

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

AIDAN AND SARA MORRELL, ET AL.

Petitioner

vs.

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING
AND ZONING (DPZ)

Respondent

BEFORE THE

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

Case No: BA 813-D

ORDER REGARDING IMPROPER EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

On July 28, 2025, Mr. G. Giel from the Law Office of G. Macy Nelson, LLC submitted a communication to the Board of Appeals captioned “Withdrawal Line”.

The communication was not served on all parties, including the Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning, the Respondent in this matter. As such, it can be reasonably construed as an ex parte communication prohibited under Howard County Code § 2.204(i), which states:

“Except for communications made during a public hearing, a person may not communicate with the Board or the Hearing Examiner regarding the merits of any pending appeal unless all parties to the appeal are given notice and an opportunity to participate.”

Accordingly, it is this 29th day of July, 2025:

ORDERED, that the communication is **REJECTED** as procedurally improper; and it is further

ORDERED, that parties shall refrain from any further ex parte communications in violation of § 2.204(i); and it is further

ORDERED, that any future filings must comply with Howard County Code and be properly served on all parties, including the Department of Planning and Zoning.

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
CHAIRPERSON



Gene T. Ryan