or undue hardship upon the owner of the property if the requested variance were not granted:
Provide Detailed Explanation on Separate Sheet
Has any previous petition or appeal involving this property been made to the Board? Yes No
If yes, list docket number(s): <u>AP2022 - 029</u> - <u>AP2024 - 032</u>
I hereby certify that I have, to the best of my knowledge, accurately supplied the information required for the above referenced appeal.
Obidi Holdings, LLC, 303 Memorial Blvd. Signature of Appellant Hagerstown, MD 21740
Idivelbiss@divelbiss(aw.com 301-791-7060 Phone Number of Appellant

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

OBIDI HOLDINGS, LLC

Appeal No.: AP2022-029

Appellant

OPINION

Obidi Holdings, LLC (hereinafter "Appellant") requests a special exception to establish a full-service physicians' office in a commercial building at the subject property. The subject property is located at 13316 Marsh Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland and is zoned Residential Suburban. The Board held a public hearing in this matter on July 6, 2022.

This appeal was heard pursuant to Article 25 of the Zoning Ordinance for Washington County and upon proper notice to the parties and general public as required.

Findings of Fact

Based upon the testimony given, all information and evidence presented, and upon a study of the specific property involved and the neighborhood in which it is located, the Board makes the following findings of fact:

- The subject property is located at 13316 Marsh Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland and is owned by FHCPM, LLC. The subject property is zoned Residential Suburban.
- FHCPM, LLC has given its authorization for Appellant to make this special exception request for the subject property. Appellant is the contract purchaser of the subject property.
- Appellant currently operates a family medical practice on Memorial Boulevard in Hagerstown, Maryland. The proposed office would be a second location for the practice.

- 4. The proposed medical practice would be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.
- 5. Appellant plans to have between three (3) and six (6) providers plus staff at the proposed second office. In the beginning there may be between four (4) and six (6) total people working at the practice.
- 6. The proposed medical practice is by appointment only and at any given time, it is expected there would be a maximum of nine (9) to ten (10) cars in the parking lot. Appellant expects a maximum of eight (8) to nine (9) patients in any given hour.
- 7. Aside from asbestos remediation, there are no major changes planned for the building at the subject property. Appellant intends to maintain the residence on the second floor of the building.
- 8. The subject property currently has ten (10) parking spaces and Appellant will have to create more to accommodate the proposed medical practice.
 - 9. There was no opposition presented to this appeal.

Rationale

The Board has authority to grant a special exception pursuant to Section 25.2(b) of the Zoning Ordinance for Washington County, Maryland. A special exception is defined as "a grant of a specific use that would not be appropriate generally or without restriction; and shall be based upon a finding that the use conforms to the plan and is compatible with the existing neighborhood." Article 28A.

Appellant is seeking the Board's approval to establish a second office for its family medical practice in a commercial building at the subject property. Appellant testified that they would need additional parking as part of the site plan review process, but that there are no other material changes proposed for the existing building. Any additional parking requirements would be handled at the site plan review stage, and if necessary, would

have to come before this Board in another appeal. The medical practice will serve as a second location and plans to be operate fully during normal business hours each week. The proposed use will not produce any noise, odor, gas, dust, or light that would adversely impact neighboring properties. Other than the coming and going of patient traffic, there will be no outward impact of the medical practice's operation. The use certainly serves the community and fits into the surrounding neighborhood. The Board finds that the proposed use at the subject property will have no greater "adverse effects above and beyond those inherently associated with such a special exception use irrespective of its location within the zone." *Schultz v. Pritts*, 291 Md. 1, 15 (1981). For all these reasons, we conclude that this appeal meets the criteria for a special exception, secures public safety and welfare and upholds the spirit of the Ordinance.

Accordingly, the request for a special exception to establish a machine shop facility to make and repair items for agricultural equipment at the subject property is GRANTED, by a vote of 4-1. The application is granted upon the condition that the proposed use be consistent with the testimony and evidence presented herein, and that Appellant utilize downward facing lighting subject to site plan design requirements.

BOARD OF APPEALS

By: Jay Miller, Chair

Date Issued: August 4, 2022

Notice of Appeal Rights

Any party aggrieved by a final order of the Authority in a contested case, whether such decision is affirmative or negative in form, is entitled to file a petition for judicial review of that order to the Circuit Court for Washington County within thirty (30) days of the date of the order.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND

OBIDI HOLDINGS, LLC

Appeal No.: AP2022-029

Appellant

AMENDED OPINION

Obidi Holdings, LLC (hereinafter "Appellant") requests a special exception to establish a full-service physicians' office in a commercial building at the subject property. The subject property is located at 13316 Marsh Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland and is zoned Residential Suburban. The Board held a public hearing in this matter on July 6, 2022. The Board subsequently held a public hearing on November 16, 2022 and voted unanimously that this Amended Opinion be issued to correct a typographical error in the original Opinion.

This appeal was heard pursuant to Article 25 of the Zoning Ordinance for Washington County and upon proper notice to the parties and general public as required.

Findings of Fact

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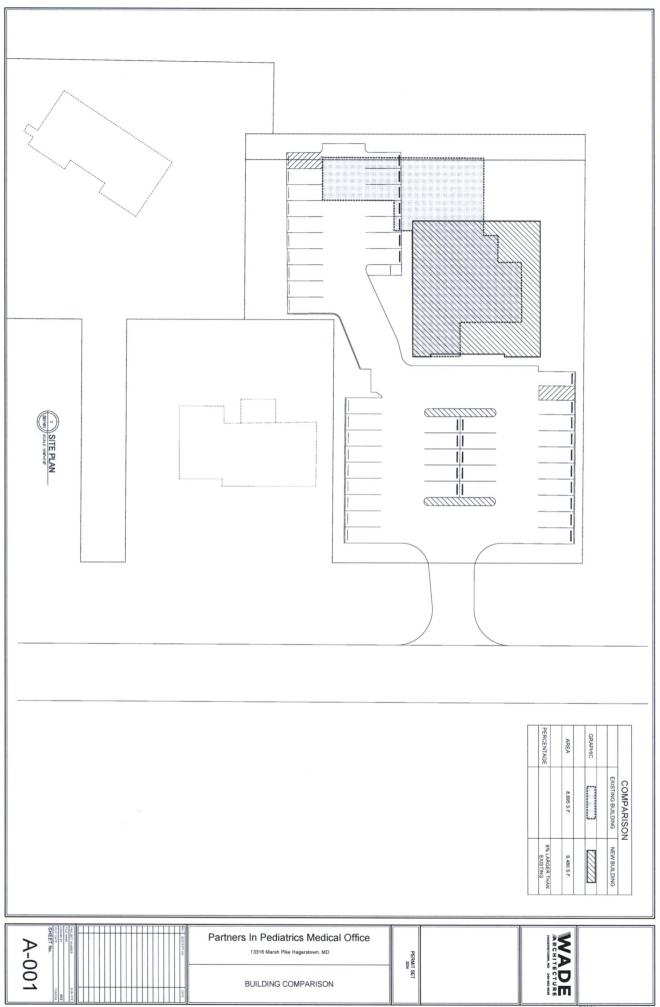
By: Jay Miller, Chair

Date Issued: December 22, 2022

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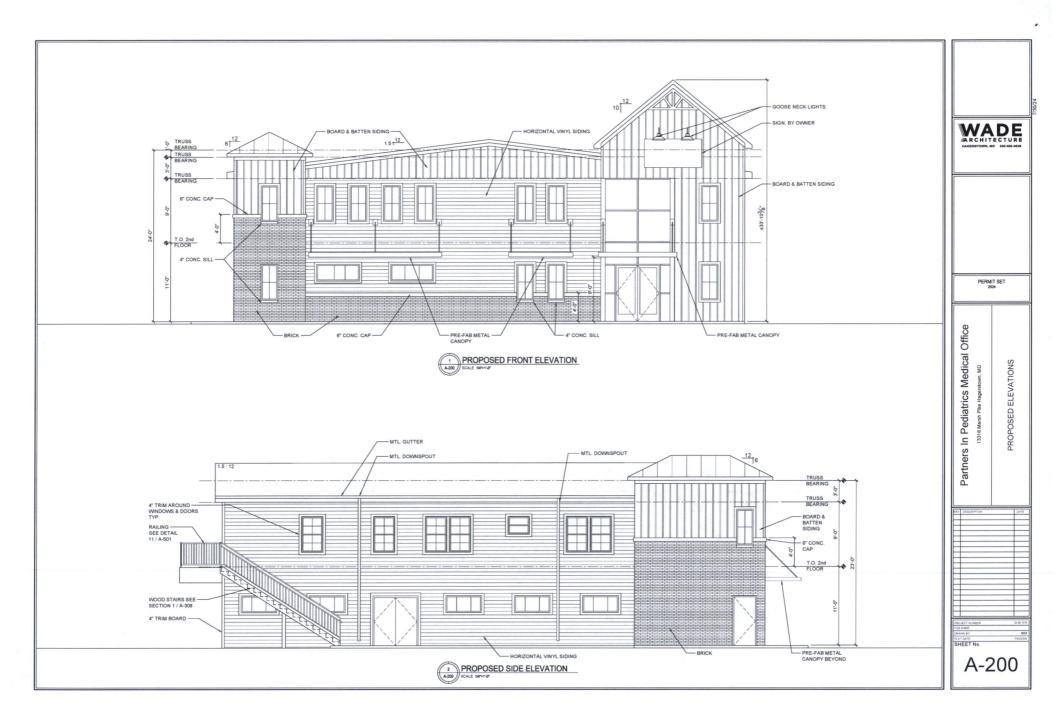


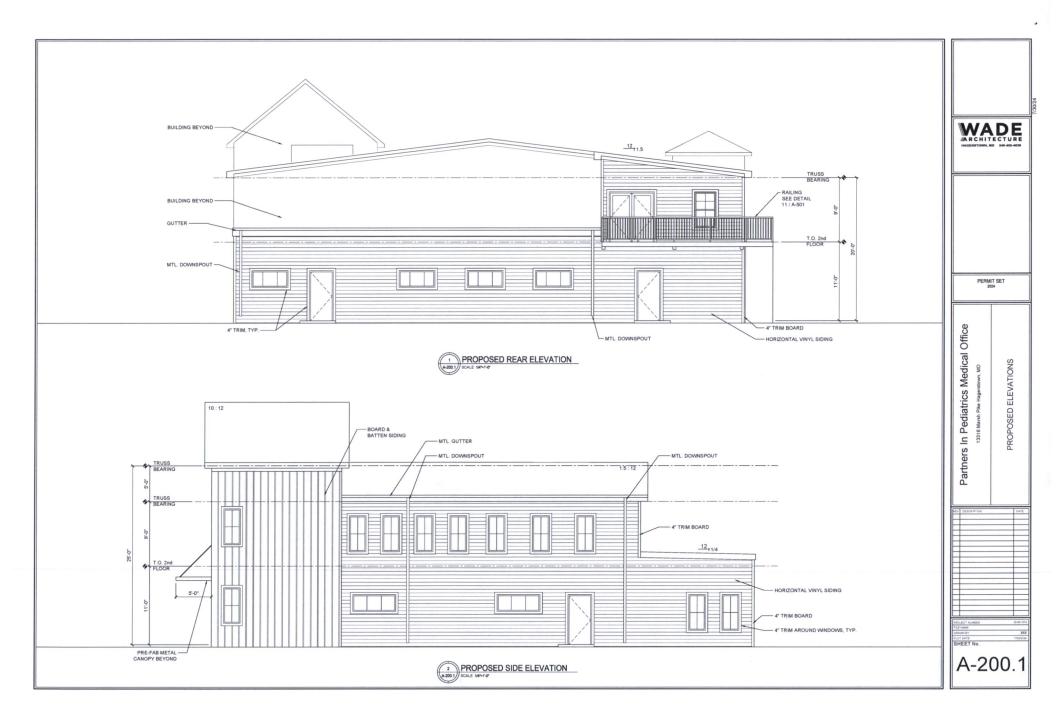


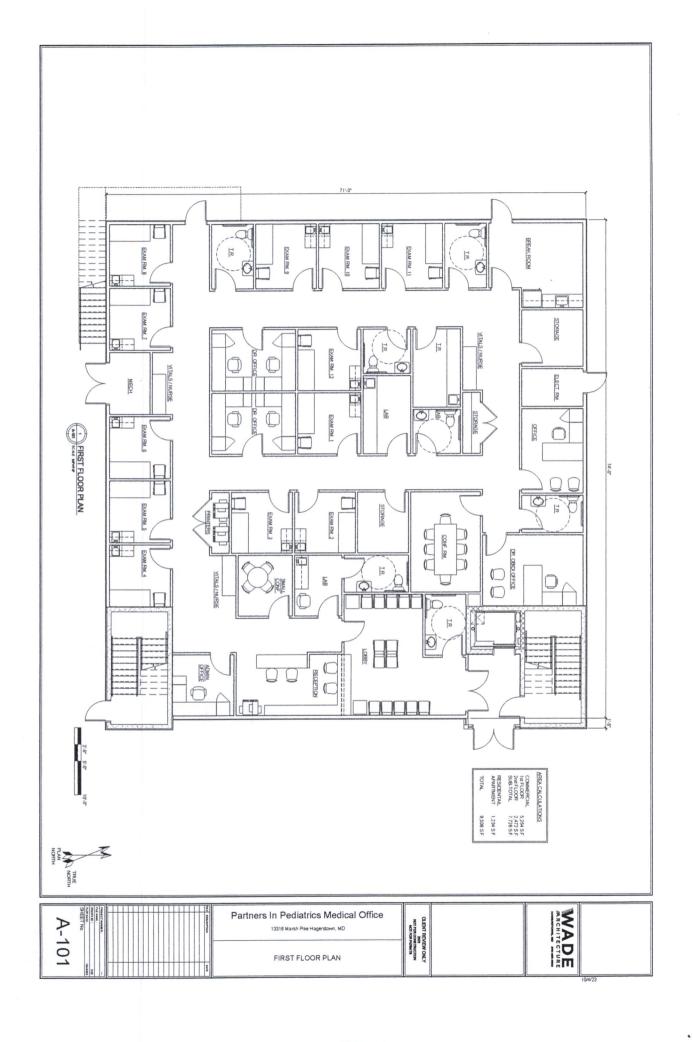
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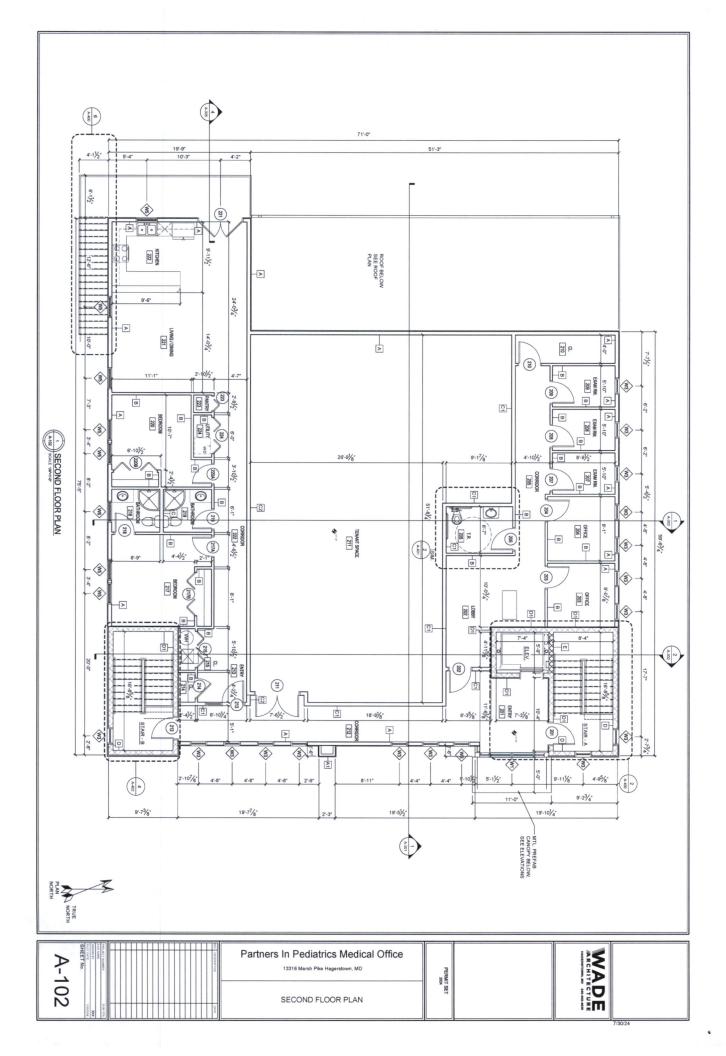












GENERAL NOTES TAX BAP DOD, GOED DOTS PARCE TOTAL ELECTRON CONTROL TO BACKETS ELECTRON CONTROL TO BAC ." RECORDED AMONG THE LAND I NUMBER 54. SVPLATS OF RECORD, BOUNDARY 1 DWELLING UNIT TENANT: 2 SPACES PER UNIT TOTAL STRINGS BY A PUBLIC SAMITARY SOURCE SERVER SYSTEM PROVIDED BY WASHINGTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WATER GUALITY. WATER AND SERVE ADMINISTRATION OF WATER GUALITY. SIGN TO BE FLACED UPDATED AT EXISTING SIGN LOCATION, SIGN SHALL MEET THE EXCHANGE AND SERVER AND EXCENTING SIGN LOCATION, SIGN SHALL MEET THE EXCHANGEMENT SHATTER. AND EXCHANGE ATTER. 22 DISTRINGS SIGN LOCATION. SIGN SHALL MEET THE EXCHANGEMENT SHATTER. 22 DISTRINGS SIGN LOCATION. PERCENT EX IMP AREA (LOD) =(0.651 ACID.889 AC) x 100= 73.2% 0.582 AC. / 25.359 S.F THEORY OVERALL MAY AREA (LOD) 40 SEE ACO BEE AC) + 100—65 % CHADDRESS IS BASED ON BYTHRANGEL LOCATION IF DRIVEWAYS ARE CONSTITUCTED AT WHEREST LOCATION, THE ADDRESS OF MILL OFF ON DRIVEWAY ARE CONSTITUCTED AT WHEREST LOCATION, THE ADDRESS OF MILL OFF ON SEE AND ADDRESS BOOMBHT. FOR OWNERS, DOES HOUSE ADDRESS AND ASSESS OF THE ADDRESS EX. OH -PROPOSED ADDITIONAL WATER ALLOCATION = 1100 GPD = 1500 GPD PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SEWER ALLOCATION = 1100 GPD TOTAL = = 1500 GPD

