



# HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

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February 7, 2024

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Sent via email to [cbohn@wlrinvestmentgroup.com](mailto:cbohn@wlrinvestmentgroup.com)

RE: WP-24-069 Ellicott City Auto Spa (SDP-22-032)

Dear Mr. Bohn:

This letter is to inform you that your request for alternative compliance to the Howard County Subdivision and Land Development Regulations for the subject project was reviewed.

On February 7, 2024 and pursuant to Section 16.104, the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning, considered and **approved** your request for alternative compliance with respect to **Section 16.156(g)(2)** of the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations to request a 30-day time extension to resubmit the site development plan.

The Department of Planning and Zoning hereby determines that you have demonstrated to its satisfaction that strict enforcement of Section 16.156(g)(2) would result in an unreasonable hardship or practical difficulty. This determination is made with consideration of your alternative compliance application and the one (1) item you were required to address, pursuant to Section 16.104(a)(1):

**1. Unreasonable hardship or practical difficulties may result from strict compliance with the regulations.**

The purpose of this alternative compliance petition is to grant the applicant an additional 30 days to resubmit the site development plan (SDP-23-032) to the Department of Planning and Zoning for review. The proposed improvements include development of a car wash facility at a motor vehicle sales business. The development team has continued to coordinate with the County and State Highway Administration (SHA) to address comments regarding the proposed road improvements along Baltimore National Pike, and the need for a fire suppression system. Based on the results of these communications, the mechanical system for the building is still being evaluated. Analyzing the additional impact of the request and making the necessary plan and computational updates requires additional time beyond the deadline. Strict compliance with the Regulations would result in an unreasonable hardship for the applicant since it would require the submission of a new SDP application, payment of fees, etc. all matching the plan which was currently in process and addressing Agency comments. Approval of this alternative compliance promotes efficiency of the plan review process. It allows the development team time to address any changes needed based on County Agency review comments.

Approval of this Alternative Compliance is subject to the following conditions:


1. The deadline date to resubmit the site development (SDP-23-032) is extended 30 days from the previous deadline date to **on or before February 19, 2024.**

2. Include the alternative compliance petition decision as a general note on the site development plan (SDP-23-032). This note should include the petition's file number, the regulatory section of the request, the decision date, and the condition of approval.

Indicate this alternative compliance petition file number, request, section of the regulations, action, conditions of approval, and date on all related plats, and site development plans, and building permits. This alternative compliance approval will remain valid for the time period specified in the conditions of approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Julia Sauer at (410) 313-2350 or email at [jsauer@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jsauer@howardcountymd.gov).

Sincerely,

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Anthony Cataldo, AICP, Chief  
Division of Land Development

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 Date Filed

**ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE APPLICATION**

**Site Description:** 8532 Baltimore National Pike  
**Subdivision Name/Property Identification:** Auto Spa Express, Ellicott City - SDP-23-032  
**Location of property:** 8532 Baltimore National Pike  
**Existing Use:** Automobile Service Garage and Sales    **Proposed Use:** Auto Service Garage, Sales, and Car Wash  
**Tax Map:** 18    **Grid:** 19    **Parcel No:** 158    **Election District:** 2nd  
**Zoning District:** B-2    **Total site area:** Lease Area (Car Wash) 1.41 AC

Please list all previously submitted or currently active plans on file with the County (subdivision plans, Board of Appeals petitions, alternative compliance petitions, etc.). If no previous plans have been submitted, please provide a brief history of the site and related information to the request:

F-10-072, SDP-10-061, ECP-22-063

In the area below, the petitioner shall enumerate the specific numerical section(s) from the Subdivision and Land Development Regulations for which an alternative compliance is being requested and provide a brief summary of the request.

Section Reference No.	Brief Summary of Request
16.156(g)(2)	Additional Information: Requesting approval for a 30-day extension to the revised plan submission deadline for additional coordination with County Departments and the necessary time to make the requested plan and document updates to resubmit <span style="float: right;">+</span>

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**Signature of Property Owner:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** [REDACTED]

**Signature of Petitioner Preparer:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** [REDACTED]

**Name of Property Owner:** G&B Real Estate Holdings

**Name of Petition Preparer:** WLR Investment Group

**Address:** 1151 Fox River Drive

**Address:** 1313 Orchard Way

**City, State, Zip:** Ellicott City, MD 21042

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**Contact Person:** [REDACTED]

**Contact Person:** Chad Bohn

**Owner's Authorization Attached**