

APPLICANT: Town Center Associates		PETITION No.: V-20			
PHONE:	770-480-3388		DATE OF HEARING:	02-15-2017	
REPRESENTATIVE: Gary Wert		PRESENT ZONING:	GC		
PHONE:		770480-3388	LAND LOT(S):	645	
TITLEHOLDER: Town Center Associates			DISTRICT:	16	
<b>PROPERTY LOCATION:</b> On the southeast side of			SIZE OF TRACT:	18.93 acres	
Ernest Barrett Parkway, on the east side of Roberts Court, and on the west side of Interstate 575			COMMISSION DISTRICT: 3		
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(425 Ernest Barrett Parkway).

**TYPE OF VARIANCE:** 1) Allow a wall sign to project above the roofline; 2) waive the maximum sign area

of a wall sign from the allowable 160 square feet to 326 square feet (Ippolitos); and 3) waive the maximum sign area

of a wall sign from the allowable 120 square feet to 135 square feet (Rockler).

OPPOSITION: No. OPPOSED \_\_\_\_ PETITION No. \_\_\_\_ SPOKESMAN \_\_\_\_\_

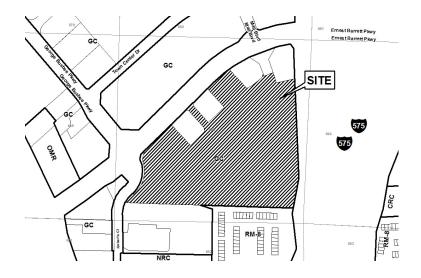
**BOARD OF APPEALS DECISION** 

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ MOTION BY \_\_\_\_\_

REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_

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STIPULATIONS:



## **COMMENTS**

**TRAFFIC:** This request will not have an adverse impact on the transportation network.

**DEVELOPMENT & INSPECTIONS:** No comment.

SITE PLAN REVIEW: No comment.

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:** No comments.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION:** After examining Civil War trench maps, Cobb County historic property surveys, county maps, and various other resources, staff has no comments regarding the impact or treatment of historic and/or archaeological resources..

**DESIGN GUIDELINES:** Staff has determined that the subject sites are not within the boundaries of approved design guidelines study areas; therefore do not have to comply with design guidelines requirements. No comments.

**CEMETERY PRESERVATION:** No comment.

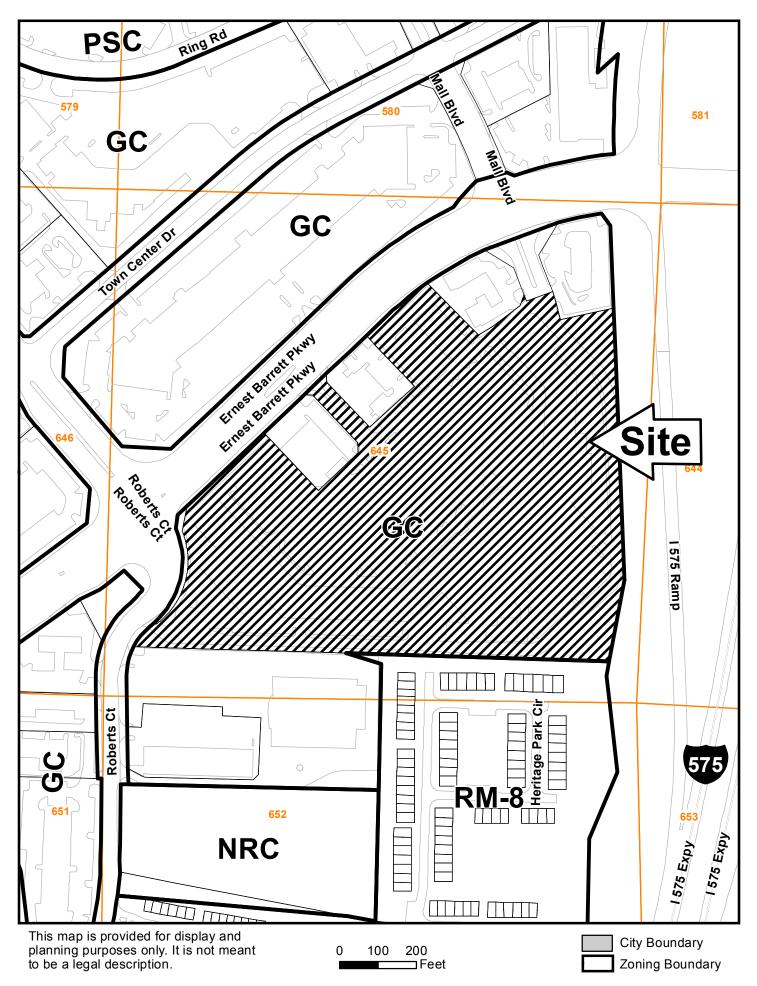
**WATER:** No conflict.

**SEWER:** No conflict.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** NO COMMENTS: After analyzing the information presented for a Preliminary Review, the Cobb County Fire Marshal's Office is confident that all other items can be addressed during the Plan Review Stage.

## V-20-2017 GIS



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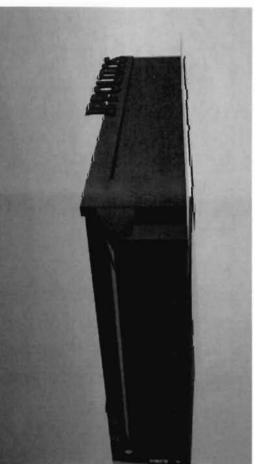
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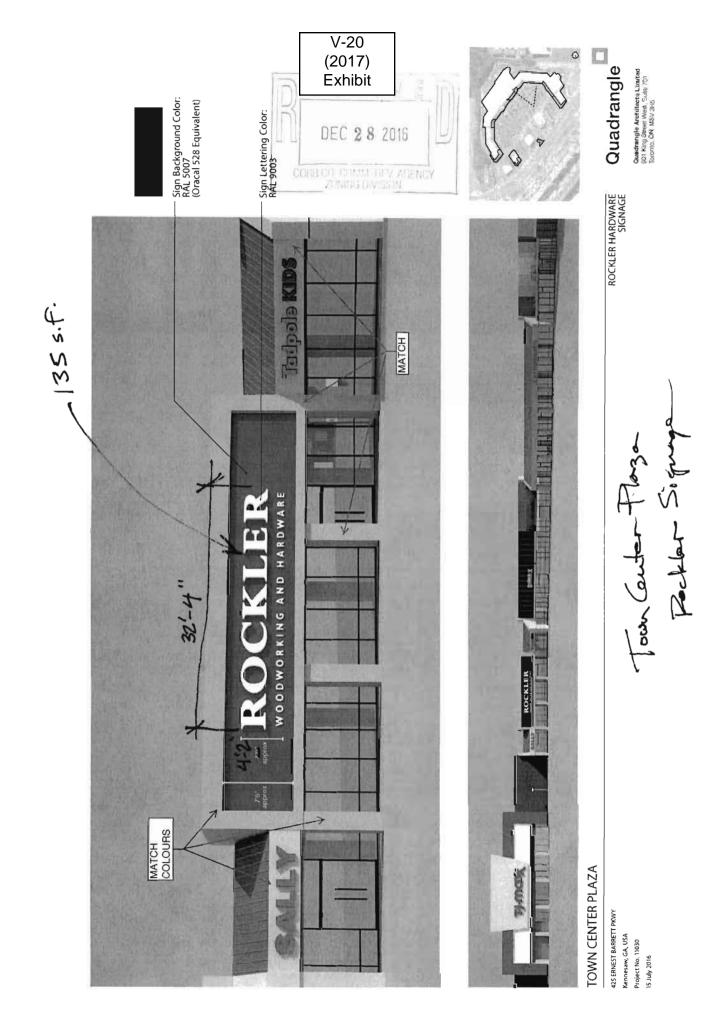
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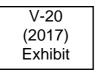






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## Reasons for Ippolito's Sign Variance Request and Hardship Being Addressed:

- 1. Currently cars or pedestrians travelling towards 1-575 along Ernest Barrett Parkway or along Roberts Court only see rooftop HVAC units of Town Center Plaza. Many don't know that there is a tenant behind the granite wall at the intersection of Ernest Barrett Parkway and Roberts Court.
- 2. Existing shopping center is set back at a considerable distance from Ernest Barrett Parkway and below street grade elevation.
- 3. With improvements to Roberts Court over the years the stone wall, and later renovations to the wall making it even higher have exacerbated visibility problems and created even more of a tunnel effect for tenants at endcap of shopping center.
- 4. Limited exposure reduces customer knowledge.
- 5. Ippolitos and other restaurants looking at endcap unit express continual frustration that they are hidden in the center with limited visibility. Difficulty to lease.
- 6. Landlord has made significant efforts to modernize the center and improve signage to 2016 standards.
- 7. At Cobb County Board of Zoning Appeals hearing on May 11, 2016 permission was granted to permit signage in rear of building up to three feet above the roofline. Reason request is now being made to permit the endcap sign for up to six feet above roofline is that three feet would still not create visibility in this specific location.
- 8. Landlord has had several communications with representatives of Cobb County to design signage that recognizes specific roof top restrictions this application represents a design that Landlord believes respects and conforms to the requests of Cobb County.

## Reasons for Rockler's Sign Variance Request and Hardship Being Addressed:

- 1. Rockler, a woodworking tools retailer, is a new entrant into the Kennesaw/Cobb County market and not very well known. In the current retail climate, it is difficult to introduce new retailers into the market. This tenant is particularly important to the long term health of the center because it would broaden the base of potential shoppers. Rockler's primary market is male (although not exclusively), with an emphasis on hobbyists. The current tenant mix emphasizes clothing retailers. The hardships associated with this Tenants signage includes:
  - a. The fascia signage is at an inside corner of the shopping center, and that, coupled with the distance from Ernest Barrett Parkway, places this new tenant at a disadvantage.
  - b. The tenant space, at this inside corner has a small ratio of storefront compared to the size of the space.

The proposed variance being requested is less than a 10% increase adding an additional 12 sf of signage for a total of 135 square footage of signage area for this tenant.