IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE	*	BEFORE THE
W/S Town Center Place, 43' W of c/line of		
Walker Avenue	*	ZONING COMMISSIONER
(3757 Old Court Road) 3 rd Election District		
3 rd Election District	*	OF
2 nd Council District		
	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
Reister Court, LLC, Owner		
Giant of Maryland, LLC, Lessee	*	Case No. 2011-0038-A
Petitioners		

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by the Petitioner, Giant of Maryland, LLC through one of its Senior Managers of Construction, Juan Carlos Vivas, and their attorney, Charles B. Marek, III, Esquire of Gildea and Schmidt, LLC. The Petition was also signed by the property owner, Reister Court, LLC by Bradley S. Glaser, its Vice President. Variance relief is requested from the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) - Table of Sign Regulations – Attachment 1 (Chart) as follows:

(1) Section 450.4 Chart 1.5(a) to permit twelve (12) wall-mounted enterprise signs for an existing Giant supermarket in lieu of the permitted three (3) and ten (10) wall-mounted enterprise signs on the same building façade in lieu of the permitted two (2) on the same façade; (2) Section 450.4 Chart 1.5(a) to permit wall mounted enterprise signs for the existing Giant supermarket of 160 square feet in lieu of the maximum permitted 150 square feet, and (3) Section 450.4 Chart 1.7(b) to permit a freestanding joint identification sign with seven (7) lines of text in lieu of the permitted five (5). The subject property and requested relief are more particularly described on the site plan and sign package elevations, which were submitted into evidence and marked as Petitioners' Exhibits 1 and 2 respectively.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the requests were Ronald Brumbaugh, Senior Manager of Construction for Giant, Mark A. Johnston of Gutschick, Little &

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Weber, P.A, the civil engineering firm who prepared the site plan(s) for the project, and Warren Weaver of Gable Signs. Charles B. Marek, III, Esquire represented the Petitioner at the hearing. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

As a preliminary matter, Mr. Marek noted that there was a negative comment from the Office of Planning in the file regarding the freestanding sign request. According to the Planning comment, this property exists within the Pikesville Commercial Revitalization District. As such, it is subject to the Pikesville Design Committee and District Guidelines adopted in 2006. Guidelines exist for the type and size of identification signs (monument signs are preferred) as well as a myriad of development issues. According to the Office of Planning's analysis, while the freestanding signage did not meet the criteria set out in the guidelines, the wall-mounted sign package was acceptable. Therefore, Mr. Marek informed the undersigned that Giant had discussed the comment and decided to move to withdraw its request to legitimize the existing freestanding signage. As such, this requested relief has been withdrawn and, unless further relief is granted, will likely be phased out over time pursuant to B.C.Z.R. Section 450.8.D.

Mr. Marek proffered the evidence presented at the hearing, and the proffer and exhibits were accepted into the record of the case. The property in question is the "Center Court" shopping plaza in the Pikesville area near the intersection of Old Court Road (MD Rte. 133) and Town Center Place. While having access from the aforementioned public roads, the center also is adjacent to Foley Lane, Mercer Avenue and what was formerly known as Old Court Road (which was relocated to the current MD. Rte. 133 position). The site is approximately 5.6 acres and is zoned B.L.-C.T. The center is improved with a stand alone Giant supermarket, a multitenant retail building and a stand-alone PAD site bank. The Giant supermarket is the largest tenant in the center and considered the "anchor" store. In addition to being the anchor store, testimony revealed that Giant has a total of twelve (12) stores in Baltimore County and employs

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roughly 1,200 people. The chain is an important economic driver of the County, as well as the State of Maryland, and works with local businesses and farms.

Giant is going through a global reimaging of its stores, whereby the longstanding "big G" signage is being replaced with a "fruit-bowl" type logo and associated Giant lettering. As part of this change over from the old trademark to the new, Giant is upgrading not only the sign package, but also has allocated a significant sum to upgrade the interior of these stores. This reimaging to the "fruit-bowl" logo and associated signage will take place not only in Baltimore County, but across Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and the other markets of Giant.

Testimony also focused on the aspects particular to the property that make it appropriate for variance relief. The shape of the property is uneven, narrowing in the rear by Walker Avenue and irregularly expanding as it approaches Old Court Road. Drivers traveling to this store will turn onto Old Court Road from Reisterstown Road, and the wall-mounted signage from this angle is well over 500 feet away. Likewise, this signage is obscured by development along Old Court Road. Furthermore, due to the peculiar alignment of the roads in encircling the supermarket building, it gives the rear and sides of the building unusual visibility. This finding is bolstered by the fact that a variance has previously been requested and approved for the center in Case No. 01-234-A. In that case, the property was also deemed to possess inherent characteristics that necessitated a variance in relation to the setbacks necessary for the Giant building.

These peculiar aspects of the property work in concert to create a practical difficulty for the supermarket, which is the inability to adequately alert the customers to their presence in the center as well as their multitude of services. This leads to decreased economic vibrancy of the store and the center as a whole. Due to the consolidation of uses under one roof, stores with

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large building footprints (i.e. big box) are unable to adequately advertise their services. I believe that by granting the variance, the Petitioner is able to remedy this practical difficulty.

The testimony and evidence also showed that the granting of the variance would be in the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations. The wall mounted signage permitted at this center, without relief, would be three (3) signs that are 150 square feet each (450 square feet). This is in keeping with the size and scale of the proposed signage delineated on Exhibit 2 and the existing Giant sign on the rear of the property, which will remain. Furthermore, the sign regulations do attempt to allow stores to adequately advertise their services, and I believe that this relief is in keeping with that and other goals of the signage regulations. Lastly, customer recognition and identification of the stores is important as this reimaging is occurring not just in Baltimore County, but throughout all of Giant's operation across counties and states.

The testimony also bears that the granting of the variance will be in the interest of the public. The new sign package will utilize light-emitting-diode (LED) technology for illumination, thereby reducing the energy consumption by roughly ninety (90%) percent. The testimony also showed that the wall-mounted signage would be in keeping with the standards of the Pikesville Revitalization Guidelines. Warren Weaver's testimony, through the proffer, was that his opinion concurred with that of the Office of Planning that the guidelines had been followed for the wall-mounted signage.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth herein, the wall-mounted enterprise sign relief requested shall be granted and the relief related to the freestanding joint identification sign shall be dismissed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this

day of October 2010 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from the

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) - Table of Sign Regulations – Attachment 1

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(Chart) - to permit the following: (1) Section 450.4 Chart 1.5(a) for twelve (12) wall-mounted enterprise signs for an existing Giant supermarket in lieu of the permitted three (3) and ten (10) wall-mounted signs on the same building façade in lieu of the permitted two (2), and (2) Section 450.4 Chart 1.5(a) to allow wall mounted enterprise signs for the existing Giant supermarket of 160 square feet in lieu of the maximum permitted 150 square feet, in accordance with Petitioners' Exhibits 1 and 2, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

<u>ADVISORY:</u> The Petitioner is advised that it may apply for any required permits and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, the Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the portion of the Variance Petition requesting approval to permit a freestanding joint identification sign with seven (7) lines of text in lieu of the permitted five (5), be and is hereby DISMISSED.

Any appeal of this Order shall be taken in accordance with Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.) Section 32-3-401.

WJW:dlw

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

Zoning Commissioner

October 20, 2010

Charles B. Marek, III, Esquire Gildea & Schmidt 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

PETITION FOR VARIANCE

W/S Town Center Place, 43' W of c/line of Walker Avenue

(3757 Old Court Road)

3rd Election District - 2nd Council District

Reister Court, LLC, Legal Owner; Giant of Maryland, LLC, Lessee - Petitioners

Case No. 2011-0038-A

Dear Mr. Marek:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Department of Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

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WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

WJW:dlw Enclosure

c: Giant of Maryland, LLC, 8301 Professional Place, Suite 115, Landover, MD 20785
 Ronald Brumbaugh, Senior Manager of Construction, Giant of Maryland, LLC,
 8100 Professional Place, Suite 115, Landover, MD 20785
 Bradley S. Glaser, Reister Court, LLC, 1430 Joh Avenue, Suite A, Baltimore, MD 21227
 Mark A. Johnston, Gutschick, Little & Weber, P.A., 3909 National Drive, Suite 250,
 Burtonsville, MD 20866

Warren Weaver, Gable Signs, 7440 Ft. Smallwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21226 People's Counsel; Office of Planning; File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Interoffice Memorandum

DATE:

July 27, 2010

TO:

Zoning Commissioner and File

FROM:

Leonard Wasilewski, Planner II, Zoning Review

SUBJECT:

Petition for Variance Giant of MD LLC

Case No. 2011-0038-A (3757 Old Court Road) Centre Shopping Center

- A. For clarification, this office accepted a Petition for sign Variances on July 27, 2010 from the petitioner Giant of MD LLC.
- B. During the filing appointment the petitioner was advised that, M & T Bank has a wall sign in the shopping center on a side wall without a customer entrance in violation of Section 450.4 Attachment 1.5(d) of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR). Since the Attorney for the petitioner does not represent the owner of the shopping center he is not empowered to request a variance for the M & T Bank's non-conforming sign. Failure to variance this sign creates a zoning enforcement problem thru October 18, 2012 at which time the non-conforming sign must be varianced or removed pursuant to Section 450.8.D.1 BCZR.
- C. Please call me if you have any questions. (410-887-3391)

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Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at: 3757 Old Court Road

which is presently zoned: B.L.-C.T.

This Petition shall be filed with the Department of Permits and Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s):

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of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the zoning law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

TO BE PRESENTED AT HEARING

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance, advertising, posting, etc. and further agree to and are to be bounded by the zoning

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by the zoning regulations.

regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the zoning law for Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Legal Owner(s): (ARICK VIVIA) Reister Court, LLC by Type or Print . Authorized Signatory , Authorized Signatory Signature, Signature 8301 Professional Place, Suite 115 Address Telephone No. Name - Type or Print 20785 Landover MD Zip Code City State Signature 1430 Joh Avenue, Suite A Attorney For Petitioner: Address Telephone No. Charles B. Marek, III 21227 Baltimore MD Name - Type or Print State Zip Code City Representative to be Contacted: Signature Gildea & Schmidt, LLC Charles B. Marek, III Name Company 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 (410) 821-0070 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200 (410) 821-0070 Telephone No. Address Address Telephone No. MD 21204 Towson MD 21204 Towson Zip Code City State Zip Code City State OFFICE USE ONLY ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING MUNICO 2011-00389 UNAVAILABLE FOR HEARING

ATTACHMENT TO PETITION FOR VARIANCE

3757 Old Court Road 11th Election District 2nd Councilmanic District

- To permit twelve wall-mounted enterprise signs for the existing Giant supermarket in lieu of the permitted three and ten signs on the same façade in lieu of the permitted two on the same façade pursuant to BCZR § 450.4 Attachment 1.5.a.
- 2. To permit wall mounted enterprise signs for the existing Giant supermarket of 160 sq. ft. in lieu of the maximum permitted 150 sq. ft. pursuant to BCZR 450.4 Attachment 1.5.a.
- 3. To permit a free-standing joint identification sign with seven lines in lieu of the permitted five pursuant to BCZR §450.4 Attachment 1.7(b).
 - 4. For such other and further relief as may be required by the Zoning Commissioner.

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GIANT FOOD #159 CENTRE COURT

ZONING DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on the west side of Town Center Place which is variable width at a distance of 43 feet ± west of the centerline of the nearest improved intersection at Walker Avenue which is variable width. Thence the following courses and distances:

- 1. South 17°26'29" West, 19.09 feet
- 2. South 55°46'39" West, 47.36 feet
- 3. South 34°39'24" East, 5.00 feet
- 4. South 56°13'10" West, 221.82 feet
- 5. North 34°10'26" West, 195.58 feet
- 6. South 65°49'34" West, 11.42 feet
- 7. North 36°31'37" West, 264.14 feet
- 8. South 46°48'53" West, 29.92 feet
- 9. North 42°21'01" West, 147.42 feet
- 10. North 46°53'23" East, 63.87 feet
- 11. North 45°01'47" West, 182.41 feet
- 12. North 73°21'35" East, 106.87 feet
- 13. South 11°49'00" East, 31.20 feet
- 14. North 89°44'58" East, 129.76 feet
- 15. North 11°49'00" West, 183.34 feet
- 16. North 78°11'00" East, 60.00 feet
- 17. South 11°49'00" East, 40.00 feet
- 18. South 78°11'00" West, 20.00 feet
- 19. South 11°49'00" East, 161.00 feet
- 20. North 78°11'00" East, 242.13 feet
- 21.59.39 feet along the arc, having a radius of 425.00 feet and chord bearing and distance of South 23°18'31" East, 59.34 feet
- 22.140.16 feet along the arc, having a radius of 375.00 feet and chord bearing and distance of South 16°36'17" East, 139.34 feet
- 23. South 05°53'51" East, 72.60 feet
- 24.194.51 feet along the arc, having a radius of 350.00 feet and chord bearing and distance of South 21°49'07" East, 192.02 feet
- 25. South 37°44'23" East, 76.81 feet to the point of beginning.

Being Lot 3 in the subdivision of Centre Court as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book # 75, folio # 75, containing 244,428 square feet or 5.6113 acres. Also known as 3757 Old Court Road and located in the 3rd Election District.

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Petitioner:
Address or Location: 3757 old Court Road
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: Name: Gildea & Schmidt C/o Debbie Starrett
Address: 600 Washington Ave Ste 200
Towan, MD 21204
Telephone Number: 410 - 821 - 0070

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NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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Case: # 2011-0038-A

3757 Old Court Road W/side of Town Center Place, 43 feet west of the corner

W/side of Town Center Place, 43 feet west of the corner of centerline of Walker Avenue 3rd Election District - 2nd Councilmanic District Legal Owner(s): Reister Court, LLC, Bradley Glaser, V.P. Contract Purchaser: Glant of MD, LLC Variance: to permit twelve wall-mounted enterprise signs for the existing Glant supermarket in lieu of the permitted three and ten signs on the same facade in lieu of the permitted two on the same facade; to permit wall mounted enterprise signs for the existing Glant Supermarket for 160 square feet in lieu of the maximum permitted 150 square feet in lieu of the maximum permitted 150 square feet, to permit a free-standing joint identification sign with seven lines in lieu of the permitted five; for such other and further relief as may be required by the Zoning Commissioner.

Hearing: Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. In Room 106, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson 21204.

WILLIAM J. WISEMAN, III
Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County
NOTES: (1) Hearings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Contact the Zoning Commis-

sioner's Office at (410) 887-4386.
(2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Contact the Zoning Review Office at (410) 887-3391. 254941

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

	2011-0038-A RE: Case No.:
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	Giant of Maryland, LLC.
	Oct 7, 2010 Date of Hearing/Closing:
Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 11 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204	
Attn: Kristin Matthews:	
Ladies and Gentlemen:	
This letter is to certify under the penalties of posted conspicuously on the property located a	erjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were it:
757 Old Court Road	
The sign(s) were posted on	September 22, 2010
	(Month, Day, Year)
	Sincerely,
	(Signature of Sign Poster) (Date)
	SSG Robert Black
	(Print Name)
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	(City, State, Zip Code)
	(410) 282-7940
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3rd Councilmanic District – 2nd Election District

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Contract Purchaser: Giant of MD, LLC

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WILLIAM J. WISEMAN III

ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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(2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THE ZONING REVIEW OFFICE AT 410-887-3391.



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO, Director

Department of Permits and

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Timothy Kotroco

Director

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C: Charles Marek, Gildea & Schmidt, 600 Washington Ave., Ste. 200, Towson 21204 Bradley Glaser, Reister Court, LLC, 1430 Joh Avenue, Ste. A, Baltimore 21227 Juan Vivas, Giant of MD, 8301 Professional Place, Ste. 115, Landover 20785

NOTES: (1) THE PETITIONER MUST HAVE THE ZONING NOTICE SIGN POSTED BY AN APPROVED POSTER ON THE PROPERTY BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

DATE: September 16, 2010

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

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ZONING COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT:

3757 Old Court Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

11-038

Petitioner:

Craig and Karen Kehoe

Zoning:

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Requested Action: Variance

The petitioners request several variances from the sign regulations to allow updated signs for the Centre Court and principle tenant, Giant. The property is within the Pikesville Commercial Revitalization District and within the Pikesville Design Review area. The existing shopping center was constructed prior to the establishment of the DRP in 2003 and the adoption of the Pikesville Commercial Revitalization Guidelines in 2006.

It is the opinion of the Office of Planning that the proposed changes to the non-conforming signs are subject to the mentioned guidelines.

While the wall-mounted signs exceed the one primary and two secondary signs per business regulation, they are part of a well-designed sign package that breaks up the mass of the front of the building and provides direction to the customer. As such, those variances are generally in keeping with the design guidelines and should be approved.

The two existing freestanding joint identification signs appear to have 6 lines while the maximum permitted by Section 450.4 Attachment 1.7(b) is five lines. The proposed variance requests seven lines in lieu of five lines. The changes to the large identification signs are not in keeping with the guidelines. Freestanding signs should be of a monument type/style.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

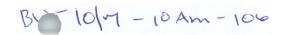
The Office of Planning recommends approval of the wall mounted sign package and variances as to number and size and recommends denial of the variance s for the two freestanding joint identification signs.

For further information concerning the matters stated here in, please contact Diana Itter at 410-887-3480.

Prepared by

Division Chief:

AFK/LL: CM



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence



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ZONING COMMISSIONER

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco

FROM:

Dave Lykens, DEPRM - Development Coordination

DATE:

September 8, 2010

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item # 11-038-A

Address

3757 Old Court Road (Reister Court, LLC)

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of August 23, 2010

X The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management has no comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

Reviewer:

JWL

Date: 9/8/2010



JAMES T. SMITH, JR. County Executive

JOHN J. HOHMAN, Chief Fire Department

August 25, 2010

County Office Building, Room 111 Mail Stop #1105 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

ATTENTION: Zoning Review

Distribution Meeting of: August 23, 2010

Item No.:

Administrative Variance: 2011-0039A, 0059A, 0062A - 0064A, 0067A, 0069A, 0070A, 0072A

Variance: 2011-0037A, 0038A, 0040A, 0041A, 0046A, 0058XA, 0059A, 0065A, 0066A, 0068A, 0071A

Special Exception: 2011-0058XA

Special Hearing: 2011-0061SPH

Pursuant to your request, the referenced plans have been reviewed by the **Baltimore** County Fire Marshal's Office and the comment below is applicable for the above listed properties.

The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time.

Don W. Muddiman, Acting Lieutenant Baltimore County Fire Marshal's Office 700 E. Joppa Road, 3RD Floor Towson, Maryland 21286 410-887-4880 Mail Stop 1102

cc: File



Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Gonernor Beverley K. Swalm-Staley, Secretary Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: August 25, 2010

Ms. Kristen Matthews.
Baltimore County Office of
Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimore County
Item No.2011-0038-A
MD133(O-9 Court Re

CENTRE COURT
GANT FOOD \$159

VARIANCE -

Dear Ms. Matthews:

We have reviewed the site plan to accompany petition for variance on the subject of the above captioned, which was received on <u>8-28-260</u>. A field inspection and internal review reveals that an entrance onto <u>MD133 is</u> consistent with current State Highway Administration guidelines is not required. Therefore, SHA has no objection to approval for <u>Guar O = MD, LLC</u>, Case Number 2011-0033-A

Should you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact Michael Bailey at 410-545-5593 or 1-800-876-4742 extension 5593. Also, you may email him at (mbailey@sha.state.md.us). Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

ASteven D. Foster, Chief Engineering Access Permits

Engineering Access Permits

Division

SDF/MB

Cc: Mr. David Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

Mr. Michael Pasquariello, Utility Engineer, SHA

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: August 26, 2010

TO:

Timothy M. Kotroco, Director

Department of Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Dennis A. Kennedy, Supervisor

Bureau of Development Plans

Review

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

For September 6, 2010

Item Nos. 2011- 037, 038, 039, 040, 041, 046, 059, 060, 061, 062, 063, 064, 066, 067, 069, 070 and 071

The Bureau of Development Plans Review has reviewed the subject-zoning items, and we have no comments.

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PETITION FOR VARIANCE RE:

3757 Old Court Road; W/S Town Center Place, 43' W of c/line of Walker Avenue 3rd Election & 2nd Councilmanic Districts

Legal Owner(s): Reister Court LLC

Contract Purchaser(s): Giant of Maryland, LLC

Petitioner(s)

FOR

BEFORE THE

BALTIMORE COUNTY

ZONING COMMISSIONER

2011-038-A

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Pursuant to Baltimore County Charter § 524.1, please enter the appearance of People's Counsel for Baltimore County as an interested party in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and the passage of any preliminary or final Order. All parties should copy People's Counsel on all correspondence sent and all documentation filed in the case.

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People's Counsel for Baltimore County Cook Sylephere

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Deputy People's Counsel Jefferson Building, Room 204 105 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 26th day of August, 2010, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Charles Marek, Esquire, Gildea & Schmidt LLC, 600 Washington Avenue, Suite 200, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner(s).

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Peter Max Zimmerman

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CHECKLIST

Comment Received	<u>Department</u>	Support/Oppose/ Conditions/ No Comment
-	DEVELOPMENT PLANS REVIEW	
9-8	DEPRM (if not received, date e-mail sent)	NC
8-25	FIRE DEPARTMENT	Done
9-16	PLANNING (if not received, date e-mail sent)	Approved of Jenice
8-25	STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	No objection
	TRAFFIC ENGINEERING	
	COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	
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Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation

Real Property Data Search (vw4.3)

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Account Identifier: District - 03 Account Number - 2400002560 Owner Information COMMERCIAL Owner Name: REISTER COURT LLC Use: C/O THE STOP & SHOP COMPANIES Principal Residence: NO 1385 HANCOCK ST Deed Reference: 1) Mailing Address: 2) REAL ESTATE TAX DEPT **QUINCY MA 02169-5103 Location & Structure Information Premises Address** Legal Description 5.6113 AC 3757 OLD COURT RD 3757 OLD COURT RD SSR **CENTRE COURT** Grid **Sub District** Subdivision Lot Assessment Area Plat No: Map Parcel Section Block 78 2 31 3 Plat Ref: 75/75 Town Ad Valorem Special Tax Areas **Tax Class Primary Structure Built Enclosed Area Property Land Area** County Use 5.61 AC 06 2002 63,556 SF Stories Basement Exterior Type Value Information **Base Value** Value Phase-in Assessments As Of As Of As Of 01/01/2010 07/01/2010 07/01/2011 3,366,000 Land 3,366,000 Improvements: 6,552,700 7,380,600 10,746,600 10,194,666 10,470,632 Total: 9,918,700 0 Preferential Land: **Transfer Information** Seller: Date: Price: Deed2: Type: Deed1: Seller: Date: Price: Deed1: Deed2: Type:

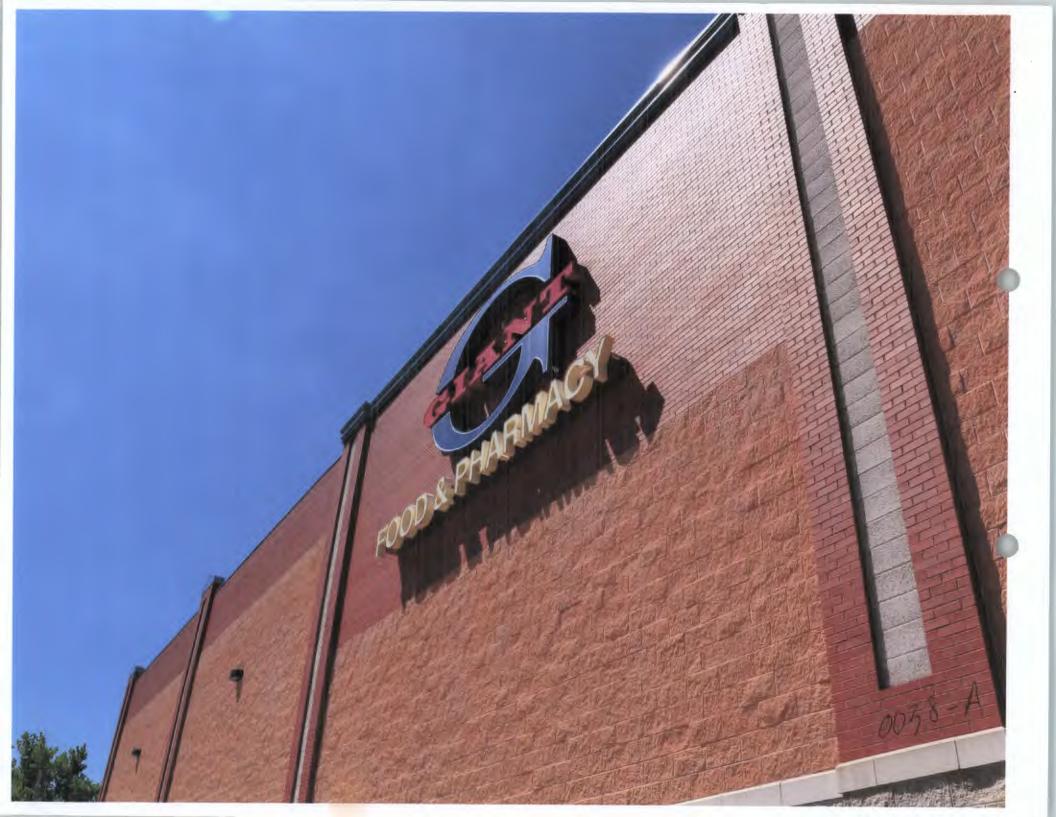
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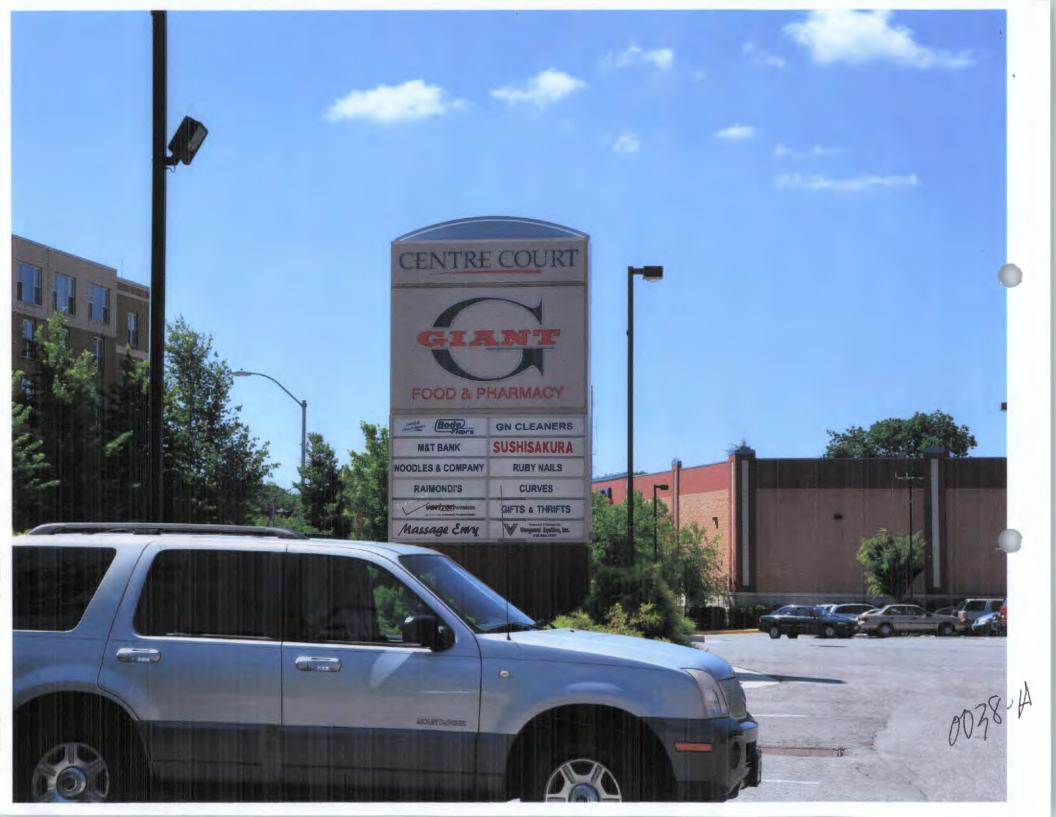












Case No.: 2011 - 0038-A 3757 OLD GURT RD

Exhibit Sheet

Petitioner/Developer

Protestant

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No. 3	RESUME - MARK JOHNSTON	- 10
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CIVIL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, LAND PLANNERS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

MARK A. JOHNSTON Professional Engineer Surveyor in Training

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering University of Illinois, 1994 (Areas of Concentration: Water Resources and Geotechnical Engineering)

EXPERIENCE

Mr. Johnston has performed site development engineering as well as senior project management rezonings and special exceptions in Baltimore/Montgomery/Prince George's/Howard/Frederick/Harford Counties, Maryland as well as in Texas, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Virginia for: shopping centers (ranging in size from 1 to 30 acres); religious and institutional facilities; multi-family/apartment sites; public and private schools; office buildings; warehouse complexes; industrial sites; public roads; water, sewer and storm drains; on-site and regional storm water management facilities; and related projects such as traffic impact studies and site development feasibility studies.

He has made project presentations in Maryland to Prince George's County Board of Appeals, M-NCP&PC (Montgomery and Prince George's Counties); City of Rockville Planning Commission, City of Gaithersburg Planning Commission and many other jurisdictions in other states.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS

Professional Engineer, Maryland Surveyor in Training, Illinois Registration

PETITIONER'S

EXHIBIT NO. 3



EXHIBIT NO.

IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

SW/Corner Old Court Road & Town Center

Place, and N/S Walker Avenue

(Pikesville Giant)

3rd Election District

2nd Council District

BEFORE TH

ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 01-243-A

Reister Court, LLC and the

Baltimore County Revenue Authority

Petitioners

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner for consideration of a Petition for Variance filed by Reister Court, LLC and the Baltimore County Revenue Authority, through their attorney, Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire. The Petitioners seek relief from Section 232.2.B of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a minimum side yard to property line setback of 5 feet in lieu of the required 10 feet, for the redevelopment of an existing Giant Food store on the subject site. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the requisite public hearing in support of the request were Bradley Glaser, a representative of Reister Court, LLC, Scott Rouk, a representative of Morris & Ritchie Associates, who prepared the site plan for this property, Jim Hermann, and Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioners. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the property at issue consists of a series of lots respectively owned by the Petitioners. Specifically, Reister Court, LLC owns Lots 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 of Walker Avenue, 403 Foley Lane, and 7 and 9 Old Court Road, and the Baltimore County Revenue Authority owns Lots 11, 13 and 15 Old Court Road. Those lots owned by Reister Court, LLC, are zoned B.L.-C.T. and are improved with a Giant Food Store and a large parking field which front on Old Court Road. The lots owned by the Baltimore County Revenue Authority are located to the rear of the Giant Food Store, in the vicinity of Walker Avenue, and are presently improved with single family dwellings. Reister Court, LLC has contracted to purchase

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WARREN W. WEAVER, JR.

102 Margaret Ave. Pasadena, MD 21122 (410) 439-4461

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Gable Signs & Graphics
Sr. Project Accounts Manager

Baltimore, MD

1996 to Present

- On large-scale projects, managed permit procurement, scheduling, budget, subcontractor interface, raw material procurement, and product manufacture & installation
- Dealt with all aspects government compliance.
- Developed a quality assurance procedure to reduce service calls and improve customer satisfaction.

Emulsion Systems, Inc. Boca Raton, FL Account Manager, Southeast United States

1993 to 1996

- Assisted in the development of four new product lines in the Graphics Division.
- Prepared & presented seminars for customer base to assist in our sales efforts.
- Successfully identified and closed numerous large accounts in the territory.
- Responsible for all government bid and procurement opportunities.

Pioneer Eclipse, Inc.
Director, Chemical Division

Sparta, NC

1989-1993

- Managed all facets of the \$ 14,000.000 chemical division including Blow Mold and Chemical manufacturing, Packaging, Quality Control and Research & Development. Responsible for the management of 48 employees
- Updated Quality Assurance procedures that reduced returns by 95%.
- Designed the Research & Development Department. Hired and managed five professionals, levels ranging from BS to Ph.D.
- Streamlined packaging division, doubling the production per man hour

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Types



Signage is the main means which shops, restaurants and serviceoriented businesses communicate to their potential shoppers, diners and clients. As such, it is an important and significant element in any retail main street environment. If left unchecked, however, signage can ruin a beautifully crafted built environment. There are many different types of signs, but the general catagories are as follows:

STOREFRONT - a sign located above the storefront, generally the largest and main sign for a retailer.



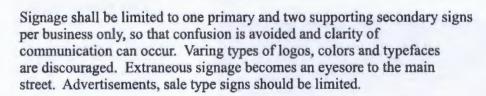


BLADE SIGNS - a secondary sign located perpendicular to the facade of the building. Generally these are hanging type signs.

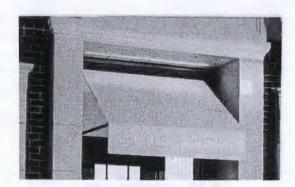
AWNINGS - the awning can be a secondary means of signage when the name of the establishment is silk-screened on the canvas.

OTHER - a multitude of other signage types exist. Sandwich boards, painted letters/logos on buildings or building elements, and banners all constitute other sign types.





Signage in display windows shall not obscure the view into the store.





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Address 3767 Old Court Road

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Town Center Old Court looking SW





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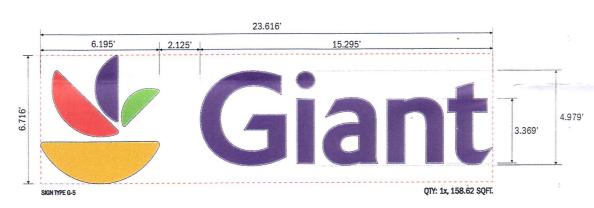
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PROPOSEDSIGNS-SIDEOFSTORE

SIGNAGE SCALE: 1" = 10'-0"



Channel Letter with white PLEX Faces, 1/2" relief on Trans Vinyl, 3 rows l.e.d., white trim, white returns and diebond backs

- velcome 2 SETS
- 1.166' flavorful meat
- natural foods
- fresh picked produce
- BANK SIGN

WHITE CHANNEL LETTERS ON RACEWAY

the quality food people



ILLUMINATED CHANNEL LETTERS MOUNTED ON OPAQUE ALUMINUM PANEL PTD TO MATCH BUILDING TRIM. INSTALL HANGING FROM SOFFET



CHANNEL LETTER WITH WHITE PLEX FACES, 1/2" RELIEF ON TRANS VINYL, 3 ROWS L.E.D., WHITE TRIM, WHITE RETURNS AND DIEBOND BACKS

SCALE 1/4"=1'-0"

FRONT	GIANT LOGO	128.62 SQFT	FRONT			SCALE:	DATE	8-10-09	CUSTOMER: GIANT	STORE: GIANT	
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