

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND**

APPLICANT: Park Gambrills Cove Rd Owner LLC

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT: 3

CASE NUMBER: 2024-0036-V

COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT: 3

HEARING DATE: May 16, 2024

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Planner

REQUEST

The applicant is requesting a variance to allow identification signs which do not refer to the name of the business complex or the name of the tenant and are not located within the lot lines of the use to which it refers at 7629 Gambrills Cove Road in Baltimore.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SITE

The subject property has approximately 289 feet of frontage at the southwest end of Gambrills Cove Road, 1100 feet southeast of Energy Parkway. These lands have an area of 15.68 acres. The site is zoned W2-Light Industrial and is shown as Lot 19RR in Parcel 278 on Tax Map 11, Grid 8. The current zoning was adopted by the Comprehensive zoning for the Third Council District January 29, 2012.

The subject property is currently developed with a one-story industrial warehouse building.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL

The applicant wishes to install two identification signs on two building facades. One sign measuring approximately two feet in height and 10 feet in width, will be located on the east building facade. A second sign measuring two feet in height and three feet in width, is to be located on the south building facade at the south east corner of the building.

REQUESTED VARIANCES

Section 18-3-303.(c) of the Anne Arundel County Zoning Ordinance requires that a sign shall be located within the lot lines of the use to which it refers. Since the proposed signs refer to a business entity that is not located within the lot lines of the subject site a variance is required.

FINDINGS

This Office finds that the subject property does meet the requirements for a lot in a W2-Light Industrial District. Notwithstanding this, the operation and management of the subject site is considered to be unique in that it is owned and managed by a corporate entity (GLP - formerly Global Logistic Properties) based in Singapore that owns and operates an international network

of warehouses of which the subject property is one. The company's warehouses are leased out to logistics service providers, manufacturers, retailers and e-commerce companies such as Amazon. The owner of the subject property, which is in fact GLP operating under the name of Park Gambrills Cove Rd Owner LLC, is not a tenant or user of the subject property. Rather the owner of the subject property (GLP) simply wishes its warehouse facility to be identified as part of the GLP network of warehouses. This Office believes these conditions constitute an exceptional circumstance that warrants a variance to the Code's sign requirements.

A review of the building elevations submitted with the application indicates that the requested signage will be the only signage on the building at this time and is well within the allotted signage allowed by the Code. The applicant has requested only a minimal amount of signage (two signs totaling 26 square feet) that identifies the facility as being part of the GLP network of warehouses. The signage contains no message but rather only the letters GLP and a graphic symbol that is being implemented as part of a corporate rebranding exercise. Consequently, the request is considered to be the minimum variance necessary to afford relief.

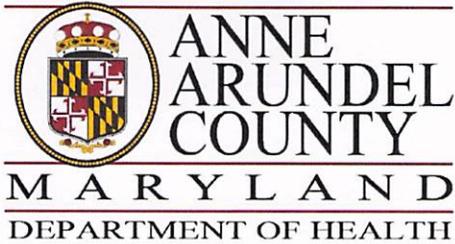
Given the minimal amount of signage requested, approval of the variance would not alter the essential character of the neighborhood nor negatively impact the use of any abutting property. There is no evidence the variance will be detrimental to the public welfare.

The **Anne Arundel County Department of Health** advised they have no objection to the request.

RECOMMENDATION

With regard to the standards by which a variance may be granted as set forth under Section 18-16-305 under the County Code, the Office of Planning and Zoning recommends that a variance to allow two signs that do not refer to a use that is located within the lot lines be ***approved*** as shown on the attached site plan and building elevations.

DISCLAIMER: This recommendation does not constitute a building permit. In order for the applicant(s) to construct the structure(s) as proposed, the applicant(s) shall apply for and obtain the necessary building permits and obtain any other approvals required to perform the work described herein. This includes but is not limited to verifying the legal status of the lot, resolving adequacy of public facilities, and demonstrating compliance with environmental site design criteria.



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MEMORANDUM

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Bureau of Environmental Health

DATE: March 25, 2024

RE: Park Gambrills Cove Road Owner, LLC
7629 Gambrills Cove Road
Curtis Bay, MD 21226

NUMBER: 2024-0036-V

SUBJECT: Variance/Special Exception/Rezoning

The Health Department has reviewed the above referenced variance to allow identification signs which do not refer to the name of the business complex or the name of the tenant and are not located within the lot lines of the use to which it refers.

The Health Department has reviewed the above-referenced request. The property is served by public water and sewer facilities. The Health Department has no objection to the above-referenced request.

If you have further questions or comments, please contact Brian Chew at 410-222-7413.

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