



# **Zoning Board of Appeals** Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 6:30pm

Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30046

- Α. Call To Order, Pledge to Flag
- B. Opening Remarks by Chairman and Rules of Order
- C. **Approval of Agenda**
- D. Approval of Minutes - December 11, 2024
- E. **Announcements**
- F. **New Business**

1. Case Number: ZVR2024-00105 Applicant: Pet Supplies Plus Owner: **Thomas Prandato** Felicia Johnson Contact: Phone Number: 678.539.0443

Zoning:

3280 Hamilton Mill Road Location: Map Number: R7182 002

Exceed maximum wall sign area per facade Variance Requested: **Commission District:** (4) Holtkamp

C-2

2. Case Number:

ZVR2024-00106 Pet Supplies Plus Applicant: Owner: Thomas Prandato Felicia Johnson Contact: Phone Number: 678.539.0443

C-2 Zoning:

3280 Hamilton Mill Road Location: Map Number: R7182 002

Variance Requested: Exceed maximum wall sign area

**Commission District:** (4) Holtkamp

3. Case Number:

> Applicant/Owner/Contact: Vanessa Canty Phone Number: 470.222.6480

R-100 Zoning:

2331 Laura Court Location: Map Number: R6054 218

Variance Requested: Reduce minimum lot size for personal care home

ZVR2025-00001

**Commission District:** (2) Ku

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4. Case Number:

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Applicant:

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Owner: Contact:

Contact:

Phone Number:

Case Number:

Zoning:

Location: Map Number:

Variance Requested:

Commission District:

6. Case Number:

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G. OTHER BUSINESS

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

I. ADJOURNMENT

**ZVR2025-00002- Administratively Withdrawn** 

ZVR2025-00003

Boersma Bros., LLC

Fuqua BCDC Ballpark Project Owner, LLC

Harry Raft 541.955.4700

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2505 Buford Drive

R7132 071

Exceed maximum parking

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**ZVR2025-00004 – Administratively Withdrawn** 

**ZVR2025-00005 - Administratively Held** 

# GWINNETT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CASE REPORT**

Case Numbers: ZVR2024-00105, 106

**Requests:** Exceed maximum wall sign area per façade

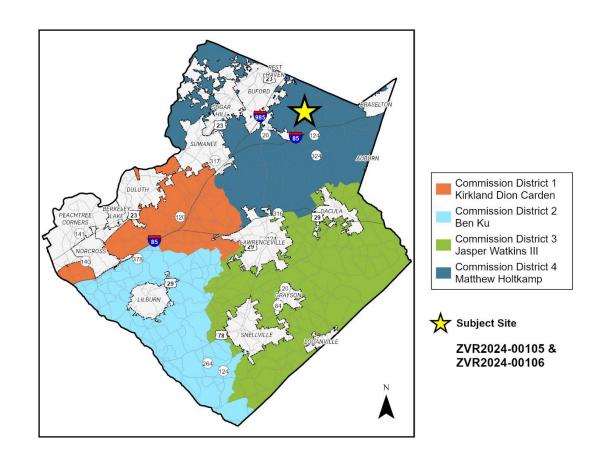
Exceed maximum cumulative wall sign area

Address: 3280 Hamilton Mill Road

Map Number:R7182 002Site Area:11.11 acresProposed Development:Wall SignageApplicant:Pet Supplies PlusOwner:Thomas Prandato

**Contact Information:** Felicia Johnson, 678.539.0443

**Commission District:** District 4 – Commissioner Holtkamp/Rumbaugh



## **Existing Site Conditions**

The subject property is an 11.1-acre parcel located on Hamilton Mill Road, east of its intersection with Ridge Road. The property contains a large multitenant shopping center anchored by a Kroger. The Pet Supplies Plus store is 5,600 square feet and located in an outbuilding on the northeast corner of the property. The store has existing permitted signage on the front and the rear facades. The property is zoned C-2 (General Commercial District) and surrounded by other commercially and residentially zoned properties.



## **Project Summary**

The applicant proposes a wall sign including:

• A 3' 3 1/2" x 10' 11 1/4" green channel letter "Grooming Dog Wash" sign located on the front façade.



Site plan (Pet Supplies Plus highlighted)



Exterior signage site plan



| A   | В         | c           | D    | Boxed Sq.<br>Footage |
|-----|-----------|-------------|------|----------------------|
| 16" | 3'-3 1/2" | 10'-11 1/4" | 7 ½" | 36                   |

Green channel letter "Grooming Dog Wash"



Existing signage (front façade)



Existing signage (rear façade)

## **Variance Requests**

The applicant requests a variance from the following section of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), to exceed the maximum 60 square feet of wall signage per façade by 34.84 square feet resulting in 94.84 square feet of signage on the front façade:

**Section 78-113A:** Signage Dimensional Standard Table. Maximum wall signage per a façade for a 2,501–15,000 square foot building is 60 square feet per façade.

The applicant requests a variance from the following section of the UDO, to exceed the maximum 120 cumulative square feet of wall signage by 33.68 square feet resulting in 153.68 square feet of wall signage:

**Section 78-113A:** Signage Dimensional Standard Table. Maximum cumulative wall signage for a 2,501–15,000 square foot building is 120 square feet.

### **Staff Recommended Conditions**

Should the Zoning Board of Appeals choose to approve the variance request, staff recommends the following conditions of approval:

- 1. The wall sign placement shall be in general conformance with the exterior signage site plan dated received November 19, 2024.
- 2. The wall sign design shall be in general conformance with the sign elevation detail dated received November 19, 2024.

**Exhibit: Application** 



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# **VARIANCE APPLICATION**

See the Variance Application Submittal Instructions for general information and directions related to submitting this application

| Property Information:   |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Property Address 3280 HAMILTON MILL RD. Property Parcel ID R71 82 002)  |  |  |  |  |
| Variance(s) Requested INCREASE SIGN OVERALL SIGN ALLOWANCE FROM 120 SF TO 161 25SF  |  |  |  |  |
| Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Code Section(s).  Section 78-113 A 7 Primary ground sign for planned office commercial mixed-use industrial priestal center. Maximum 60 square feet of signage per facade.  |  |  |  |  |
| Sign Ordinance Code Section(s): Maximum 120 square feet of total wall signage   |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant Information:  |  |  |  |  |
| Name PET SUPPLIES PLUS  |  |  |  |  |
| Contact Person FELICIA JOHNSON  |  |  |  |  |
| Mailing Address 549 WEBB INDUSTRIAL DR  |  |  |  |  |
| City, State, Zip Code. MARIETTA GA 30062  |  |  |  |  |
| Phone Number: 678-539-0443 Email Address FJOHNSON@ALTAIRSIGN.COM  |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant is (check, if applicable) [ ] Property Owner [ X] Owner's Agent   |  |  |  |  |
| Property Owner Information (if property owner is not the applicant):  |  |  |  |  |
| NameTHOMAS PRANDATO   |  |  |  |  |
| NameTHOMAS PRANDATO  678-576-1068 Telephone NumberEmail Address: Eprandato @phillips Educal.com   |  |  |  |  |
| Signatures:   |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant Signature Felicia Johnson Property Owner Signature The Management of the Property Owner Signature The Owner |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant Signature Felicia Johnson Property Owner Signature The State of Applicant; FELICIA JOHNSON Name of Property Owner THAMAS PRANDAT  |  |  |  |  |
| Date  |  |  |  |  |
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# **Standards for Granting Variances:**

Responses to the following criteria must be submitted for each variance requested (attach additional sheets as needed). According to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), a variance shall not be granted unless evidence is presented supporting conclusions that the variance meets each of the following criteria:

| a. | Does the request arise from a condition that is unique and peculiar to the land, structures, and buildings involved? Please explain:  This tenant space is on the corner and fronts a parking lot and a freestanding   |
|----|--|
| b. | Is the request necessary because the particular physical surroundings, the size, shape or topographical condition of the specific property involved result in an unnecessary hardship for the owner, lessee, or occupants; as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the provisions of Title 2 of the UDO are literally enforced? Please explain: This tenant space is on the corner and fronts a parking lot and a freestanding building within the plaza.   |
| C. | Is the condition requiring the requested relief not ordinarily found in properties of the same zoning district as the subject property? Please explain: No. There are other tenants that have/deserve the same level variance consideration with respect to advertising their business.  |
| d. | Is the request a result of conditions created by the regulations of Title 2 of the UDO and not by an action or actions of the property owner or the applicant? Please explain:   |
| e. | Would granting the variance impair or injure other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the subject property is located, or impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent property, substantially increase the congestion in the public streets, increase the danger of fire, create a hazard to air navigation, endanger the public safety, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood?  Please explain: Granting the variance would allow customers to better see the name of the establishment and know that Pet Supplies also does grooming. |
| f. | Is the variance requested the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building, or structures? Please explain: Yes. The sf of the proposed sign is standard for the brand   |
| g. | Does the variance desired meet the general spirit and intent of Title 2 of the UDO and/or the purpose and intent of the Gwinnett County Unified Plan? Please explain: yes, it meets the general spirit and intent of Title 2 of the UDO due to the fact that the request is standard branding for this sized shopping center.  |

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September 20, 2024

**Gwinnett County Planning & Development** 446 West Crogan St. Ste 300 Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Re: VARIANCE REQUEST- PET SUPPLIES PLUS- 3280 HAMILON MILL RD.

Please accept this as our request to increase the aggregate square footage allowed under Section 78-113.A.7- maximum 60 square feet of signage allowed per elevation and 120 square feet of signage total wall signage allowed.

The Pet Supplies Plus brand offers services for pets that extend beyond purchase of supplies. They have been grooming and providing dog wash services for a while and wish to advertise those services as a part of their brand.

The request is to add an additional 36 square feet to the existing 117.7sf that was recently approved under permit# SLP2024-00421. It is important for customers to be able to identify with which locations offer these services, along with maintaining the standard brand sizing for each location. We are also requesting the allowance increase due to the distance from the street frontage and location inside the shopping center where a freestanding building blocks the front elevation.

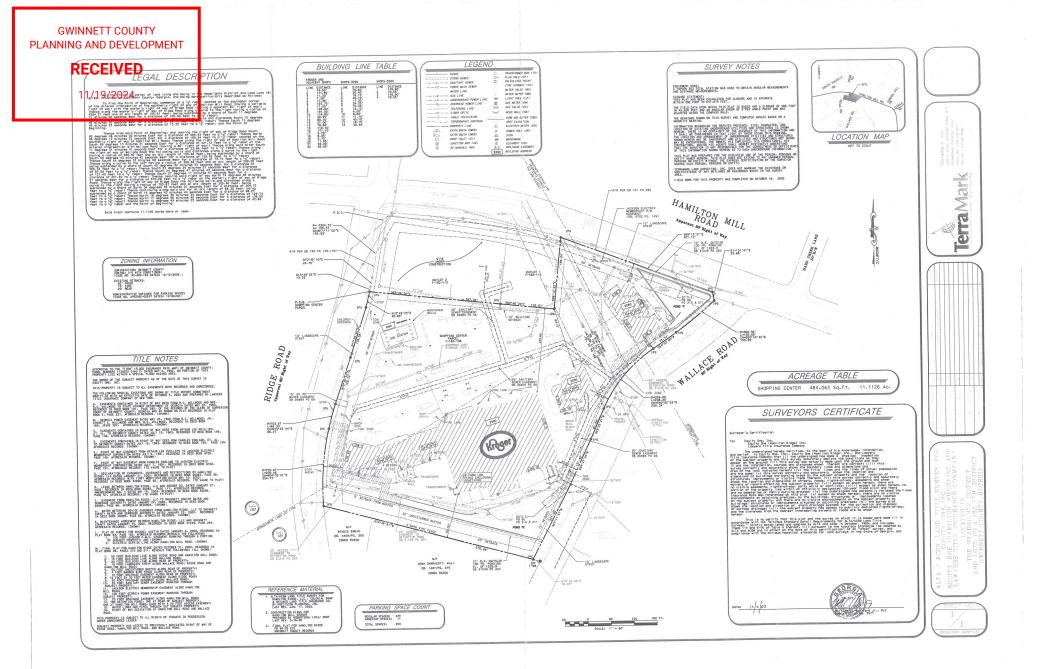
We are hopeful that the board will honor the variance request as stated which is in alignment with the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

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Felicia Johnson

Representative for Pet Supplies Plus



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| SPACE                                 | TENANT   | SQ. FT.   |  |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|--|--|
| OPI0I                                 | OPI01 bb.q Chicken                               |           |  |  |
| OPI02                                 | OP102 Vitality Bowls                             |           |  |  |
| OPI03                                 | AllCare  | 2,955 SF  |  |  |
| OUTI                                  | Waffle House                                     | 1,500 SF  |  |  |
| 0100                                  | Kroger   | 54,166 SF |  |  |
| 0101                                  | Donuts Now                                       | 1,400 SF  |  |  |
| 0102                                  | U Got Mail                                       | 1,400 SF  |  |  |
| 0103                                  | COMING AVAILABLE                                 | 2,800 SF  |  |  |
| 0105                                  | Sparkling Health Spa                             | 1,400 SF  |  |  |
| 0106                                  | Natural Smiles                                   | 1,808 SF  |  |  |
| 0107                                  | Tropical Nails & Tan                             | 1,400 SF  |  |  |
| 0108                                  | Chiropractic                                     | 1,808 SF  |  |  |
| 0109                                  | PT Solutions Physical Therapy 2,384 S            |           |  |  |
| 0110                                  | Friend's House                                   | 1,750 SF  |  |  |
| 0111                                  | Cloud FX Smoke Vape & CBD 1,050 S                |           |  |  |
| 0112                                  | Joy Cleaners                                     | 1,400 SF  |  |  |
| 0201                                  | COMING AVAILABLE                                 | 6,580 SF  |  |  |
| 0301                                  | Jersey Mike's Subs                               | 1,750 SF  |  |  |
| 0302                                  | Kumon Math & Reading Center of Buford-Bogan Park | 1,400 SF  |  |  |
| 0303                                  | Marco's Pizza                                    | 1,400 SF  |  |  |
| 0306                                  | Pet Supplies Plus                                | 5,600 SF  |  |  |
| TOTAL SQ. FT. 96,941                  |  |           |  |  |
| SITE LEGEND                           |  |           |  |  |
| ☐ Available ☐ Occupied                |  |           |  |  |
| Leased (not occupied) Owned by Others |  |           |  |  |
| Site Boundary                         |  |           |  |  |



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**EXTERIOR SIGNAGE SITE PLAN** 



| SIGN ID | DESCRIPTION                          |   |
|---------|--------------------------------------|---|
| S1      | 16" GROOMING/DOG WASH CHANNEL LETTER | 1 |

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**PET SUPPLIES** PLUS

STORE# TBD

Drawn By: Mike C.

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**EXTERIOR SIGNAGE PLAN** 

Rev: 7 Date: 8/27/2024

Doc #: AD-PSP-110848-Buford-variance Page 3 Blair Project #: 110848
Blair Sales Order #: 89188

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BLAIR ITEM # TBD

#### S1 - DETAILS

#### **GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS:**

**GREEN ACRYLIC FACES BRONZE ALUMINUM RETURNS** GREEN TRIM CAP

Face Decoration:

3M 3630-156 VIVID GREEN VINYL

Cabinet Depth:

5"

Area (SQ FT):

Identify if boxed, area, etc.

36 SQFT

Wind Load:

N/A

**ELECTRICAL:** 

Internal Illumination:

N/A

LED Power Supply:

N/A

ALL ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS WITHIN LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL WIRING

LUMEN OUTPUT UPON REQUEST

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:** 

RACEWAY COLOR: SW 7551

**SECTION DETAILS** Raceway 5"x5" x Length of Sign 5" Depth **Green LED** Illuminated Face Dark Bronze Returns Trim Cap to match face color (green or white) **RACEWAY MOUNT (FACE LIT)** (FRONT ILLUMINATES)

C Footage 10'-11 1/4" 3'-3 1/2" 36

D

GROOMING

DOG WASH

Boxed Sq.

LETTER FACES RETURNS Dark Bronze 3M 3630-156 White Vivid Green Viny #2447 Pigmented Acrylic

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**NOTE: TOTAL STORE SQUARE FOOTAGE IS 5,600 SQ FT** 

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| WALL SIGNS                | ALLOWED total sf    | CURRENTLY INSTALLED    | PROPOSED    | CODE            | VARIANCE<br>(Y/N) |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| S1 27" CHANNEL LETTER SET | 60 SQFT             | N/A                    | 58.84 SQ FT | Section 78-113A | N                 |
| S2 27" CHANNEL LETTER SET | 60 SQFT             |                        | 58.84 SQ FT |                 | N                 |
| S3- 18" channel letters   |                     |                        | 36 SQ FT    |                 | Y                 |
|                           |                     |                        |             |                 |                   |
|                           |                     |                        |             |                 |                   |
|                           |                     |                        |             |                 |                   |
|                           |                     |                        |             |                 |                   |
| FREESTANDING MONUMENT     | ALLOWED<br>total sf | CURRENTLY<br>INSTALLED | PROPOSED    | CODE            | VARIANCE<br>(Y/N) |
|                           |                     |                        |             |                 |                   |
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#### **CODE CHECK SUMMARY**

#### **COMMENTS**

Gross Building Space: 2501-15000 = Max Sign Area Pet Elevation is 60 SQFT.

Signs may not exceed 50% of the total permitted square footage on any building elevation

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**CODE CHECK SUMMARY** 

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## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CASE REPORT**

Case Number: ZVR2025-00001

**Request:** Reduce minimum lot size for a Personal Care Home

Address: 2331 Laura Court

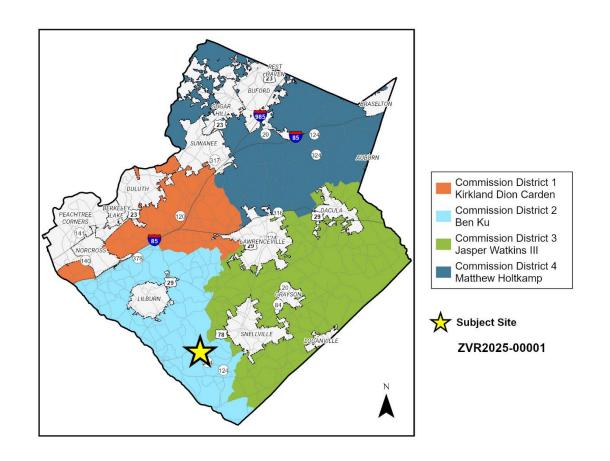
Map Number:R6054 218Site Area:0.31 acres

**Proposed Development:** Personal Care Home

Applicant/Owner: Vanessa Canty

Contact Information: Vanessa Canty, 470.222.6480

**Commission District:** District 2 – Commissioner Ku/Edinger



# **Existing Site Conditions**

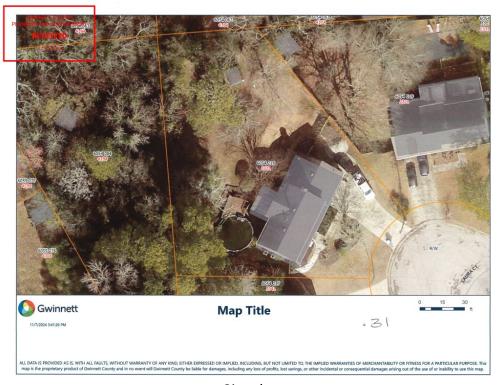
The subject property is a 0.31-acre parcel located on Laura Court in the Knots Landing subdivision, north of its intersection with King Richard Court. The property is zoned R-100 (Single-Family Residence District) and contains a two-story residence. The site is surrounded by single-family detached residences.



## **Project Summary**

The applicant proposes to operate a personal care home including:

- A 2,304 square feet home.
- Care services for three senior residents.



Site plan



Site photo

# **Variance Request**

The applicant requests a variance from the following section of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), to allow a personal care home on a lot less than one acre in size:

**Section 210-140.26.:** Family Personal Care Homes shall be located on a lot of at least 1 acre in size.

### **Staff Recommended Condition**

Should the Zoning Board of Appeals choose to approve the variance request, staff recommends the following condition of approval:

1. The number of residents receiving care in the home shall be limited to three residents.

# **Exhibit: Application**



# GWINNETT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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## **VARIANCE APPLICATION**

See the Variance Application Submittal Instructions for general information and directions related to submitting this application.

| Property Information:   |
|---|
| Property Address: 2331 Lacre Ct and Property Parcel ID: 654218            |
| Variance(s) Requested: Personal Care Home on less                         |
| Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Code Section(s): 210.140.26           |
| Sign Ordinance Code Section(s):   |
| Applicant Information:  |
| Name: Vanessa Carty   |
| Contact Person: Vanessa Canty   |
| Mailing Address: 4002 Highway 28 W St. 530-263                            |
| City, State, Zip Code: Spello-lle Ga 3-039                                |
| Phone Number: 470 222 6480 Email Address: Lady recetme. tady              |
| Applicant is (check, if applicable): [V] Property Owner [ ] Owner's Agent |
| Property Owner Information (if property owner is not the applicant):      |
| Name:   |
| Telephone Number: Email Address:  |
| Signatures:   |
| Applicant Signature: Property Owner Signature:                            |
| Name of Applicant: Vanesa Cants Name of Property Owner: Vanesa Cants      |
| Date: $11/7/24$   |

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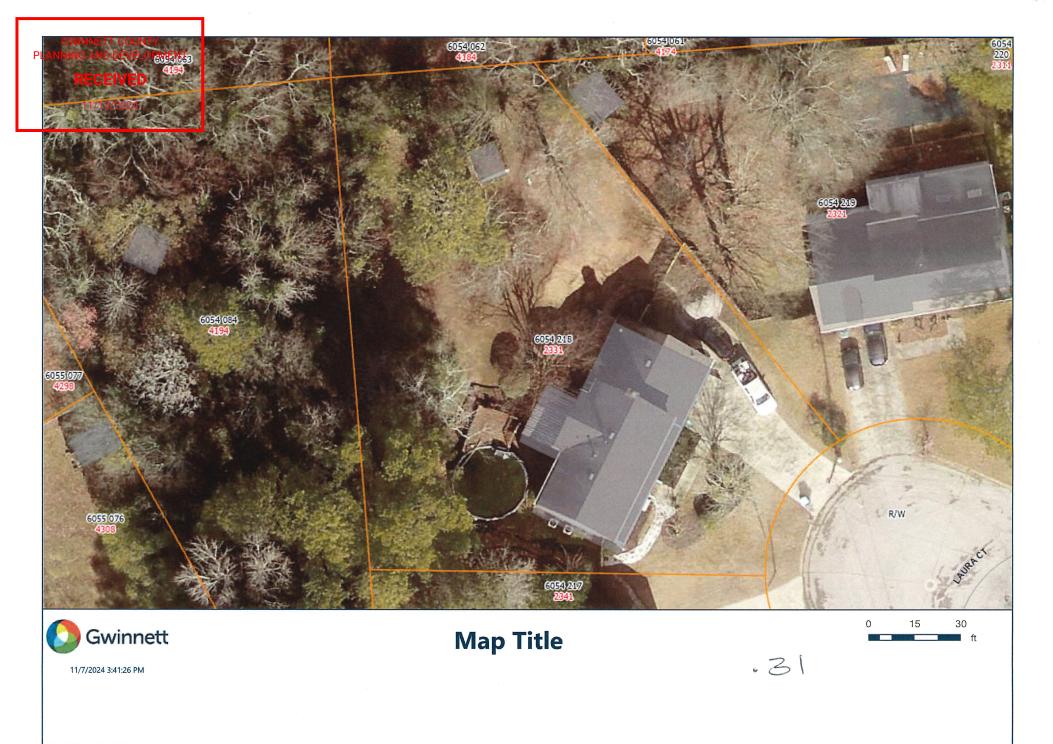
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# **Standards for Granting Variances:**

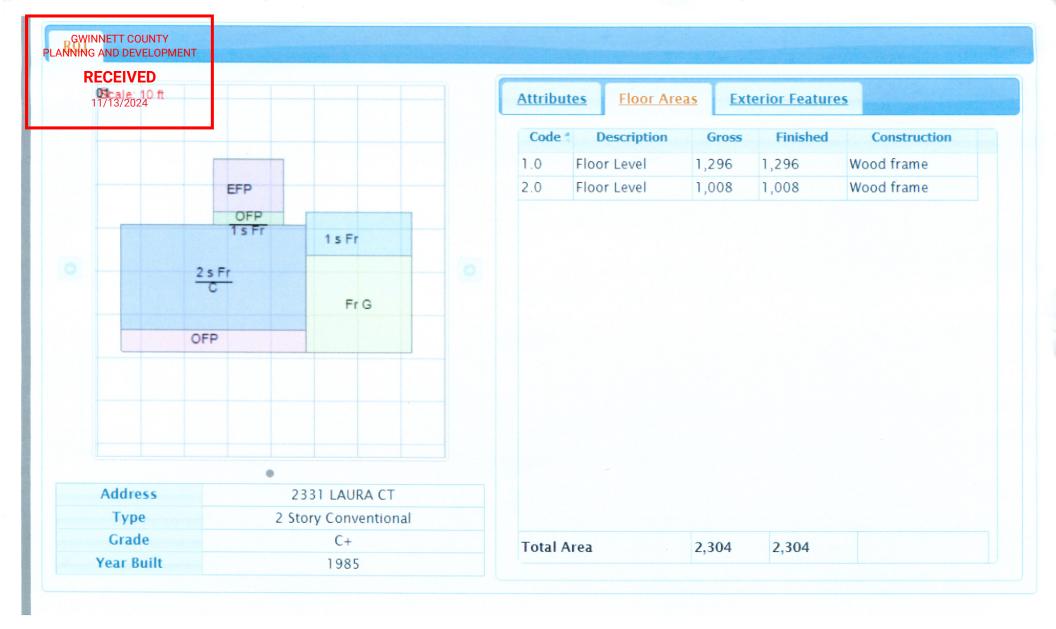
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| g. | Does the variance desired meet the general spirit and intent of Title 2 of the UDO and/or the purpose and intent of the Gwinnett County Unified Plan? Please explain:  The UDO 13 to Serve the Respective of County Unified Plan?  |



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November 18th 2024

Re: Letter of Intent

To whom it may concern:

The description of the variance requested is to have a Senior Care Facility at 2331 Laura Ct SW, Snellville GA 30039. In this home I plan to house Veterans that have served our country and currently needs assistance with their care. Code section 210.140.26.

The reason for this variance is to solely have a Senior Care Facility on less than an acre property.

The requested variance is constant with the UDO as less clients can be requested.

**210.140.26** Personal Care Home, Family. Family Personal Care Homes shall be located on a lot of at least 1 acre in size and **shall be limited to no more than six residents**.

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## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CASE REPORT**

Case Number: ZVR2025-00003

**Request:** Exceed maximum parking

Address: 2505 Buford Drive

Map Number:R7132 071Site Area:0.79 acres

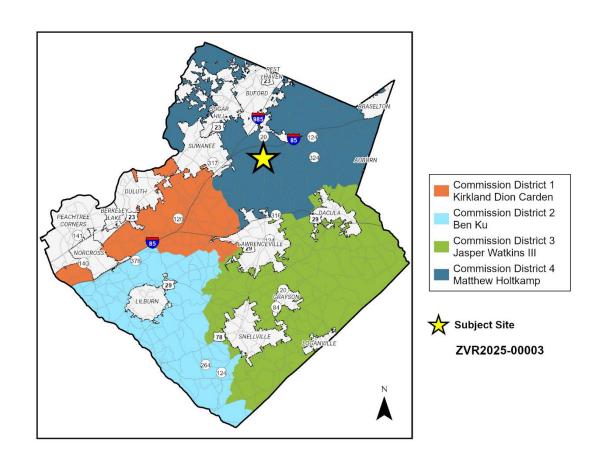
**Proposed Development:** Drive-through Restaurant

**Applicant:** Boersma Bros. LLC

Owner: Fuqua BCDC Ballpark Project Owner, LLC

**Contact Information:** Harry Raft, 541.955.4700

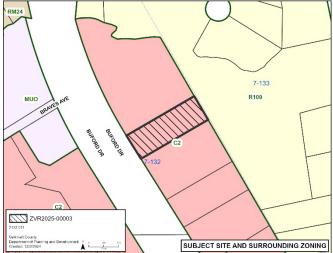
**Commission District:** District 4– Commissioner Holtkamp/Rumbaugh



## **Existing Site Conditions**

The subject property is a 0.79-acre parcel located on Buford Drive, across from Coolray Field and north of its intersection with Old Peachtree Road. The property is zoned C-2 (General Business District). The proposed drive-through coffee shop is part of a larger commercial development with a shared driveway access and is currently in the site development stage. The property is surrounded by commercially zoned parcels within the same development and single-family detached residences within the Habersham Hills subdivision to the east.

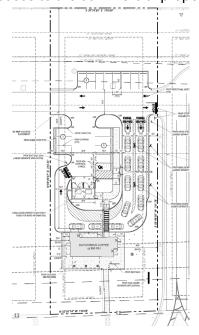




## **Project Summary**

The applicant proposes a drive-through restaurant including:

- A 950 square feet coffee shop with drive-through.
- Two stacking drive-through lanes located to the rear of the building.
- A surface parking lot containing 16 spaces located to the rear of the building.
- A driveway which provides access to the commercial properties within the larger development.







View from Buford Drive



Site photo

# **Variance Request**

The applicant requests a variance from the following section of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to exceed the maximum parking spaces by 7 spaces for a total of 16 spaces:

Section 240-20.2 The maximum parking for a restaurant is 1 space per 100 square feet.

### **Staff Recommended Condition**

Should the Zoning Board of Appeals choose to approve the variance request, staff recommends the following conditions of approval:

1. The proposed development shall be constructed in general conformance with Site Plan dated received November 14, 2024, with revisions required by the Unified Development Ordinance as reviewed and approved by the Department of Planning and Development.

**Exhibit: Application** 

Name of Applicant: Harry Raft

Date:

November 19, 2024



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## **VARIANCE APPLICATION**

See the Variance Application Submittal Instructions for general information and directions related to submitting this application.

| Property Information:  |   |  |  |  |
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| Property Address: 2505 Buford Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 3004  | Property Parcel ID: 7132 071                                  |  |  |  |
| Variance(s) Requested: Variance from section 240-20.1 to exceed the maximum allowed parking of 9 to 16 parking spaces. |   |  |  |  |
| Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Code Section(s): Section 240-20.1  |   |  |  |  |
| Sign Ordinance Code Section(s): N/A  |   |  |  |  |
| Applicant Information:   |   |  |  |  |
| Name: Boersma Bros. LLC  |   |  |  |  |
| Contact Person: Harry Raft   |   |  |  |  |
| Mailing Address: 300 North Valley Dr.  |   |  |  |  |
| City, State, Zip Code: Grants Pass, OR 97526   |   |  |  |  |
| Phone Number: 541-955-4700   | Email Address: cred@dutchbros.com / TNA-Permits@bohlereng.com |  |  |  |
| Applicant is (check, if applicable): Property Owner  | Owner's Agent   |  |  |  |
| Property Owner Information (if property owner is not the applicant):   |   |  |  |  |
| Name: Fuqua BCDC Ballpark Project Owner, LLC   |   |  |  |  |
| Telephone Number: 404-907-1717   | Email Address: greer.scoggins@fuquadev.com                    |  |  |  |
| Signatures: Signed by:   |   |  |  |  |
| Applicant Signature:   | Property Owner Signature                                      |  |  |  |
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Name of Property Owner: Jeff Fuqua , President

Date: November 19,2024

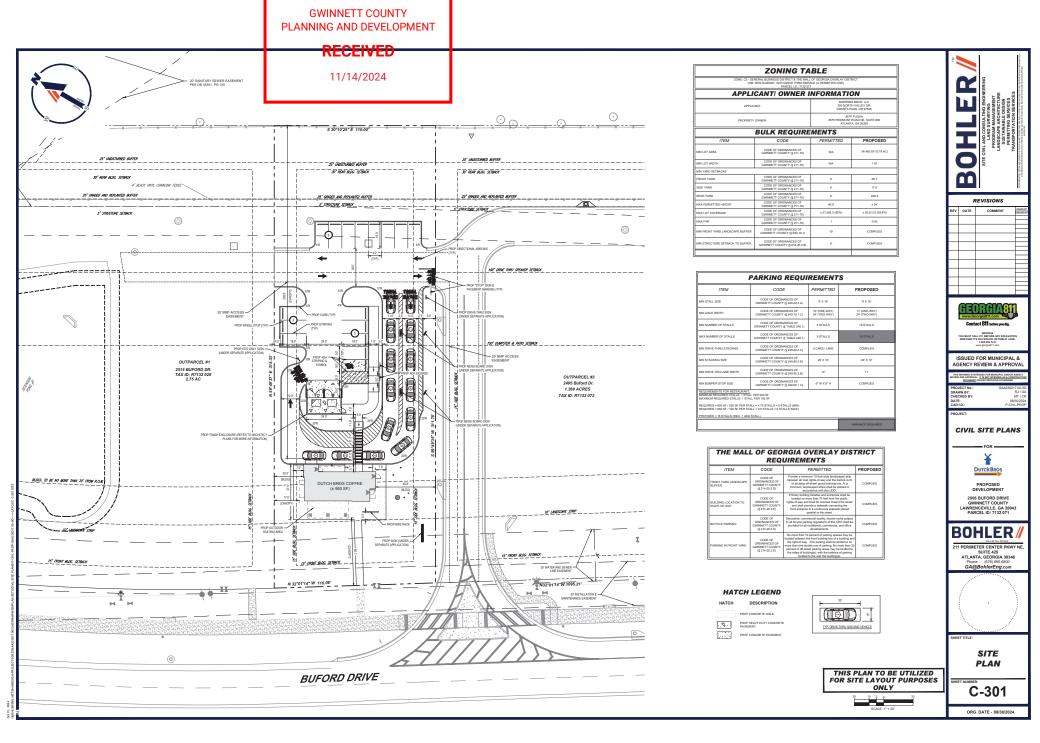
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## **Standards for Granting Variances:**

Responses to the following criteria must be submitted for each variance requested (attach additional sheets as needed). According to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), a variance shall not be granted unless evidence is presented supporting conclusions that the variance meets each of the following criteria:

- a. Does the request arise from a condition that is unique and peculiar to the land, structures, and buildings involved? Please explain: Yes, the variance is requested to provide additional parking spaces beyond the maximum permitted for a structure of this size. Due to the relatively small size, 9 parking spaces will not be sufficient for operations of the facility while also allowing parking for customers.
- b. Is the request necessary because the particular physical surroundings, the size, shape or topographical condition of the specific property involved result in an unnecessary hardship for the owner, lessee, or occupants; as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the provisions of Title 2 of the UDO are literally enforced? Please explain: Yes, the noted variance is requested to allow for the operations of the proposed business while not impacting parking needed for customers.
- c. Is the condition requiring the requested relief not ordinarily found in properties of the same zoning district as the subject property? Please explain: No, this request seem to be relatively common for commercial uses in the area with similar operations that require more parking for their staff and customers.
- d. Is the request a result of conditions created by the regulations of Title 2 of the UDO and not by an action or actions of the property owner or the applicant? Please explain: Yes, the result is created by the UDO for the maximum allowed parking stalls, limiting the amount the user may provide without requesting a variance.
- e. Would granting the variance impair or injure other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the subject property is located, or impair an adequate supply of light or air to adjacent property, substantially increase the congestion in the public streets, increase the danger of fire, create a hazard to air navigation, endanger the public safety, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood? Please explain: No. The amount of parking above the maximum permitted by code would result in less traffic concerns that would impact the overall development by providing more options to park and utilize the commercial uses in the area.
- f. Is the variance requested the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building, or structures? Please explain: Yes, the variance is the minimum possible relief that would make the business operate to sufficiently serve the public.
- g. Does the variance desired meet the general spirit and intent of Title 2 of the UDO and/or the purpose and intent of the Gwinnett County Unified Plan? Please explain: Yes, the variance meets the general spirit of Title 2 of the UDO and the purpose of the County's Unified Plan by providing more accessibility to new development for the community to enjoy.





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Gwinnett County Department of Planning and Development 446 West Crogan Street, Suite 300 Lawrenceville, GA 30046 678.518.6000

Attention: Planning & Zoning Members

Re: GA0201 DBC (Lawrenceville, GA) 2505 Buford Drive

Lawrenceville, GA 30043
Parcel ID #: R7132 071

Letter of Intent

Dear Planning & Zoning Members:

The variance being requested for the above referenced address is from Section 240-20.1 to exceed the maximum allowed parking of 9 to 16 parking spaces. Based on the calculation found in Section 240-20.1, a maximum of 9 parking spaces is permitted by right due to the square footage of the proposed coffee shop.

The reason for the requested variance is to allow the proposed coffee shop facility to operate sufficiently during shift changes, while also providing parking spaces for customers visiting the business. Having the additional parking spaces on site would allow for a more enjoyable experience for both the employees, and the customers in the community.

The variance is consistent with the intent of the UDO and promoting developments that best service the community. By allowing this variance, the community will have a better experience with more options to park their vehicles and decreasing traffic between the individual parcels of the overall development when visiting the new business in the community.

The hardship encountered when requesting this variance is the calculation identified in Section 240-20.1 in the County's code for the maximum allowed parking spaces being based on the square footage of the business instead of employee count. With the drive-thru being a large part of the business, the required employees per shift to maintain operations is similar to a more traditional business of this nature that includes indoor seating even with a smaller building footprint. This presents a challenge during the change in shift periods where more staff arrive before staff on the previous shift leave. The additional spaces would allow for this transition period to be smoother by providing spaces for all employees, as well as community members enjoying the walk-up order windows of the coffee shop.





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If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

**BOHLER ENGINEERING TN, LLC** 

Kevin Eakes, P.E. Branch Manager

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