Public Hearing
6:45 P. M.
April 21, 2003

The Elkton Town Council held a Public Hearing on April 21, 2003 at 6:45 P.M., in the Council Chambers with Mayor Wayne E. Printz presiding. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT
J. T. Dean
C. H. Murphy
T. Pence
L. Sigafoose
R. Snow
P. Workman

Nathan Miller, Attorney, Faye Vickers, Treasurer, Todd McCoy, Director of Public Works/Zoning Administrator, and Richard Carey, Clerk of Council, were also present. Attending from the Planning Commission were Madelyn Dixon and Bill Holt.

Mayor Printz stated the purpose of the meeting was to receive comments on a Home Occupation Permit request by Julie Lambert, 309 Prospect Avenue, to operate a tattooing and body piercing shop.

Mr. McCoy stated the adjoining property owners were notified and notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Valley Banner on April 3 and April 10, 2003.

Mayor Printz opened the meeting to public comments.

Dennis Harlow, 308 West Prospect Avenue, cited decreased property values and increased traffic as reasons for opposing Ms. Lambert's request.

Bobby Shifflett, 301 Summit Avenue, opposed Ms. Lambert's request for the same reasons as Mr. Dennis Harlow.

James E. Will, 331 Summit Avenue, expressed concern about the unsavory characters that this type business could attract to the neighborhood.

Ms. Julie Lambert, the applicant, stated that the business would operate on Saturdays and Sundays only by appointment and she would limit the appointments to three per day.

Mr. Bill Holt presented the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the permit request because the members unanimously believed a business would alter the character of the neighborhood.

Crystal Alger stated that she and many others appreciated the artistic nature of tattooing. She believed tattooing did not represent a negative statement or ideological position, but should be enjoyed for the complexity of the artistry.

As there were no further comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

MAYOR:_____
Wayne E. Printz, Mayor

RECORDER: Richard D. Carey
Richard D. Carey, Clerk