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## Secondary Amendment to Development Plan SA-130001-03 Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park (Station Food Hall)

REQUEST	STAFF RECOMMENDATION
To amend the Table of Uses to permit food hall	APPROVAL
use in the 2012 Cafritz Property at Riverdale	
Park Town Center Development Plan.	

**Location:** In the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Van Buren Street and 45th Street.

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Gross Acreage:	37.37	
Zone:	M-U-TC	
Dwelling Units:	0	
Gross Floor Area:	0	
Planning Area:	68	
Council District:	03	
Election District:	09	
Municipality:	N/A	
200-Scale Base Map:	208NE04	
Applicant/Address: CT Building 4, LLC 2101 L Street NW, Suite 700		

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## THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

#### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

#### STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Secondary Amendment SA-130001-03

Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park Town Center Development Plan

The Zoning staff has reviewed the subject application and appropriate referral comments. The following evaluation and findings lead to a recommendation of APPROVAL as described in the Recommendation section of this report.

#### **EVALUATION**

The secondary amendment application was reviewed and evaluated for compliance with the following criteria:

- a. The requirements for a Secondary Amendment in Section 27-546.14 of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance.
- b. The requirements of the 2012 Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park Town Center Development Plan.
- c. Referral comments.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The subject site is a 35.71-acre development known as Riverdale Park Station. The site consists of parcels and lots platted in the Prince George's County Land Records in plats titled "Riverdale Park Station" and recorded in Plat Book MMB 239 pages 94–99, plat Book MMB 240 page 88, Plat Book SJH 241 page 99, Plat Book SJH 247 pages 44–46, and plat Book SJH 249 page 15. The subject site is located in the Mixed-Use Town Center (M-U-TC) Zone.

This property is subject to Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (PPS) 4-13002, which was approved by the Prince George's County Planning Board on May 13, 2013 (PGCPB Resolution No. 13-55) for a larger tract of land, which includes 2.02 acres in the One-Family Detached Residential (R-55) Zone. PPS 4-13002 approved 39 parcels and 126 lots for development of 190,200 square feet of commercial use, a 120-room hotel, and 981 dwelling units on the overall 37.73-acre site. Per Condition 34 of PGCPB Resolution No. 13-55, development on the subject site shall be limited to the mix of allowed uses and the intensity that will generate no more than 482 AM and 794 PM weekday, 767 mid-day, and 1,019 Saturday peak-hour vehicle trips during any stage of development. The area subject to 4-13002 and zoned R-55 has been platted as open space Parcel H and part of stormwater management Parcel I. Thus, the trip cap established with 4-13002 is

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applicable to development in the area of the subject site zoned M-U-TC. This secondary amendment application has no impact on the approved PPS; all development must continue to comply with the capacity established with the PPS.

### **REQUEST**

**1. Request for Secondary Amendment:** To amend the Table of Uses to permit a food hall use in the 2012 *Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park Town Center Development Plan* (Development Plan).

#### **FINDINGS**

Based upon the analysis of this subject Secondary Amendment request (SA-130001-03), and in connection with, and as part of, the detailed site plan application, DSP-13009-18, for development of the property known as the Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park, the Zoning staff recommends the following findings:

### Secondary Amendment Zoning Ordinance Compliance and Findings:

**2. Requirements of the Zoning Ordinance:** The revisions to the previous development plan apply to the entire 37.73 acres. The request described below conforms to the requirements for amendments to development plans, per Section 27-546.14 of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, which states the following:

### Section 27-546.14 Amendments to Development Plan

- (a) Primary amendments.
  - (1) All primary amendments of approved Development Plans shall be made in accordance with the provisions for initial approval of the Plan.
  - (2) Primary amendments are any changes to the boundary of the approved Development Plan.
- (b) Secondary amendments.
  - (1) Secondary amendments are any amendments other than an amendment made pursuant to Section 27-546.14(a).

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The applicant has submitted a request to amend the previous development plan, which is proposed to be modified by amending the Table of Uses for the M-U-TC-zoned portion of the Cafritz property, to allow food halls as a use permitted by right. The proposed amendment to the previous development plan has been requested by the applicant, CT Building 4 LLC, in order to amend the Table of Uses on the property located approximately 1,400 feet north of the intersection of US 1 (Baltimore Avenue) and MD 410 (East-West Highway) on the east side of Baltimore Avenue. This amendment does not

propose to change the M-U-TC Zone boundary, nor does it propose any exterior improvements of any kind; therefore, the request meets the definition of a secondary amendment, per Section 27-546.14(b)(1), above.

(2) An application for an amendment of an approved Development Plan, other than an amendment pursuant to Subsection (a), may be submitted to the Planning Board by any owner (or authorized representative) of property within the M-U-TC Zone, a municipality within which the zone is located, the Planning Board, or the District Council and shall be processed in accordance with the following regulations.

The application has been submitted by CT Building 4 LLC, the owner of the property, and as indicated by the signature on the application, represented by Calvin Cafritz, Manager.

- (3) All applications shall be typed, except for signatures, submitted in triplicate, and shall include the following information (see attached application):
  - (A) The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant, and an indication of the applicant's status as contract purchaser, agent, or owner;

The application has been submitted appropriately by the applicant/owner, who is listed as:

CT Building 4 LLC 1828 L Street NW, Suite 703 Washington, DC 20036

(B) The street address of the property owned within the Development Plan; name of any municipality the property is in; name and number of the Election District the property is in;

The overall property has a street address of 6667 Baltimore Avenue, Riverdale, Maryland, 20737. The property is located within the Town of Riverdale Park, the City of College Park, and Election District 19.

(C) A statement enumerating each requested change and its effect upon the remainder of development in the approved Development Plan;

The applicant provided one statement enumerating the requested amendment and claims that the amendment will not have an effect on the remaining portion of the development. (D) The name, address, and signature of each owner of record of the property. Applications for property owned by a corporation shall be signed by an officer empowered to act for the corporation;

The limited liability corporation is owned by Calvin Cafritz who has signed the application.

(E) The name, address, and telephone number of the correspondent;

The correspondent is listed in the application as:

Lawrence N. Taub O'Malley, Miles, Nylen & Gilmore, P.A. 11785 Beltsville Drive, 10th Floor Calverton, MD 20705 (301) 572-3274

(F) A statement of justification in support of the request. The statement shall set forth the legal basis by which the requested amendment can be approved and a description of the existing components of the Development Plan and proposed changes thereto. This statement may be accompanied by three (3) copies of any material which (in the applicant's opinion) is necessary to clarify the typewritten statement. This additional material, if not foldable, shall be not larger than eighteen (18) by twenty-four (24) inches;

The applicant has submitted a statement of justification for the requested amendment, which is included in the findings below.

(G) The proposed amendment to be appended to or incorporated into the Development Plan;

The proposed secondary amendment is as described in the enumerated statement of the request, as referenced above. The Planning Board's decision on the requested secondary amendment will be incorporated into the previous development plan.

(H) A signed certificate stating that the applicant, on or before the date of filing such application, sent by certified mail a copy of the application for an amendment and all accompanying documents to each municipality in which any portion of the property which is the subject of the application is located, and each municipality located within one (1) mile of the property which is the subject of the application. The certificate shall specifically identify each municipality to which the application was mailed and the date it was mailed.

Included in the secondary amendment application is a Certificate of Mailing certifying that Lawrence N. Taub, Esquire, sent by certified mail, a copy of the application for the originally submitted amendments and all accompanying documents to each of the municipalities listed below on November 5, 2021:

- Town of Riverdale Park
- Town of University Park
- City of College Park
- City of Hyattsville
- Town of Edmonston
- (4) Upon completing an application, the applicant shall pay to the Planning Board a fee to help defray the costs related to processing the application. A reduction in the fee may be permitted by the Planning Board if it finds that payment of the full amount will cause an undue hardship upon the applicant.

An application filing fee was not assessed for this secondary amendment application, as fees for secondary amendments are not specified within Section 27-125.02, Fee Regulations, of the Zoning Ordinance, or within the Planning Board's established schedule of fees.

- (5) In addition to the filing fee, a fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) shall be paid for the posting of each public notice sign to be posted by the Planning Board. No part of a fee shall be refunded or waived, unless the Planning Board determines that one of the following applies:
  - (A) The fee was paid by mistake, and the applicant has requested (in writing) a refund.
  - (B) The application is withdrawn prior to posting the sign. In this case the entire sign posting fee shall be refunded.

A fee of \$30.00 was paid for each public notice sign posted to advertise the public hearing.

(6) The District Council may, by Resolution, initiate a secondary amendment to an approved Development Plan, including, but not limited to:

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- (A) An amendment proposal to repeal any requirement within the M-U-TC Development Plan, for an M-U-TC Zone within one-half mile of an existing Metro station, for review of development applications by a M-U-TC Design Review Committee; or
- (B) An amendment proposal to incorporate a requirement within the M-U-TC Development Plan, for an M-U-TC Zone within one-half mile of an existing Metro station, to authorize, by motion,

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an election to review by the District Council as to any proposal for development within the respective M-U-TC Zone Development Plan.

This requirement is understood by the applicant.

(7) The Planning Board shall review the requested secondary amendment for compliance with this Section and shall follow the same procedure required for the Conceptual Site Plan approval as found in Sections 27-276(a)(1), (3), (4), (5), (6); 27-276(c)(1), (2); and 27-276(d). Review by the District Council shall follow the procedures in Section 27-280.

The Planning Board will review the application for the proposed secondary amendment on February 10, 2022, at a regularly scheduled public hearing. Proceeding the secondary amendment approval, the applicant shall obtain approval of a conceptual site plan (CSP) from the Planning Board, prior to approval of any PPS, DSP, or the issuance of any grading, building, or use and occupancy permit for development of land for which a CSP is required.

- (8) The Planning Board may only approve a requested secondary amendment of a Development Plan if it make the following findings:
  - (A) The requested secondary amendment is in compliance with the requirements for the approval of a Development Plan;

The approval of this secondary amendment to the previous development plan requires compliance with the original approval of the Development Plan, Zoning Map Amendment A-10018. Staff finds that the secondary amendment is consistent with the requirements of the proposed development plan, as was determined in the original rezoning of the property in the primary amendment and recommends that the use of a food hall be permitted by-right in the M-U-TC Zone. The food hall use is in compliance with the original approval because it would have been treated as a restaurant use. However, in 2020 the Prince George's County Council adopted Prince George's County Council Bill CB-70-2020, a text amendment that created the food hall use for a specific property, and in so doing did not consider that it would prohibit food halls in the Riverdale M-U-TC. This secondary amendment adds the use to the zone, making the use table consistent with the original approval of A-10018. A food hall, like a restaurant or other gathering place will attract patrons to the area while also helping add a variety of activities to create a sense of place through the mixture of commercial residential uses.

(B) The requested secondary amendment is in conformance with the purposes of the M-U-TC Zone;

The purposes of the M-U-TC Zone are set forth in Section 27-546.09(a) of the Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

(1) To create with the community a development framework that can capitalize on the existing fabric of the County's older commercial/mixed use centers and corridors.

The subject application seeks to amend the Table of Uses allowed in the Riverdale Park Town Center Development Plan to allow food halls as a use permitted by right in the M-U-TC Zone. Staff agrees the use will be complementary to the existing commercial uses and that it will enhance the diversity and availability of eating and drinking establishments within Riverdale Park and the surrounding communities.

(2) To promote reinvestment in, and the appropriate redevelopment of, older commercial areas, to create attractive and distinctive community centers for shopping, socializing, entertaining, living, and to promote economic vitality.

A food hall allows for a mixture of an eating and drinking establishment under one roof that will serve as a distinctive focal point and gathering place in the community.

(3) To promote the preservation and adaptive reuse of selected buildings in older commercial areas.

This finding was made through the approval of A-10018. The proposed amendment of the subject application will not negate this finding.

(4) To ensure a mix of compatible uses which compliments (sic) concentrations of retail and service uses, including institutional uses, encourages pedestrian activity, and promotes shared parking.

A food hall will offer a collection of eating and drinking establishments under a single roof, which will provide a range of compatible dining options to residents and patrons of Riverdale Park. Such an establishment will promote walkability as a community landmark and gathering place. It will also promote the use of shared parking and pedestrian activity.

(5) To provide a mix of commercial and residential uses which establish a safe and vibrant twenty-four hour environment.

A food hall is a unique use that will add to the existing combination of retail and restaurant uses within the Development Plan, which will encourage a safe and vibrant 24-hour environment.

(6) To establish a flexible regulatory framework, based upon community input, to encourage compatible development and redevelopment, including shared parking facilities that will enhance the Town Center.

The subject property was rezoned M-U-TC in 2012 through A-10018, and as part of the approval, the County Council adopted the previous development plan to regulate development thereon.

(7) To preserve and promote those distinctive physical characteristics that are identified by the community as essential to the community's identity, including building character, special landmarks, small parks and other gathering places, and wide sidewalks.

The application solely requests the approval of a new use to be permitted by right and will have no impact upon the physical characteristics of the community.

(C) The original intent of the Development Plan element or mandatory requirement being amended is still fulfilled with the approval of the requested secondary amendment.

The purpose of the modifications to the previous development plan, through the approval of the proposed secondary amendment is consistent with the intent of the original development plan that amended the Town of Riverdale Park M-U-TC Zone Development Plan. This application only seeks to amend the Table of Uses to allow a food hall in the M-U-TC Zone, as a use permitted by-right. The goal of the previous development plan is "To create a human-scale town center through attractive development that creates a sense of place and supports commercial and residential vitality." (*County* Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council, Zoning Ordinance No. 11-2012, July 12, 2012, Revised December 4, 2014, per SA-130001-01, Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park, Based on Approved Town of Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center Zone Development Plan, January 2004, p. iii.). The addition of a food hall as a permitted use will enhance the overall intent of the previous development plan by allowing a creative and attractive space for patrons to access a variety of dining options under one roof. Such an offering further underscores the intent of the previous development plan by promoting walkability from the surrounding community and serving as a landmark in the area, thus promoting the commercial and residential vitality.

- **3. Referral Comments:** The subject application was referred to the concerned agencies and divisions. The referral comments are summarized, as follows:
  - a. **Community Planning Division**—The Community Planning Division provided the following summarized comments for the application:

Community Planning Division staff finds that, pursuant to Sections 27-546.14(b)(8)(A), 27-546.14(b)(8)(B), and 27-546.14(b)(8)(C), pertaining to approval of a secondary amendment in an M-U-TC Zone, the requested secondary amendment is in compliance with the requirements for approval of a development plan, is in conformance with the purposes of the M-U-TC Zone, and the original intent of the development plan is fulfilled. The addition of a food hall as a permitted use is found to conform to the goal of the Cafritz M-U-TC Development Plan, which is "To create a human-scale town center through attractive development that creates a sense of place and supports commercial and residential vitality."

- b. **Prince George's County Police Department**—At the time of the writing of this technical staff report, the Police Department has not offered comments on the subject application.
- c. **Prince George's County Health Department**—At the time of the writing of this technical staff report, the Health Department has not offered comments on the subject application.
- d. **Town of Riverdale Park**—At the time of the writing of this technical staff report, the Town of Riverdale Park has not offered comments on the subject application.
- e. **Town of University Park**—At the time of the writing of this technical staff report, the Town of University Park has not offered comments on the subject application.
- f. **City of College Park**—At the time of the writing of this technical staff report, the City of College Park has not offered comments on the subject application.
- g. **City of Hyattsville**—At the time of the writing of this technical staff report, the City of Hyattsville has not offered comments on the subject application.
- h. **Town of Edmonston**—At the time of the writing of this technical staff report, the Town of Edmonston has not offered comments on the subject application.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Based upon the foregoing evaluation and analysis, the Zoning staff recommends that the Planning Board adopt the findings of this report and recommends that the Planning Board APPROVE Secondary Amendment SA-130001-03.

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## CAFRITZ PROPERTY AT RIVERDALE PARK (STATION FOOD HALL)

Secondary Amendment

Case: SA-130001-01

**Staff Recommendation**: APPROVAL

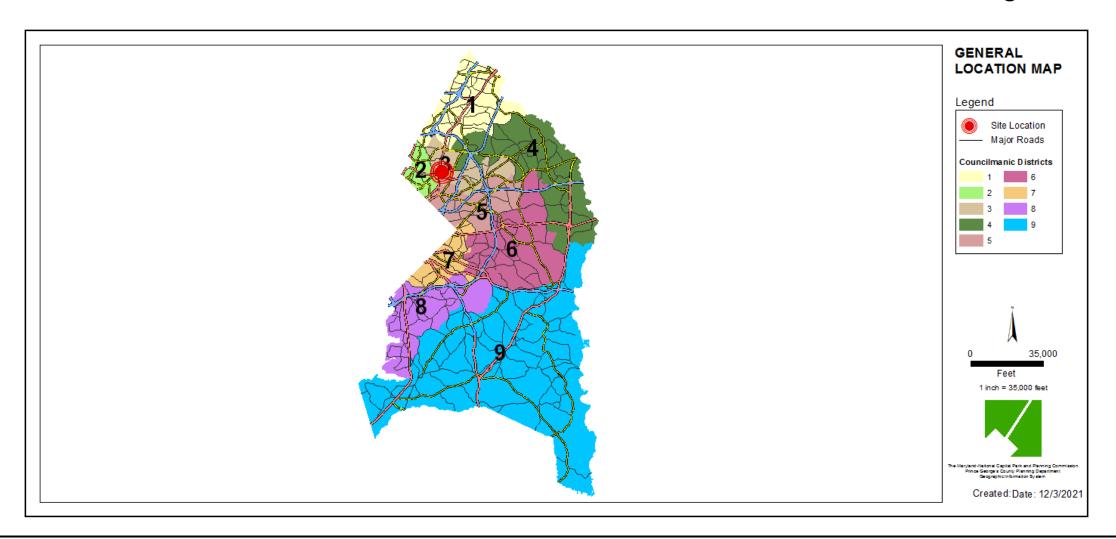


# **GENERAL LOCATION MAP**

Council District: 03

Case: SA-130001-01

Planning Area: 68



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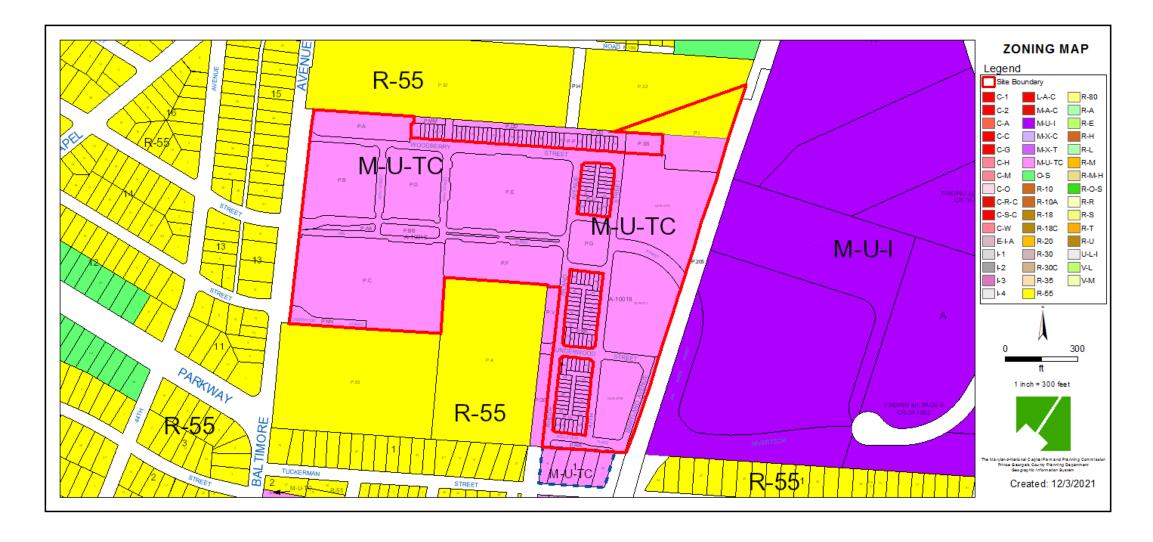
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# **ZONING MAP**

Property Zone: M-U-TC

Case: SA-130001-01

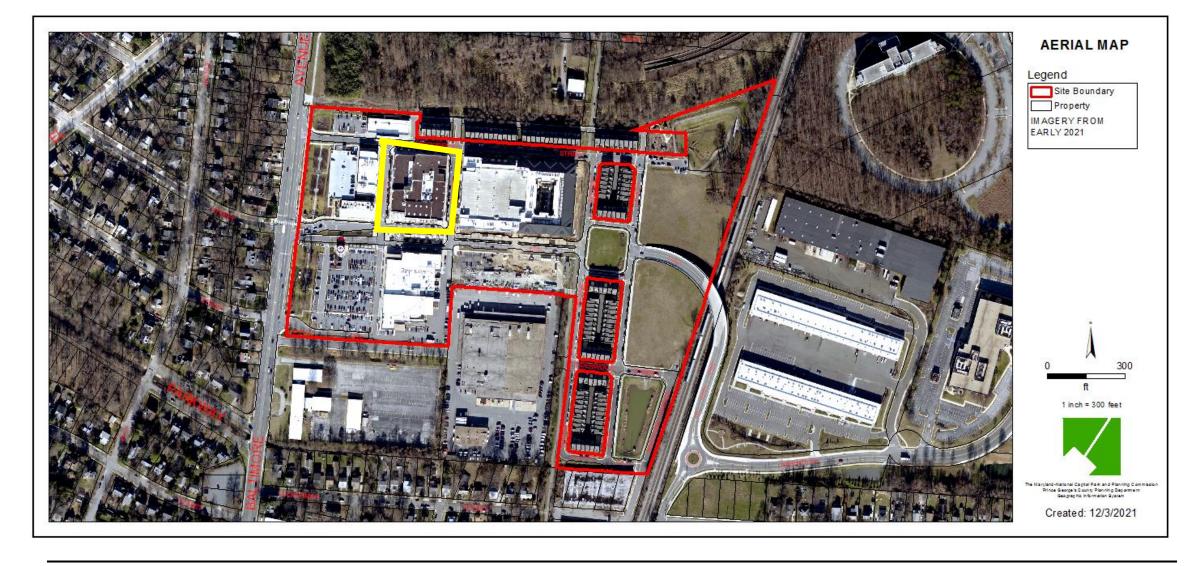


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# **OVERLAY MAP**



# **AERIAL MAP**



Case: SA-130001-01

# **AERIAL MAP**



Case: SA-130001-01

## Case: SA-130001-01

# SITE MAP



# MASTER PLAN RIGHT-OF-WAY MAP



Case: SA-130001-01

# BIRD'S-EYE VIEW WITH APPROXIMATE SITE BOUNDARY OUTLINED

Case: SA-130001-01



# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

## **APPROVAL**

## [Major/Minor] Issues:

NONE

## **Applicant Community Engagement:**

Case: SA-130001-01

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AGENDA ITEM: 9 AGENDA DATE: 2/10/2022

### Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park Statement of Justification for Secondary Amendment SA-130001-03

The subject application is a request for a Secondary Amendment to a Development Plan pursuant to § 27-546.14 of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance ("Zoning Ordinance") to amend the Table of Uses within the Development Plan for the Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park, Based on the Approved Town of Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center Zone Development Plan ("Development Plan"), to allow "food halls" as a use permitted by right. The Development Plan for the Cafritz Property includes approximately 35.71 acres of land in the M-U-TC Zone on the east side of US Route 1, approximately 1,400 feet north of its intersection with East-West Highway ("Subject Property").

### I. BACKGROUND

The Subject Property, as approved through Zoning Map Amendment No. A-10018, Preliminary Plan of Subdivision No. 4-13002, Detailed Site Plan No. DSP-13009, Special Permit No. SP-130002, and Secondary Amendment No. SA-130001, including all amendments and revisions approved to date, is a community that is approved for 119 townhouses, approximately 186,676 square feet of commercial space, a hotel, and 855 multifamily units, known as "Riverdale Park Station." Development upon the Subject Property is governed by the aforementioned Development Plan, which is required for all M-U-TC Zones pursuant to § 27-546.13 of the Zoning Ordinance. When the Development Plan was approved in 2012, food halls were not a use set forth within either the Table of Uses within the Development Plan, or the Table of Uses within the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance. no Through CB-70-2020, "food hall" was added as a permitted use withing the Tables of Uses for various commercial, industrial and mixed-use zones—but not the M-U-TC Zone. As will be discussed herein, the applicant submits that this use would not only be entirely compatible within the Riverdale Park M-U-TC Zone, but would also be an enhancement to the community that has developed through this zoning.

Riverdale Park Station, as the Cafritz Property is now known ("RPS") currently includes quite a number of restaurants, as well as a brewpub, that have been very well-received by the general public. A food hall would provide yet another type of eating and drinking establishment to serve as an additional option for patrons of RPS that is not only complementary to the existing development within RPS, but also furthers the goal of the Development Plan "to create a human-scale town center through attractive development that creates a sense of place and supports commercial and residential vitality." Development Plan, page iv. For the reasons discussed in greater detail below, the Applicant respectfully requests the approval of this Secondary Amendment to the Development Plan to allow "food hall" as a permitted use.

### II. REQUESTED AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On page 20 of the Development Plan, under the category of "Inventory and Table of Uses," it is stated: "See page 67-77 of '2004 Approved Town of Riverdale Park Mixed Use Town Center Zone Development Plan,' for an inventory of uses and Table of Uses for M-U-TC

Zone." The Applicant proposes the following amendment to this Table of Uses for the Development Plan, as follows:

Appendix A: Mixed-Use Town Center Zone: Permitted Uses and Special Permit Process

### (C) TABLE OF USES

\* \* \*

M-U-TC

(1) Commercial

\* \* \*

(A) Eating or Drinking Establishments:

Food Hall

(i) Within a townhome X

(ii) All others P

### III. CONFORMANCE TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

The required findings for the approval of a Secondary Amendment are as follows:

### 1. "Section 27-546.14:

"Sec. 27-546.14. Amendments to Development Plan.

...

(b) Secondary amendments.

. .

- (8) The Planning Board may only approve a requested secondary amendment of a Development Plan if it makes the following findings:
  - (A) The requested secondary amendment is in compliance with the requirements for the approval of a Development Plan;

The requirements for approval of a Development Plan are found under § 27-198.05 of the Zoning Ordinance. Conformance with these requirements is discussed below.

(B) The requested secondary amendment is in conformance with the purposes of the M-U-TC Zone;

The purposes of the M-U-TC Zone are found under § 27-546.09(a) of the Zoning Ordinance. Conformance with these requirements is discussed below.

(C) The original intent of the Development Plan element or mandatory requirement being amended is still fulfilled with the approval of the requested secondary amendment."

As mentioned previously, the addition of a food hall as a permitted use fulfills the intent of the Development Plan "to create a human-scale town center through attractive development that creates a sense of place and supports commercial and residential vitality." This use, by its very nature, will allow for a different setting for a combination of unique eating and drinking establishments, a use which has been proven to be popular with County residents; will promote walkability, and will act as a community landmark and gathering place for residents.

### 2. Section 27-198.05:

The approval of a Development Plan for the M-U-TC Zone requires the following findings, as set forth in Sec. 27-198.05 of the Zoning Ordinance:

"(A) The entire Map Amendment including the Development Plan, is in conformance with the purposes and other requirements of the M-U-TC Zone;

The purposes of the M-U-TC Zone are found under § 27-546.09(a) of the Zoning Ordinance and are discussed below.

(B) Adequate attention has been paid to the recommendations of the Area Master Plans and the General Plan which are found to be applicable to property within the proposed M-U-TC Zone;

The Subject Property was rezoned to the M-U-TC Zone in 2012 through ZMA A-10018. This application is a request to add a new use to the Development Plan that was approved in conjunction with said zoning map amendment. The proposed new use is essentially no more than a combination of eating and drinking establishments in one location, and those uses have not only been permitted in the applicable Table of Uses within the Development Plan from the very beginning, but have been proven to be very popular uses within RPS.

(C) An approved Master Plan recommends a mixed-use town center zone or the area is demonstrated to be an older, substantially developed mixed-use community;

The Subject Property was rezoned M-U-TC in 2012 through ZMA A-10018, and this finding was made through that approval.

(D) The Town Center Development Plan will provide a flexible regulatory environment that will support redevelopment and development interests in the area and protect the character of the older mixed-use center; and

This finding was made through the approval of the Development Plan, and the addition of this use will actually enhance the goal of this finding.

(E) The M-U-TC Zone boundaries are continuous with no land in a different zone remaining solely within the approved M-U-TC Zone boundaries."

The subject application conforms with this request.

### 3. Section 27-546.09(a):

The purposes of the M-U-TC Zone are set forth in Sec. 27-546.09(a) of the Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

"(1) To create with the community a development framework that can capitalize on the existing fabric of the County's older commercial/mixed-use centers and corridors.

The subject application would allow for a new use within RPS that the Applicant believes will be complementary with existing commercial uses, and will enhance the types of eating and drinking establishments available to not only the residents living within RPS, but also the residents living within nearby communities and elsewhere within Prince George's County.

(2) To promote reinvestment in, and the appropriate redevelopment of, older commercial areas, to create attractive and distinctive community centers for shopping, socializing, entertaining, living, and to promote economic vitality.

A food hall allows for a unique mixture of eating and drinking establishments under a single roof that will serve as an attractive and distinctive focal point and gathering place for the community.

(3) To promote the preservation and adaptive reuse of selected buildings in older commercial areas.

This finding was made through the approval of the M-U-TC Zone for the Subject Property, and the addition of a food hall as a permitted use within this Zone will do nothing to negate this finding.

(4) To ensure a mix of compatible uses which compliments (sic) concentrations of retail and service uses, including institutional uses, encourages pedestrian activity, and promotes shared parking.

A food hall is a collection of eating and drinking establishments under a single roof, a use that is entirely compatible with the other existing commercial uses within RPS. This unique use, by its very nature, provides a new and compatible dining option not now available to residents or other patrons of Riverdale Park, will promotes walkability by serving as a community landmark and gathering place, and will also promote shared parking.

(5) To provide a mix of commercial and residential uses which establish a safe and vibrant twenty-four-hour environment.

A food hall is a unique commercial use that will add a unique use to the existing combination of retail and restaurant uses within RPS, and will further encourage a safe and vibrant twenty-four-hour environment.

(6) To establish a flexible regulatory framework, based upon community input, to encourage compatible development and redevelopment, including shared parking facilities that will enhance the Town Center.

The Subject Property was rezoned M-U-TC in 2012 through ZMA A-10018, and as part of the approval, the Prince George's County Council adopted the Development Plan to regulate development thereon. There can be little question that a food hall within RPS will be compatible with the existing commercial and residential development, will promote use of the existing shared parking facilities, and will generally enhance the Town Center.

(7) Preserve and promote those distinctive physical characteristics that are identified by the community as essential to the community's identity, including building character, special landmarks, small parks and other gathering places, and wide sidewalks."

This application is solely for the approval of a new use to be permitted within RPS, and will have no impact upon the physical characteristics of this community.

### IV. CONCLUSION

For all of the above-stated reasons, the applicant herein submits that the proposed Secondary Amendment to amend the Riverdale Park M-U-TC Development Plan to permit a food hall by right is in compliance with the requirements for the approval of a Development Plan; is in conformance with the purposes of the M-U-TC Zone; and fulfills the original intent of the Table of Uses for the Development Plan; and for these reasons, respectfully requests that it be approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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January 12, 2022

### **MEMORANDUM**

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VIA: Sherri Conner, Planning Supervisor, Subdivision Section 5

**FROM:** Mridula Gupta, Planner Coordinator, Subdivision Section  $\mathcal{M}\mathcal{G}$ 

**SUBJECT:** SA-130001-03; Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park

The subject site is a 35.71-acre development known as Riverdale Park Station. The site consists of parcels and lots platted in the Prince George's County Land Records in plats titled "Riverdale Park Station" and recorded in Plat Book MMB 239 pages 94-99, plat Book MMB 240 page 88, Plat Book SJH 241 page 99, Plat Book SJH 247 pages 44-46, and plat Book SJH 249 page 15. The subject site is located in the Mixed-Use Town Center (M-U-TC) Zone. The purpose of the application is to request a Secondary Amendment (SA-130001-03) to a Development Plan to amend the Table of Uses in the *Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park Town Center Development Plan* ("Development Plan"), to allow "food halls" as a use permitted by right.

This property is subject to Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (PPS) 4-13002, which was approved by the Prince George's County Planning Board on May 13, 2013 (PGCPB Resolution No. 13-55) for a larger tract of land which includes 2.02-acres in One-Family Detached Residential (R-55) Zone. PPS 4-13002 approved 39 parcels and 126 lots for the development of 190,200 square feet of commercial uses, 120-room hotel, and 981 dwelling units on the overall 37.73-acre site. Per Condition 34 of PGCPB Resolution No. 13-55, the development on the subject site shall be limited to the mix of allowed uses and the intensity that will generate no more than 482 AM, 794 PM weekday, 767 midday, and 1,019 Saturday peak hour vehicle trips during any stage of development. The area subject to PPS 4-13002 and zoned R-55 has been platted as open space Parcel H and part of stormwater management Parcel I. Thus, the trip cap established with PPS 4-13002 is applicable to development in the area of the subject site zoned M-U-TC. This secondary amendment application has no impact on the approved PPS; all development must continue to comply with the capacity established with the PPS.

This referral is provided for the purposes of determining conformance with any underlying subdivision approvals on the subject property and Subtitle 24. All bearings and distances must be clearly shown on the development plan and must be consistent with the legal descriptions of the property. There are no other subdivision issues at this time.

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January 11, 2022

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Jeremy Hurlbutt, Supervisor, Zoning Review Section, Development Review Division

David A. Green, MBA, Master Planner, Community Planning Division VIA:

FROM: Daniel Sams, Planner III, Neighborhood Revitalization Section, カς

**Community Planning Division** 

SA-130001-03 Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park Station (Food Hall) SUBJECT:

#### **FINDINGS**

Community Planning Division staff finds that pursuant to Sections 27-546.14(b)(8)(A), 27-546.14(b)(8)(B) and 27-546.14(b)(8)(C), Approval of a Secondary Amendment in a Mixed-Use-Town Center (M-U-TC) Zone, the requested secondary amendment is in compliance with the requirements for the approval of a Development Plan; the requested secondary amendment is in conformance with the purposes of the M-U-TC Zone: and the original intent of the Development Plan is fulfilled. The addition of a "food hall" as a permitted use is found to conform to the goal of the Cafritz M-U-TC Development Plan, which is "To create a human-scale town center through attractive development that creates a sense of place and supports commercial and residential vitality."1

#### **BACKGROUND**

**Application Type:** Secondary Amendment in a Mixed-Use Town Center (M-U-TC) zone

**Location:** 6611 Baltimore Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737

**Size:** 37.34 acres (total acreage for Riverdale Park Station)

**Existing Uses:** Mixed uses

**Proposal:** Secondary Amendment to add "food hall" to the table of uses permitted by right.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council, Zoning Ordinance No. 11-2012, July 12, 2012, Revised December 4, 2014, per SA-130001-01, Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park, Based on Approved Town of Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center Zone Development Plan, January 2004, p. iii.

### GENERAL PLAN, MASTER PLAN, AND SMA

#### **General Plan:**

The subject property is part of the General Plan's Innovation Corridor (p. 22). "The Innovation Corridor capitalizes on the synergy that comes from businesses, research institutions, and incubators being in close proximity to one another. The Innovation Corridor has countywide importance as a key opportunity to leverage existing strengths and act as an employment catalyst," (p. 288).

The subject property is in a General Plan-designated Employment Area. "The Employment Areas were identified as the result of two major County plans: the 2013 *Strategic Development Plan* and the 2014 *Southern Green Line Station Area Plan*. These designated employment areas have the highest concentrations of economic activity in our four targeted industry clusters—healthcare and life sciences; business services; information, communication, and electronics (ICE); and the Federal Government. Plan 2035 recommends continuing to support business growth in these geographic areas—in particular in the targeted industry clusters—concentrating new business development near transit where possible, improving transportation access and connectivity, and creating opportunities for synergies," (p. 19).

### **Development Plans:**

2004 Approved Town of Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center Zone Development Plan

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Planning Area/Community: 68/Hyattsville-Riverdale-Mount Rainier-Brentwood

**Aviation/MIOZ:** All of Parcel K (except an approximately 2,176.10 square foot triangular-shaped portion at the southwest corner) and none of Parcel L (except an approximately 2,881.80 square foot segment-shaped portion at the northwest corner) are located in Aviation Policy Area 6, the Traffic Pattern Area. At this specific location, the elevation of the Horizontal Surface is 198 feet above mean sea level. The approximate ground elevation is 99 feet. Therefore, a hypothetical structure must be less than 99 feet in height to avoid penetrating the imaginary surface and obstructing air navigation.

**SMA/Zoning:** The 1994 *Approved Sectional Map Amendment for Planning Area 68* retained the subject property in the R-55 (One-Family Detached Residential) Zone. The 2004 *Approved Town of Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center Zone Development Plan* and associated zoning map amendment were approved by the County Council in January 2004 (CR-5-2004). Riverdale Park designated two town centers: one along the US 1 corridor and the other along the B&O Railroad Line. The latter was enlarged in 2012 by District Council approval of A-10018, rezoning approximately 37 acres of land that is now the mixed-use development "Riverdale Park Station" (also known as the "Cafritz Property").

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### **DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONFORMANCE ISSUES**

None.

c: Long-range Agenda Notebook Frederick Stachura, J.D., Planning Supervisor, Neighborhood Revitalization Section Community Planning Division

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### **MEMORANDUM**

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VIA: Howard Berger, Historic Preservation Section, Countywide Planning Division #8B

FROM: Jennifer Stabler, Historic Preservation Section, Countywide Planning Division **7A8** 

Tyler Smith, Historic Preservation Section, Countywide Planning Division 7AS

SUBJECT: SA-130001-03 Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park

The subject property comprises 37.37-acres and is located at the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Van Buren Street and 45th Street in Riverdale Park, Maryland. The subject application proposes a secondary amendment to the Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park development plan to allow a food hall within the M-U-TC table of uses. The subject property is Zoned M-U-TC.

All archeological investigations have been completed on the subject property and no additional archeological investigations are recommended. The subject property does not contain and is not adjacent to any Prince George's County Historic Sites or resources. This proposal will not impact any historic sites, historic resources or significant archeological sites. Historic Preservation staff recommend approval of SA-130001-03 Cafritz Property at Riverdale Park with no conditions.

Jeremy and Tom:

As a follow-up, we do not see cases that are for changes for use as they are not subject to NRI or TCP requirements. If the use change requires subsequent increases in parking, etc., the Environmental Planning Section would evaluate such proposed changes against the existing TCP2 at time of grading permit.

Thanks,

-Marc

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Jeremy,

AT&T Local does not have any facilities in the proposed area.

Regards,

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