Introduced by: Councilmembers Reisinger and Costello

At the request of: Topgolf USA Baltimore, LLC

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Baltimore, Maryland 21202 Telephone: 410-528-5510

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Date: July 17, 2019

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CITY COUNCIL 19 - 6420

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Zoning – Signage Variances – 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street

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By authority of

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Baltimore City Revised Code (Edition 2000)

<sup>\*\*</sup>The introduction of an Ordinance or Resolution by Councilmembers at the request of any person, firm or organization is a courtesy extended by the Councilmembers and not an indication of their position.

### **Agencies**

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Department of Real Estate	Baltimore Development Corporation
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## CITY OF BALTIMORE ORDINANCE 19.302 Council Bill 19-0420

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Introduced and read first time: July 22, 2019

Assigned to: Land Use Committee

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Council action: Adopted

Read second time: September 9, 2019

### AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING

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11	Baltimore City Revised Code
12	(Edition 2000)
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14	pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-404 of Article 32 - Zoning,
15	permission is granted for a variance from the canopy sign height regulation of 2 feet, as specified
16	in § 17-404, to permit a canopy sign with a height of 3.5 feet, designated as Sign 1 on the plan
17	entitled "Signage Plan", dated March 7, 2019.
18	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-
19	201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-404 of Article 32 - Zoning, permission is granted for a variance from
20	the canopy sign width regulation of 80% of the width of the canopy, as specified in § 17-
21	404(b)(6), to permit a canopy sign with a width of 89% of the width of the canopy, designated as
22	Sign 1 on the Signage Plan.
23	SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-
24	201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-404 of Article 32 - Zoning, permission is granted for a variance from

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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the canopy sign height regulation of 2 feet, as specified in § 17-201 (Table 17-201: Sign Regulations), to permit a canopy sign with a height of 19.3 20.33 feet, designated as Sign 2 on

3 the Signage Plan.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-201 (Table 17-201) of Article 32 - Zoning, permission is granted for a variance from the canopy sign area regulation of 111.76 square feet, being 2 feet multiplied by 55.88 feet in canopy width, as specified in § 17-201 (Table 17-201: Sign Regulations), to permit a canopy sign with an area of 418.2 square feet, designated as Sign 2 on the Signage Plan.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-201 (Table 17-201) of Article 32 - Zoning, permission is granted for a variance from the freestanding pylon sign height regulation of 20 feet, as specified in § 17-201 (Table 17-201: Sign Regulations), to permit a freestanding pylon sign with a height of 77 feet, designated as Sign 11 on the Signage Plan.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-201 (Table 17-201) of Article 32 - Zoning, permission is granted for a variance from the freestanding pylon sign area regulation of 50 feet, as specified in § 17-201 (Table 17-201: Sign Regulations), to permit a freestanding pylon sign with an area of 640.2 square feet, designated as Sign 11 on the Signage Plan.

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SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-306 (Table 17-306) of Article 32 - Zoning, permission is granted for a variance from the regulation of the maximum cumulative area of 1,200 square feet of signs permitted on a lot, as specified in § 17-306 (Table 17-306: Sign Regulations) to permit a maximum cumulative area of signs of 3,487.73 3,766.09 square feet on the lot.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That as evidence of the authenticity of the accompanying plat and in order to give notice to the agencies that administer the City Zoning Ordinance: (i) when the City Council passes this Ordinance, the President of the City Council shall sign the plat; (ii) when the Mayor approves this Ordinance, the Mayor shall sign the plat; and (iii) the Director of Finance then shall transmit a copy of this Ordinance and the plat to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, the Planning Commission, the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development, the Supervisor of Assessments for Baltimore City, and the Zoning Administrator.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.

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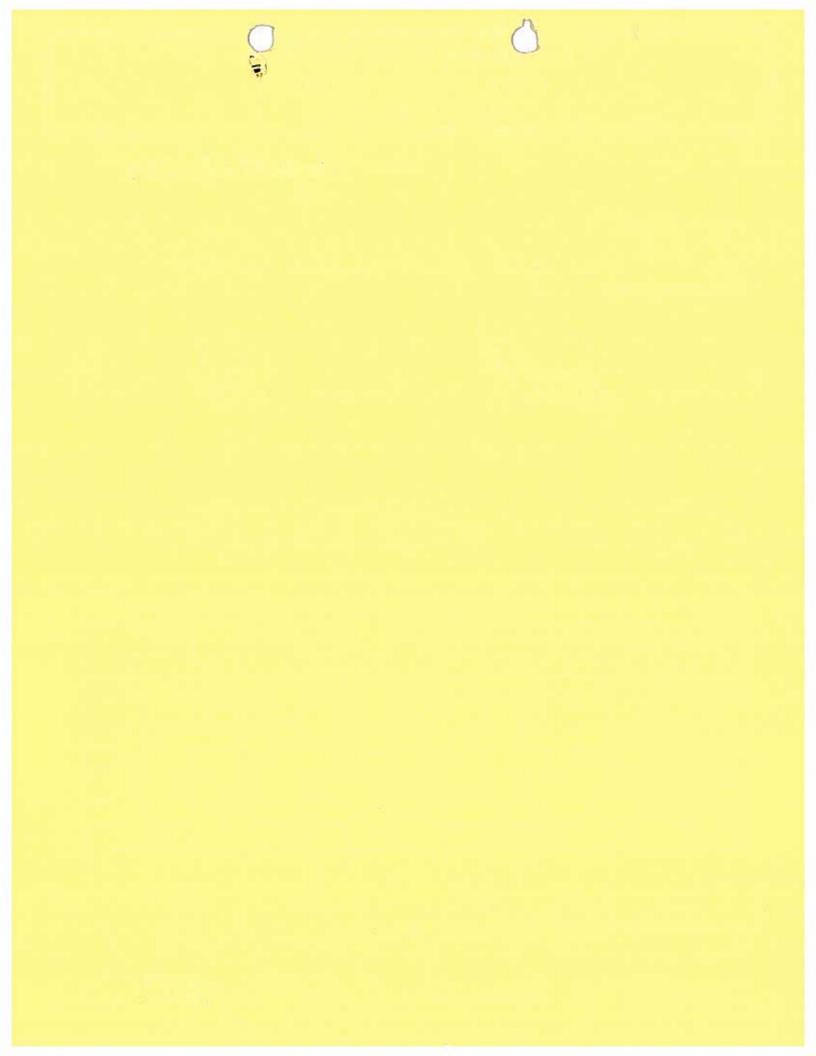
### BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL LAND USE COMMITTEE VOTING RECORD

DATE: August 28, 2019

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### LAND USE COMMITTEE

### FINDINGS OF FACT FOR VARIANCE

City Council Bill No. 19-0420

MOTION OF THE CHAIR OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE: AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING AT WHICH AGENCY REPORTS AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY WERE CONSIDERED, AND PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 32 OF THE BALTIMORE CITY CODE, THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS THESE FINDINGS OF FACT CONCERNING ANY VARIANCES OF APPLICABLE STANDARDS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT:

### 1411 WARNER STREET AND 301 STOCKHOLM STREET

(IN SECTION 1 FOR SIGN 1 – HEIGHT OF CANOPY SIGN)

(Use a separate Variance form for each Variance sought in the bill)

### THRESHOLD QUESTION:

In accordance with Section 5-305(c), it has been determined that there is no written decision by the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals on an application for this same subject matter.

### **HARDSHIP OR PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY:**

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requirement from which the variance is sought were applied because:

The Property is bounded to the south by Ridgley's Cove and the Horseshoe Casino parking garage, to the east by the MTA light rail right-of-way and I-395, to the north by Stockholm Street and the CSX railway right-of-way, and to the west by Warner Street, a low-traffic street that extends only five blocks.

The Property is secluded and difficult to locate, particular for those visiting from out of town, imposing practical difficulty for any business located on the site. An entertainment destination such as Topgolf relies on signage as a crucial tool for both brand identification and, of critical importance, wayfinding. The signage that would be permitted by-right under the Zoning Code would not adequately identify the Topgolf brand and direct visitors to the Property.

Regarding the proposed variance in Section 1 of the bill for Sign 1, the canopy logo sign is a key element of Topgolf's international brand, and what will make Topgolf recognizable to visitors in the Warner Street entertainment corridor.

### Other findings:

(1) The conditions on which the application is based are unique to the property for which the variance is sought are not general applicable to other property within the same zoning classification.

The Property is atypical for the C-5-DC (Downtown Core) zoning district. A typical property in the C-5-DC zoning district would be a large-scale building in the Central Business District on a dense street grid, with no adjacent highways. As compared to other C-5-DC properties, the isolated nature of the Property and the adjacency to the highway is unique. The atypical nature of the Property, compared to other C-5-DC properties, applies to the proposed variance in Section 1 for Sign 1.

(2) The unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty is caused by this Code and has not been created by the intentional action or inaction of any person who has a present interest in the property.

The hardship is caused by the isolation of the Property amplified by the C-5-DC zoning provisions. The hardship is not caused by the applicant. These site conditions are applicable to the proposed variance in Section 1 for Sign 1.

(3) The purpose of the variance is not based exclusively on a desire to increase the value or income potential of the property.

The variances are proposed to provide the Property with visibility, not merely to increase the value or income potential of the Property. Visibility is an issue for the Property as a whole, and thus applies to the proposed variance for in Section 1 for Sign 1.

(4) The variance will not (i) be injurious to the use and enjoyment of the other property in the immediate vicinity, or (ii) substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood.

The Property is located in Carroll-Camden, a historically industrial community. There are no residences in the immediate vicinity, and the neighborhood character is largely transitioning from industrial to a

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commercial entertainment district, both organically and pursuant to the City's plans for an entertainment district. The signs proposed by these variances align with this transitioning neighborhood character, and do not impair property values in the neighborhood. The neighborhood character and potential impact on property values is applicable to the proposed variance in Section 1 for Sign 1.

(5) The variance is in harmony with the purpose and intent of the zoning code.

In accordance with Section 2-101 of the Zoning Code, among the goals of the zoning code are "to preserve and enhance the value of structures, communities, and neighborhoods," and "to preserve, protect, and promote the City's employment base." The signage variances allow for visibility of the Topgolf brand, enhancing the value of the Property. Furthermore, Topgolf is expected to create over 400 jobs, enhancing the City's employment base. The variances do not otherwise conflict with the provisions of the Zoning Code. This analysis applies to the proposed variance in Section 1 for Sign 1.

(6) The variance is not precluded by and will not adversely affect any Urban Renewal Plan, the City's Comprehensive Master Plan or any Historic and Architectural Preservation District.

The Property is located within the Carroll-Camden Urban Renewal Plan (URP) area. The URP was first established in 2002. Although modest amendments have been made to the URP to accommodate the planned Warner Street entertainment corridor, the URP is still largely industrial in nature and does not contemplate commercial signage of the scale required for this site. Accordingly, in accordance with Appendix A of the URP, a waiver will be requested from the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development to resolve any potential conflicts between the proposed signage package and the provisions of the URP. The requested variances do not conflict with the City's Comprehensive Master Plan, and the Property is not located in any Historic and Architectural Preservation District. This analysis applies to the proposed variance in Section 1 for Sign 1.

(7) The variance will not otherwise (i) be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or welfare; or (ii) be in any way contrary to the public interest.

The proposed signage variance in Section 1 for Sign 1 does not implicate public health, safety, or welfare in any way. It is not contrary to the public interest. The proposed sign simply allows for branding identification and location of the Topgolf site in a constrained location.

### **SOURCE OF FINDINGS:**

(check all that apply)

- ☑ Planning Report:
  - Mr. Chris Ryer, Director, Department of Planning Memorandum Dated: August 23, 2019;
  - Department of Planning Staff Report Dated: August 22, 2019
- ☐ Testimony presented at the Committee hearing:
  - - Ms. Alyssa Domzal, Esquire, Ballard Spahr, LLP

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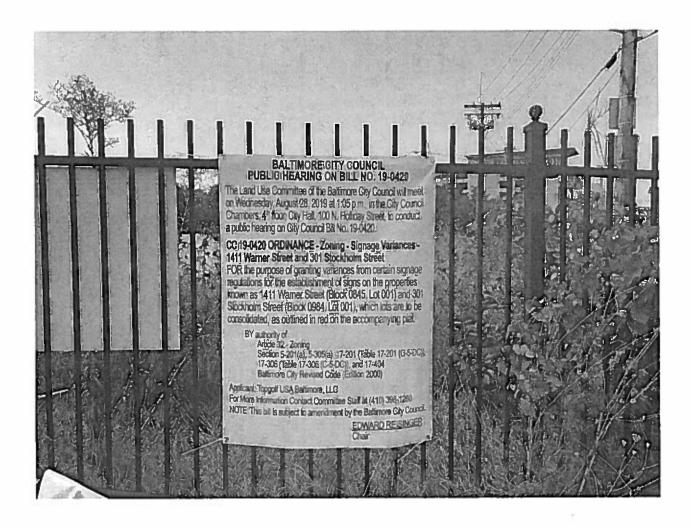
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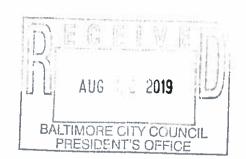
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August 20, 2019

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council Attn: Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202



Re: City Council Bill 19-0420 - Zoning- Sign Variances- 1411 Warner Street

and 301 Stockholm Street

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0420 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would authorize eight separate variances in dimensions for three signs (two canopy/awning signs and one freestanding pylon) from the Zoning Code's existing dimension requirements. The properties on which these signs will sit in the C-5-DC zoning district are to be consolidated and thus, there is a final variance for the maximum cumulative sign area for a lot included in the bill.

A bill can seek variances for signage so long as it does not seek to change the maximum quantity, location or types of signs allowed in the Zoning District. City Code, Art. 32, §5-301. The changes sought in this bill are appropriate for a variance. An ordinance can authorize any major variances, which these would be because they are not listed as a minor variance. City Code, Art. 32, §§ 5-201(a)(1); 5-302(c). In order to grant these eight variances City Council must find the following facts to support each of the variances sought:

- 1. "because of the particular physical surroundings, shape, or topographical conditions of the specific structure or land involved, an unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, would result if the strict letter of the applicable requirement were carried out."
- 2. "the conditions on which the application is based are unique to the property for which the variance is sought and are not generally applicable to other property within the same zoning classification"
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City Code, Art. 32, §§ 5-305(a); 5-308. To be clear, the City Council must find 64 separate facts (8 standards for all 8 variances sought).

As there are no legal impediments to this bill, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency so long as the City Council finds the requisite facts.

Very truly yours,

Hilary Ruley
Chief Solicitor

cc: Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor
Nicholas Blendy, Mayor's Office of Government Relations
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5	NAME &	CHRIS RYER, DIRECTOR
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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #19-0420 / ZONING – SIGNAGE VARIANCES – 1411 WARNER STREET AND 301 STOCKHOLM STREET

CITY of BALTIMORE





TO

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall, Room 400 100 North Holliday Street DATE:

August 23, 2019

At its regular meeting of August 22, 2019, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #19-0420, for the purpose of granting variances from certain signage regulations for the establishment of signs on the properties known as 1411 Warner Street (Block 0845, Lot 001) and 301 Stockholm Street (Block 0984, Lot 001).

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report which recommended amendment and approval of City Council Bill #19-0420 and adopted the following resolution six members being present (six in favor):

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #19-0420 be amended and passed by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric Tiso, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-8358.

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### attachment

cc: Mr. Nicholas Blendy, Mayor's Office

The Honorable Edward Reisinger, Council Rep. to Planning Commission

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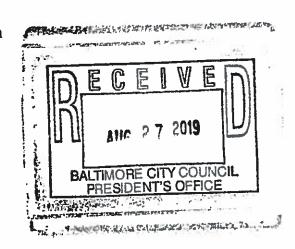
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### PLANNING COMMISSION

Sean D. Davis, Chairman

### STAFF REPORT



August 22, 2019

**REQUEST:** City Council Bill #19-0420/ Zoning- Signage Variances — 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street:

For the purpose of granting variances from certain signage regulations for the establishment of signs on the properties known as 1411 Warner Street (Block 0845, Lot 001) and 301 Stockholm Street (Block 0984, Lot 001).

**RECOMMENDATION:** Amend and Approve

• Amendment: On page 2 line 22 strike the word "square".

**STAFF:** Tamara Woods

**PETITIONER:** Councilmembers Reisinger and Costello

APPLICANT: Topgolf USA Baltimore, LLC

#### SITE/GENERAL AREA

General Area: This property is located in the western edge of downtown near Russell Street. It is surrounded by Ridgleys Cove, the railroad and Highway I-395.

### HISTORY

The site is Mayor and City Council owned and is the former location of the Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter (BARCS), which is relocating to a new facility in South Baltimore. It is part of the Horseshoe Casino Garage land deal.

### **ANALYSIS**

### **Project Background**

Topgolf is a multi-level venue featuring high-tech gaming, climate-controlled hitting bays, a chef-driven menu, hand-crafted cocktails, music, corporate and social event spaces, and more. Today, Topgolf entertains more than 20 million guests annually at more than 50 venues across the U.S. and internationally. The project, Topgolf's first in the Baltimore market, is expected to break ground in 2020 and open in 2021, and will ultimately create over 400 new jobs.

Topgolf's Baltimore location represents the expansion of the South Baltimore Gateway entertainment district, building upon the entertainment anchor of the Horseshoe Casino. In conjunction with the expansion of the entertainment district, Warner Street will undergo streetscaping improvements, reducing vehicular traffic to one lane in each direction, widening the sidewalk for a more inviting pedestrian experience, and adding a two-way cycletrack to connect to the Gwynns Falls Trail.

### **Current Request**

Article 32 expressly allows in § 5-301(b) for variances to signage with the exception of the maximum quantity, location or types of signs within a zoning district. While Article 32 does allow for signage variances and excludes aspects of signage that are not allowed to be varied, there are no variance limits outlined within the code. It is most typical that variance requests go the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA), per the authority granted by § 5-201(a)(1) a member of the City Council may introduce a proposed ordinance to expressly approve, authorize or amend a major variance. In §5-305(a) the BMZA or City Council, as the case may be, must evaluate the request in accordance with the approval standards outlined in § 5-308.

The developer of the Top Golf facility, has proposed a sign package that would require variances from that which is allowed per the underlying C-5-DC zoning. The variance requests are outlined in the table below:

CCB Section Reference	Sign # on Top Golf Plan	Sign Type	Applicable Sign Title Reference	Variance Type	Requirement Per Zoning	Requested Variance
Section 1	Sign 1	Canopy Sign	17- 404(b)(7)	Sign Height	2 feet	3.5 feet
Section 2	Sign 1	Canopy Sign	17- 404(b)(6)	Sign Width	80% of width of canopy	89% of width of canopy
Section 3	Sign 2	Canopy Sign	17- 404(b)(7)	Sign Height	2 feet	19.3 feet
Section 4	Sign 2	Canopy Sign	Table 17- 201	Sign Area	2x width of canopy (111.76 square feet)	418.2 square feet
Section 5	Sign 11	Freestanding Pylon Sign	Table 17- 201	Sign Height	20 feet	77 feet
Section 6	Sign 11	Freestanding Pylon Sign	Table 17- 201	Sign Area	50 square feet	640.2 square feet
Section 7	Sign 11	Freestanding Pylon Sign	Table 17- 201	Sign Width	6 feet	41.5 feet
Section 8	All Signage On a Lot	All Signage	Table 17- 306	Maximum Cumulative Area of All Signs	1,200 square feet	3,487.73 square feet

### Approval Standards

According § 5-308 of the zoning code, City Council has several approval standards including a required finding of unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty. "In order to grant a variance, the

Zoning Administrator, the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, or the City Council, as the case may be, must find that, because of the particular physical surroundings, shape, or topographical conditions of the specific structure or land involved, an unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, would result if the strict letter of the applicable requirement were carried out."

In the case of Topgolf, the proposed site is not in the most conspicuous location, especially for a Downtown Core zoned property. It is adjacent to railroad tracks, Ridgleys Cove, a park and the casino parking garage with I-395 in the distance from the rear of the site. There are limited access points to the site given the physical constraints of its surroundings. In addition, many of the properties zoned C-5-DC, which is the core of downtown, are taller buildings that make the downtown skyline. While this property has the zoning of the downtown core, the location and proposed building scale are much lower and keeping with the more industrial and utilitarian nature of the surrounding area. In fact, it is included in the Carroll Camden Urban Renewal Plan, which was originally intended for industrial uses. With the addition of Horseshoe Casio and proximity to M&T Bank Stadium this portion of the URP area is now changing and being revitalized as the Warner Street Entertainment District. For these reasons the amount of variances and in some cases the large variances are necessary to identify the use and provide advertising and identification to a site that is otherwise hard to access.

In addition to the practical difficulty finding mentioned above, there are other required findings listed below:

- (1) the conditions on which the application is based are unique to the property for which the variance is sought and are not generally applicable to other property within the same zoning classification;
- (2) the unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty is caused by this Code and has not been created by the intentional action or inaction of any person who has a present interest in the property;
- (3) the purpose of the variance is not based exclusively on a desire to increase the value or income potential of the property;
- (4) the variance will not:
  - (i) be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity; or
  - (ii) substantially diminish and impair property values in the neighborhood;
- (5) the variance is in harmony with the purpose and intent of this Code;
- (6) the variance is not precluded by and will not adversely affect:
  - (i) any Urban Renewal Plan;
  - (ii) the City's Comprehensive Master Plan; or
  - (iii) any Historical and Architectural Preservation District; and
- (7) the variance will not otherwise:
  - (i) be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or welfare; or
  - (ii) be in any way contrary to the public interest.

To summarize staff's review of the findings of fact, it was found that the site is unique in its location for a downtown zoned property and have locational constraints including access and Ridgleys Cove as a property boundary. In addition, properties with a C-5-DC zoning designation are not typically lower scale buildings with a highway within its site lines. For this reason, the requested scale of variances is very unique to this property. The unnecessary hardship was not created by the applicant of this request. The location of the property is not negotiable and the intent of the types and scale of signage allowed in Article 32 for C-5-DC was not written with this type of parcel or use in mind. The signage being requested is typical for the Topgolf establishment. The variances requested are not detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or contrary to the public interest.

While the variances requested are not precluded by or will adversely affect the City's Comprehensive Master Plan or a Historic Preservation District, there may be potential conflicts with the signage guidelines of the Carroll Camden Urban Renewal Plan. That being said, the URP is very clear in Appendix A under Period of Compliance that a waiver can be requested and granted from the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development. The developer may need to seek this, if required.

### RECOMMENDATION

After reviewing the proposed signage in context with the proposed building and site design and reviewing against the City Council approval standards, staff recommends approval with one amendment. The amendment is to delete the word "square" on page 2 line 22 of the City Council Bill. This particular variance request refers to the width of sign 11 and not the area, so the measurement is in feet, not square feet. Staff would also support a necessary sign waiver to the URP that may result from any of the proposed signage and the variances requested for the three signs subject to this City Council legislation.

Notification: The following stakeholders were notified of this action prior to the hearing: South Baltimore Gateway Partnership, Downtown Partnership, City Councilman Eric Costello and City Councilman Edward Reisinger.

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t)	NAME & TITLE	Steve Sharkey, Director	CITY of	
R	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Department of Transportation (DOT) 417 E Fayette Street, Room 527	BALTIMORE	
M	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 19-0420	MEMO	

TO: Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young

TO: Land Use Committee

FROM: Department of Transportation

POSITION: No Objection RE: Council Bill – 19-0420

<u>INTRODUCTION</u> - Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street

<u>PURPOSE/PLANS</u> — For the purpose of granting variances from certain signage regulations for the establishment of signs on the properties known as 1411 Warner Street (Block 0845, Lot 001) and 301 Stockholm Street (Block 0984, Lot 001), which lots are to be consolidated, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

<u>COMMENTS</u> — Council Bill 19-0420 aims to grant variances allowing for the installation of signage associated with the proposed Topgolf entertainment facility. The proposed Topgolf entertainment facility is slated to be built at the intersection of Warner Street and Stockholm Street within close proximity to the existing Horseshoe Casino. The Department of Transportation does not foresee any fiscal or operation impacts associated with the passage of Council Bill 19-0420.

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT POSITION - The Department of Transportation has no objection to City Council Bill 19-0420.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liam Davis via email at Liam. Davis@baltimorecity.gov or by phone (410) 545-3207.

Sincerely:

Steve Sharkey Director



no objection

DATE: 8/20/19



### CITY OF BALTIMORE

BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG, Mayor



### BOARD OF MUNICIPAL AND ZONING APPEALS

DEREK J. BAUMGARDNER, Executive Director 417 E. Fayette Street, Suite 922 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

August 20, 2019

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, MD 21202

> CC Bill #19-0420 Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411 Warner Street and 301 Re:

Stockholm Street

### Ladies and Gentlemen:

City Council Bill No. 19-0420 has been referred by your Honorable Body to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals for study and report.

The purpose of City Council Bill No. 19-0420 is to grant variances from certain signage regulations for the establishment of 5 signs on the properties known as 1411 Warner Street (Block 0845, Lot 001) and 301 6 Stockholm Street (Block 0984, Lot 001), which lots are to be consolidated, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

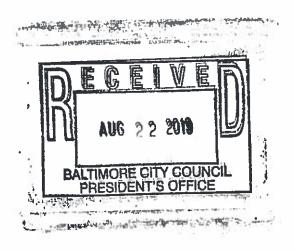
The BMZA has reviewed the legislation and has no objection to City Council Bill No. 19-0420.

Sincerely

Derek J. Baumgardner **Executive Director** 

CC: Mayor's Office of Council Relations

> City Council President Legislative Reference



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### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council

c/o Natawna B. Austin

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissione

Date: August 28, 2019

City Council Bill 19-0420: Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411 Warner Street and

301 Stockholm Street

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 19-0420, for the purpose of granting variances from certain signage regulations for the establishment of signs on the properties known as 1411 Warner Street (Block 0845, Lot 001) and 301 Stockholm Street (Block 0984, Lot 001), which lots are to be consolidated.

If enacted, this bill would grant zoning variances to allow the applicant to install signage for a proposed golf course on the properties, according to the Signage Plan and Summary Sheet submitted to the City Council.

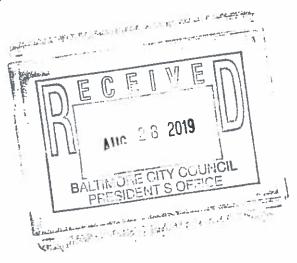
DHCD has no objection to City Council Bill 19-0420 and defers to the Planning Department.

MB:rfp

Mr. Nicholas Blendy, Mayor's Office of Government Relations

Mr. Eric Tiso, Department of Planning







### MEMORANDUM

DATE:

August 1, 2019

TO:

Land Use Committee, Baltimore City Council
Colin Tarbert, President and CEO Calc Carles

FROM:

POSITION:

Support

SUBJECT:

City Council Bill No. 19-0420 - Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411 Warner Street

and 301 Stockholm Street

### INTRODUCTION

The Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) is reporting on City Council Bill No. 19-0420 introduced by Councilmembers Reisinger and Costello at the request of Topgolf USA Baltimore, LLC.

### **PURPOSE**

This Bill will grant variances from certain signage regulations for the establishment of signs on the properties known as 1411 Warner Street (Block 0845, Lot 001) and 301 Stockholm Street (Block 0984, Lot 001).

### **BRIEF HISTORY**

The assembled properties are currently owned by the Mayor & City Council of Baltimore and are subject to an option agreement as part of the Horseshoe Casino Garage Land Disposition Agreement (LDA). BDC is working with Topgolf USA Baltimore, LLC to bring a Topgolf entertainment facility to the properties. If approved, this Bill would authorize a variance to allow the Topgolf project to install larger canopy and freestanding pylon signs.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

NONE

### **AGENCY POSITION**

BDC supports City Council Bill No. 19-0420

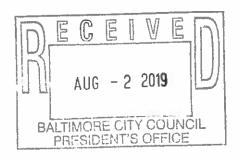
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly Clark at (410) 837-9305 or kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com.

cc:

Jeffrey Amoros

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NO N	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Bureau of the Budget and Management Research Room 432. City Hall
Ī.	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #19-0420: Zoning—Signage Variances— 1411 Warner St & 301 Stockholm St

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MEMO

DATE:



TO

The Honorable President and Members of the City Council Room 400, City Hall August 22, 2019

The Department of Finance is reporting on City Council Bill #19-0420, introduced for the purpose of granting variances from certain signage regulations for the establishment of signs on the properties known as 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street.

### **Background**

This bill will grant the properties the right to install larger canopy and freestanding pylon signs than current regulations allow.

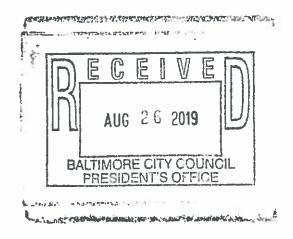
### Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact of granting variances from the current signage regulations.

### Conclusion

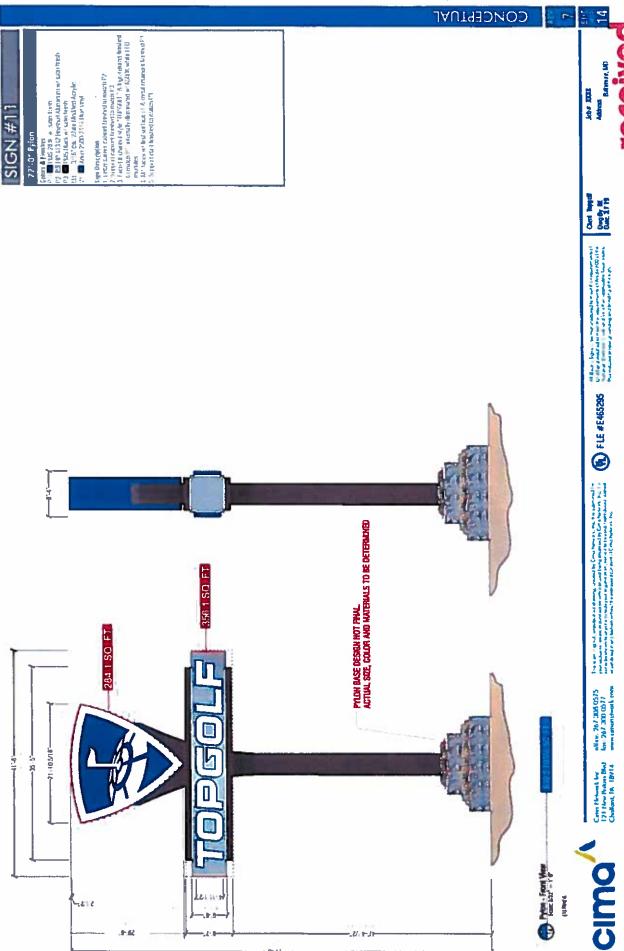
The Department of Finance does not object to City Council 19-0420.

cc: Henry Raymond Nicholas Blendy

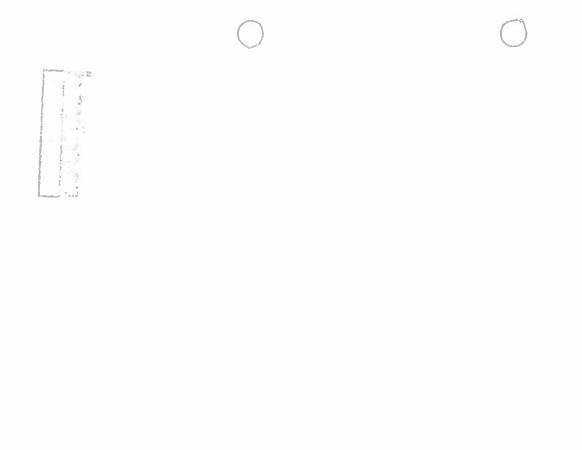


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### 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street City Council Bill #19-0420/ Zoning-Signage Variances –

**ITEM #10** 

August 22, 2019



Baltimore City Department of Planning

## Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street CCB #19-0420/ Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411

Request: City Council Bill #19-0420/ Zoning-Signage Variances – 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street:

signage regulations for the establishment of signs on the For the purpose of granting variances from certain 001) and 301 Stockholm Street (Block 0984, Lot 001). properties known as 1411 Warner Street (Block 0845, Lot

**Staff:** Tamara Woods

Costello on behalf of Topgolf USA Baltimore, LLC **Petitioners:** Councilmembers Reisinger and

Owner: Mayor and City Council

Planning District: Southern

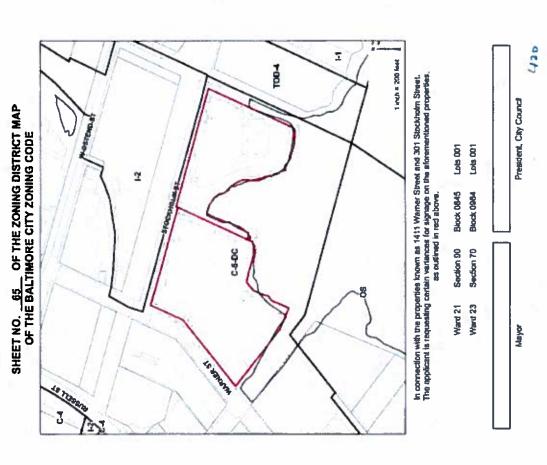
Comprehensive Planner: Brenton Flickinger

**Baltimore City Department of Planning** 



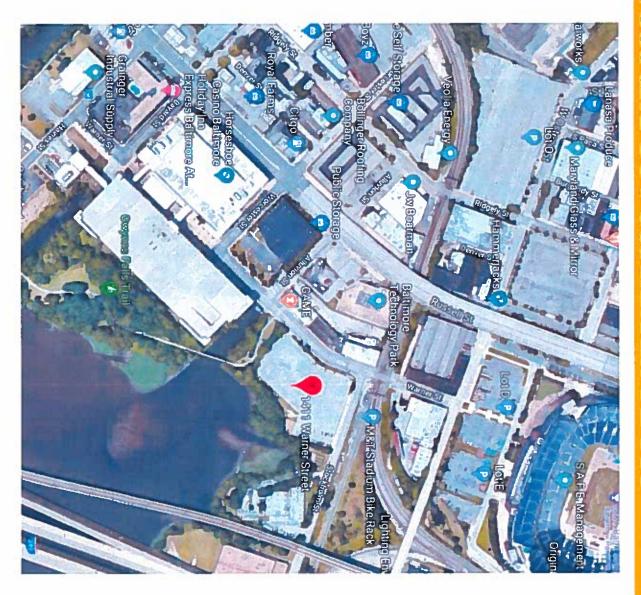
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### Plat Map



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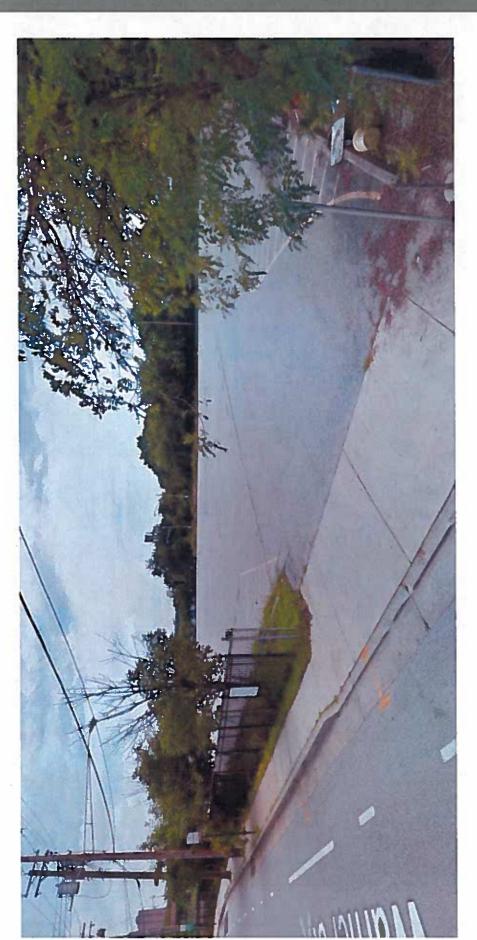


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Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street



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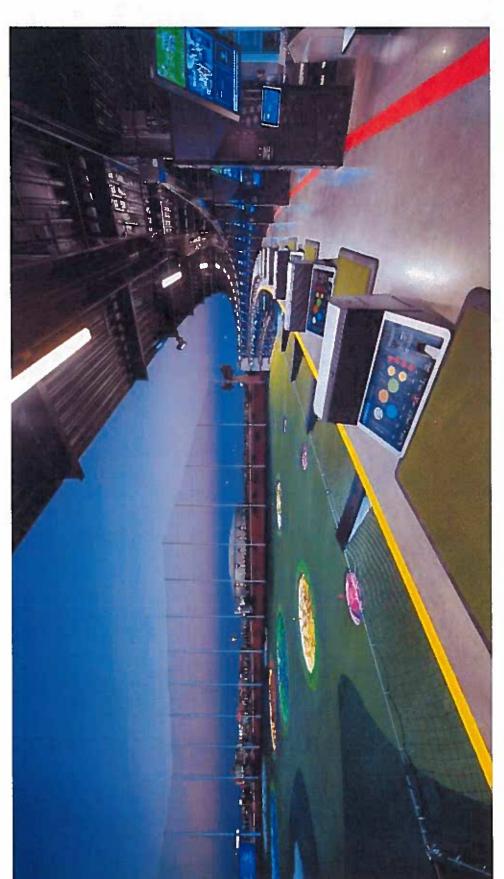
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## **Proposed Topgolf Rendering**

CCB #19-0420/ Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street

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## Proposed-Topgolf Rendering





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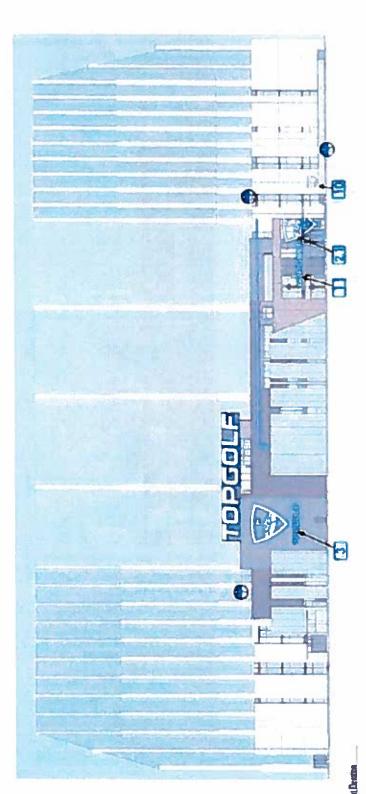
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CCB #19-0420/ Zoning - Signage Variances
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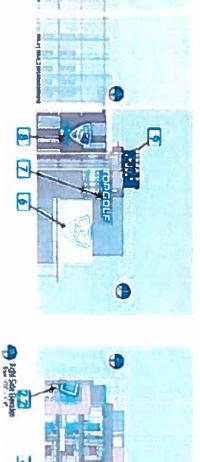




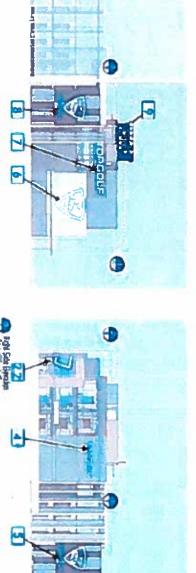
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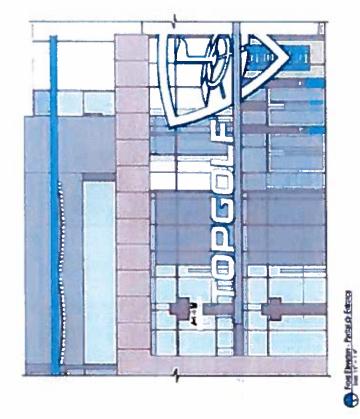
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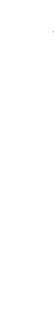
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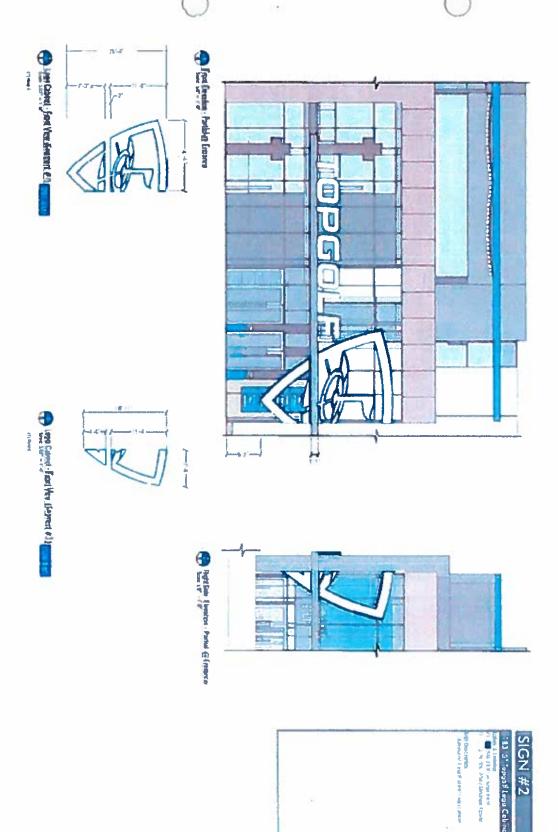


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### CCB #19-0420/ Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street

## Proposed-Signage Package





### City Council Bill 19-0420

### <u>Topgolf – Signage Variances</u>

The bill includes 8 separate signage variances. For ease of reference herein, they are as follows:

<u>Variance 1</u> – Section 1, Sign 1 (height of canopy sign)

<u>Variance 2</u> – Section 2, Sign 1 (width of canopy sign)

<u>Variance 3</u> – Section 3, Sign 2 (height of canopy sign)

<u>Variance 4</u> – Section 4, Sign 2 (area of canopy sign)

<u>Variance 5</u> – Section 5, Sign 11 (height of pylon sign)

<u>Variance 6</u> – Section 6, Sign 11 (area of pylon sign)

<u>Variance 7</u> – Section 7, Sign 11 (width of pylon sign)

<u>Variance 8</u> – Section 8, Signs 1 - 11 (cumulative area of all signs on a lot)

In accordance with Zoning Code Section 5-308, the following standards are met with respect to each of the variances:

(1) Because of the particular physical surroundings, shape, or topographical conditions of the specific structure or land involved, unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, would result if the strict letter of the applicable requirement were carried out.

The Property is bounded to the south by Ridgley's Cove and the Horseshoe Casino parking garage, to the east by the MTA light rail right-of-way and I-395, to the north by Stockholm Street and the CSX railway right-of-way, and to the west by Warner Street, a low-traffic street that extends only five blocks.

The Property is secluded and difficult to locate, particular for those visiting from out of town, imposing practical difficulty for any business located on the site. An entertainment destination such as Topgolf relies on signage as a crucial tool for both brand identification and, of critical importance, wayfinding. The signage that would be permitted by-right under the Zoning Code would not adequately identify the Topgolf brand and direct visitors to the Property.

Regarding Variances 1, 2, 3, and 4, the canopy logo sign is a key element of Topgolf's international brand, and what will make Topgolf recognizable to visitors in the Warner Street entertainment corridor. Regarding Variances 5, 6, and 7, the proposed pylon sign would provide visibility along the I-395 skyramp, which is elevated far above street level at that location, and additional height, area, and width are required for the sign to be



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### **City of Baltimore**

City Council City Hall, Room 408 100 North Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202

### **Meeting Minutes - Final**

### **Land Use Committee**

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

1:05 PM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

19-0420

**CALL TO ORDER** 

INTRODUCTIONS

### **ATTENDANCE**

Present 8 - Edward Reisinger, Shannon Sneed, Mary Pat Clarke, Ryan Dorsey, Sharon Green Middleton, Leon F. Pinkett III, Robert Stokes Sr., and Eric T. Costello

### ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

19-0420

Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street For the purpose of granting variances from certain signage regulations for the establishment of signs on the properties known as 1411 Warner Street (Block 0845, Lot 001) and 301 Stockholm Street (Block 0984, Lot 001), which lots are to be consolidated, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.

Sponsors: Edward Reisinger, Eric T. Costello

A motion was made by Member Costello, seconded by Member Stokes, Sr., that the bill be recommeded favorabley with amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Reisinger, Sneed, Dorsey, Middleton, Pinkett III, Stokes Sr., and Costello

No: 1 - Clarke

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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### CITY OF BALTIMORE

BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG, Mayor



### OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES

LARRY E. GREENE, Director 415 City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202 410-396-7215 / Fax: 410-545-7596 email: larty.greene/a baltimorecity.gov

### **HEARING NOTES**

Bill: 19-0420

### Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street

Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411 Warne						
Committee: Land Use						
Chaired By: Counc	ilmember Edward Reising	ger				
Hearing Date:	August 28, 2019					
Time (Beginning):	1:20 PM					
Time (Ending):	1:55 PM					
Location:	Clarence "Du" Burns Ch	amber				
<b>Total Attendance:</b>	~30					
Committee Member	s in Attendance:					
Reisinger, Edward -	Chairman					
Sneed, Shannon - Vie	ce Chair					
Clarke, Mary Pat						
Costello, Eric						
Dorsey, Ryan						
Middleton, Sharon						
Pinkett, Leon						
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Bill Synopsis in the file?	$\boxtimes$	yes		no	□ n/a
Attendance sheet in the file?				no	n/a
Agency reports read?	$\boxtimes$	yes		no	n/a
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?	$\square$	yes		no	n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?	$\square$	yes		no	n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners?	$\boxtimes$	yes		no	□ n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing?			_	no	n/a
Motioned by:	.Co	unciln	nen	nber	Costello
Seconded by:	.Co	unciln	nen	aber	Stokes
Final Vote:	. Fa	vorab	le w	vith A	Amendment

### **Major Speakers**

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Ms. Tamara Woods, Department of Planning
- Mr. Nicholas Blendy, Office of the Mayor
- Ms. Hilary Ruley, Department of Law
- Ms. Kimberly Clark, Baltimore Development Corporation
- Mr. Bob Pipik, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Mr. Arco Sen, Parking Authority of Baltimore City
- Mr. Pedro Aponte, Finance Department
- Ms. Alyssa Domzal, Esquire, ballard Spahr, representative for applicant
- Ms. Jessica Sanberg, Real Estate Development, Topgolf
- Ms. Kimberly Clark, Baltimore Development Corporation

### **Major Issues Discussed**

- 1. Councilmember Reisinger read the bill's number, title, purpose and public notice certification. He testified that the signage project is part of a conceptual plan for live entertainment at the site. Councilmember Costello testified in support of the legislation.
- 2. Ms. Tamara Woods presented the Planning Commission's recommendation of favorable with amendments. The amendment corrects a measurement typo for the width of Sign #11 by changing it from "square feet" to "feet." She presented a handout with general zoning information about the project. She presented findings to support the required variance considerations.
- 3. Councilmember Clarke asked about conflict with the Carroll Camden Urban Renewal Plan (URP). Ms. Woods explained that the URP has a waiver clause and is also being considered for amendment to help the community move forward with its general development plan for the area.
- 4. The committee discussed general provisions of URPs.
- 5. Ms. Kimberly Clarke provided background information about the entertainment district for the area and the family-oriented, Topgolf project. She also provided general information about the use of URPs for development.
- 6. There was general discussion about the services offered by Topgolf. Ms. Jessica Sanberg provided background information about Topgolf Entertainment services.
- 7. Ms. Alyssa Domzal provided findings to support the required considerations for variances outlined in Article 32. She also presented an amendment to correct the total signage for Sign #2 and the cumulative total of signage.
- 8. Agency representatives stated their agency's position.
- 9. The committee approved the findings of facts.
- 10. The committee approved amendments and voted to recommend the bill favorable as amended.
- 14. The hearing was adjourned.

### **Further Study**

Was further study requested?	☐ Yes ⊠ No		
If yes, describe.			
	tee Vote:		
Reisinger, Edward, Chairman	Yea		
Sneed, Shannon, Vice Chair	Yea		
Clarke, Mary Pat	Nay		
Costello, Eric			
Dorsey, Ryan			
Middleton, Sharon	Yea		
Pinkett, Leon	Yea		
Stokes, Robert:	Yea		
Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff	Date: August 28, 2019		

cc: Bill File

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### **City of Baltimore**

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### **Meeting Agenda - Final**

### **Land Use Committee**

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1:05 PM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

19-0420

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**INTRODUCTIONS** 

**ROLL CALL** 

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Sponsors:

Edward Reisinger, Eric T. Costello

### **ADJOURNMENT**

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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### BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL LAND USE COMMITTEE

### **Mission Statement**

On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the mission of the Land Use Committee is to review and support responsible development and zoning initiatives to ensure compatibility with the aim of improving the quality of life for the diverse population of Baltimore City.

### The Honorable Edward Reisinger Chairperson

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Wednesday, August 28, 2019 1:05 PM Clarence "Du" Burns Council Chambers

City Council Bill # 19-0420

**Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street** 



### CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

### BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Eric Costello – Chair Leon Pinkett – Vice Chair Bill Henry Sharon Green Middleton Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer Shannon Sneed Danielle McCray Staff: Marguerite Currin

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Eric Costello – Co-chair Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer – Cochair Sharon Green Middleton Staff: Samuel Johnson

### **EDUCATION AND YOUTH**

Zeke Cohen – Chair Mary Pat Clarke – Vice Chair John Bullock Kristerfer Burnett Leon Pinkett Staff: Matthew Peters

### **EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

Robert Stokes – Chair Kristerfer Burnett– Vice Chair Mary Pat Clarke Zeke Cohen Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer Staff: Marguerite Currin

### HEALTH

Kristerfer Burnett – Chair Bill Henry - Vice Chair Mary Pat Clarke Edward Reisinger Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer Staff: Marguerite Murray

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### **JUDICIARY**

Eric Costello – Chair Mary Pat Clarke – Vice Chair John Bullock Leon Pinkett Edward Reisinger Shannon Sneed Robert Stokes Staff: Matthew Peters

### **LABOR**

Shannon Sneed – Chair Robert Stokes – Vice Chair Mary Pat Clarke Bill Henry Danielle McCray Staff: Samuel Johnson

### LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

Kristerfer Burnett – Chair Danielle McCray – Vice Chair Ryan Dorsey Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer Shannon Sneed Staff: Matthew Peters

### **LAND USE**

Edward Reisinger - Chair Shannon Sneed - Vice Chair Mary Pat Clarke Eric Costello Ryan Dorsey Sharon Green Middleton Leon Pinkett Robert Stokes Staff: Jennifer Coates

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer – Chair Kristerfer Burnett – Vice Chair Zeke Cohen Danielle McCray Leon Pinkett Shannon Sneed Staff: Richard Krummerich

### TAXATION, FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sharon Green Middleton – Chair Danielle McCray – Vice Chair Eric Costello Edward Reisinger Robert Stokes Staff: Samuel Johnson - Larry Greene (pension only)

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Ryan Dorsey – Chair Leon Pinkett – Vice Chair John Bullock Staff: Jennifer Coates

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### **BILL SYNOPSIS**

**Committee: Land Use** 

Bill 19-0420

### Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street

**Sponsors:** Councilmembers Reisinger and Costello

Introduced: July 22, 2019

### **Purpose:**

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Effective: 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date of enactment

Hearing Date/Time/Location: August 28, 2019 / 1:05 p.m./ Clarence "Du" Burns Chambers

### **Agency Reports**

Planning Commission	П иПТару
Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals	No Objection
Department of Transportation	No Objection
Department of Law	Favorable/Comments
Department of Housing and Community Development	Sier Biller
Baltimore Development Corporation	Favorable
Finance Department	No Objection

### **Analysis**

### **Current Law**

Article 32 – Zoning; Sections 5-201(a), 5-305(a), 17-201 (Table 17-201 (C-5-DC)), 17-306 (Table 17-306 (C-5-DC)), and 17-404; Baltimore City Revised Code; (Edition 2000)

### **Background**

If approved, Bill 19-0420 would grant variances from certain signage regulations for the establishment of signs on the properties known as 1411 Warner Street (Block 0845, Lot 001) and 301 Stockholm Street (Block 0984, Lot 001). The lots are to be consolidated. The bill is introduced at the request of Topgolf USA Baltimore, LLC, the applicant. The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore own the properties.

The property, which is situated in the Carroll-Camden Industrial area, is zoned C-5-DC (Downtown Zoning District). Just south of the site is the Horseshoe Casino. The site is situated in the Carroll-Camden Urban Renewal Plan.

According to *Article 32 – Zoning Code; Title 10* a C-5-DC Zoning District is a subdivision of the C-5 Downtown District which is described as follows:

### § 10-207. C-5 Downtown District.

(a) Areas for which intended.

The C-5 Downtown Zoning District is intended for Baltimore's Downtown and accommodates a wide range of uses normally associated with the downtown of a major city.

(b) Standards.

The C-5 District standards are crafted to:

- (1) maintain or improve the pedestrian environment;
- (2) ensure that new construction is compatible with existing development; and
- (3) develop a greener downtown.
- (c) Subdistricts.
  - (1) In general, In order to address the different character areas that make up Downtown, the C-5 District is divided into (seven) subdistricts, for which varied bulk and yard regulations are

provided to recognize the different physical characteristics of Downtown...

### § 10-207 (c)(2). C-5-DC Downtown Core Subdistrict.

- (i) The purpose of the C-5-DC Downtown Core subdistrict is to establish these standards for structures located within the majority of Downtown.
- (ii) The standards recognize that this subdistrict is to be the most intensely developed portion of Downtown and is to be predominately pedestrian-oriented in nature.

### **Variances Requested**

Sign Type	Article 32 – Section	Zoning District Requirement	Signage Plan - Sign No.  Variance Requeste	
Canopy Sign Height Regulation	§17- 404(b)(7)	Signs may not be any taller than 2 feet.	Sign 1	3.5 feet
Canopy Sign Width Regulation	§17- 404(b)(6)	Signs may not be wider than 80% of the width of the awning or canopy.	Sign 1	89%
Canopy Sign Height Regulation	§17- 404(b)(7)	Signs may not be any taller than 2 feet.	Sign 2	19.3 feet
Canopy Sign Area Regulation	§17-201 & Table 17- 201	Maximum Sign Area - 2 sq. ft. per width of canopy or frame  Permitted — 55.8 ft. x 2 ft. = 111.76 feet	Sign 2	418.2 square feet
Freestanding Pylon Sign Height Regulation	§17-201 & Table 17- 201	Height – Minimum Height 6 ft. / Maximum Sign Height 20 ft.	Sign 11	77 feet
Freestanding Pylon Sign Area Regulation	§17-201 & Table 17- 201	Maximum Sign Area - 50 sq. ft.	Sign 11	640.2 square feet
Freestanding Pylon sign Width Regulation	§17-201 & Table 17- 201	Width – Maximum Width 6 ft.	Sign 11	41.5 square feet (Planning amendment received to correct width to 41.5 feet.)
Maximum Cumulative Area	§17-306 & Table 17- 306	Maximum Area Per Lot  – All Non-Electronic Sign Types & Electronic Sign Categories I, II, & III	Entire Lot	3,487.73 square feet
		1, 200 sq. ft.		

Prepared by: Jennifer Coates

### **Amendments**

The Department of Planning has proposed an amendment for the bill which corrects the width measurement (41.5 square feet should be 41.5 feet) for the freestanding pylon sign. (see attached - amendment).

### **Additional Information**

Fiscal Note: Not Available

Information Source(s): Agency Reports

Analysis by:

Jennifer L. Coates

Analysis Date:

August 26, 2019

Direct Inquiries to: (410) 396-1260



# CITY OF BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL HEARING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Committee: Land Use	se				Chairperson: Edward Reisinger	Reising	er	
Date: August 28, 2019	19	T	Time: 1:05 p.m. Place:	e: Clarence	ence "Du" Burns Chambers			
Subject: Ordinance	- Zoning - Signage Va	riances	Subject: Ordinance - Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411 Warner Street and 301 S	301 Stockholm Street	m Street	CC Bill	CC Bill Number: 19-0420	9-0420
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### CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 19-0420 (First Reader)

Introduced by: Councilmembers Reisinger and Costello

At the request of: Topgolf USA Baltimore, LLC

Address: c/o Alyssa Domzal, Esquire, Ballard Spahr LLP, 300 East Lombard Street, 18th Floor,

Baltimore, Maryland 21202 Telephone: 410-528-5510

Introduced and read first time: July 22, 2019

Assigned to: Land Use Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and

Community Development, Department of Finance

### A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ORDINANCE concerning
2 3	Zoning – Signage Variances – 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street
4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of granting variances from certain signage regulations for the establishment of signs on the properties known as 1411 Warner Street (Block 0845, Lot 001) and 301 Stockholm Street (Block 0984, Lot 001), which lots are to be consolidated, as outlined in red on the accompanying plat.
8	BY authority of
9	Article 32 - Zoning
10	Sections 5-201(a), 5-305(a), 17-201 (Table 17-201 (C-5-DC)), 17-306 (Table 17-306
11	(C-5-DC)), and 17-404
12 13	Baltimore City Revised Code (Edition 2000)
1.5	(Edition 2000)
14	SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That
15	pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-404 of Article 32 - Zoning,
16	permission is granted for a variance from the canopy sign height regulation of 2 feet, as specified
17	in § 17-404, to permit a canopy sign with a height of 3.5 feet, designated as Sign 1 on the plan
18	entitled "Signage Plan", dated March 7, 2019.
19	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-
20	201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-404 of Article 32 - Zoning, permission is granted for a variance from
21	the canopy sign width regulation of 80% of the width of the canopy, as specified in § 17-
22	404(b)(6), to permit a canopy sign with a width of 89% of the width of the canopy, designated as
23	Sign 1 on the Signage Plan.
24 25	SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-404 of Article 32 - Zoning, permission is granted for a variance from

ENPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

### Council Bill 19-0420

the canopy sign height regulation of 2 feet, as specified in § 17-201 (Table 17-201: Sign Regulations), to permit a canopy sign with a height of 19.3 feet, designated as Sign 2 on the Signage Plan.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-201 (Table 17-201) of Article 32 - Zoning, permission is granted for a variance from the canopy sign area regulation of 111.76 square feet, being 2 feet multiplied by 55.88 feet in canopy width, as specified in § 17-201 (Table 17-201: Sign Regulations), to permit a canopy sign with an area of 418.2 square feet, designated as Sign 2 on the Signage Plan.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-201 (Table 17-201) of Article 32 - Zoning, permission is granted for a variance from the freestanding pylon sign height regulation of 20 feet, as specified in § 17-201 (Table 17-201: Sign Regulations), to permit a freestanding pylon sign with a height of 77 feet, designated as Sign 11 on the Signage Plan.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-201 (Table 17-201) of Article 32 - Zoning, permission is granted for a variance from the freestanding pylon sign area regulation of 50 feet, as specified in § 17-201 (Table 17-201: Sign Regulations), to permit a freestanding pylon sign with an area of 640.2 square feet, designated as Sign 11 on the Signage Plan.

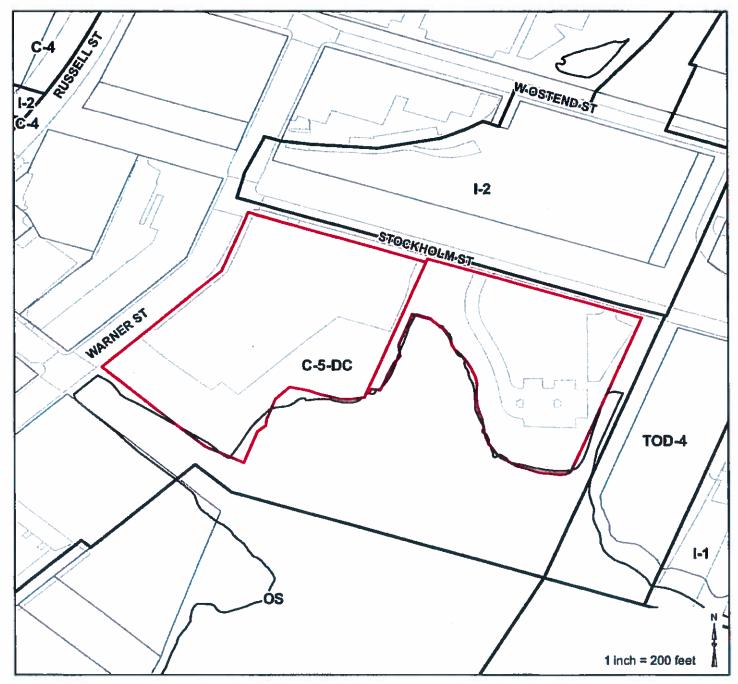
SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-201 (Table 17-201) of Article 32 - Zoning, permission is granted for a variance from the freestanding pylon sign width regulation of 6 feet, as specified in § 17-201 (Table 17-201: Sign Regulations), to permit a freestanding pylon sign with a width of 41.5 square feet, designated as Sign 11 on the Signage Plan.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That pursuant to the authority granted by §§ 5-201(a), 5-305(a), and 17-306 (Table 17-306) of Article 32 - Zoning, permission is granted for a variance from the regulation of the maximum cumulative area of 1,200 square feet of signs permitted on a lot, as specified in § 17-306 (Table 17-306: Sign Regulations) to permit a maximum cumulative area of signs of 3,487.73 square feet on the lot.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That as evidence of the authenticity of the accompanying plat and in order to give notice to the agencies that administer the City Zoning Ordinance: (i) when the City Council passes this Ordinance, the President of the City Council shall sign the plat; (ii) when the Mayor approves this Ordinance, the Mayor shall sign the plat; and (iii) the Director of Finance then shall transmit a copy of this Ordinance and the plat to the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, the Planning Commission, the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development, the Supervisor of Assessments for Baltimore City, and the Zoning Administrator.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.

### SHEET NO. <u>65</u> OF THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE BALTIMORE CITY ZONING CODE



In connection with the properties known as 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street. The applicant is requesting certain variances for signage on the aforementioned properties, as outlined in red above.

**Block 0845** 

Lots 001

Section 90

Ward 21

Ward 23	Section 70	Block 0984	Lots 001
Mayor	_		President, City Council

### LAND USE COMMITTEE

## BILL 19-0420 Proposed Amendments

• Department of Planning – Dated 8/23/19

### **DLR Draft I 23Aug19**

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### AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL BILL 19-0420 (1" Reader Copy)

By: Department of Planning {To be offered to the Land Use Committee}

### Amendment No. 1

On page 2, in line 22, strike "square".

# Topgolf - Summary of Signage Variances

# Signs (Other than wall signs)

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Other variance?	Yes		No		Š.	Yes		
Other signage dimension	89% of canopy width (49,88° of 55.88° canopy)	2 on lot	39% of canopy width (21.82° of 55.88° canopy)	2 on lot	l on building	41.5 feet		
Other code restriction	Max width 80% of canopy	2 per lot	Max width 80% of canopy	2 per lot	l per building	Max width 6 feet (7.17.201)		
Area variance?	ž	No 24				Yes		
Sign area	98.2 sf		418.2 sf		768.3 sf	640,2 sf		
Max area	(2° x 55.88° canopy	(T 17-201)	(2° x 55.88° canopy	(7.17-201)	1,368 sf (4 sf per linear * 342' linear frontage) (7 17-201; 17-414)	50 sf (T 17-201)		
Height variance?	Yes		Yes		Š	Yes		
Sign height	.9.0		20.33"		10' above roof	.11		
Max height	2' (17. 404(b)(7))		2, (12-		20' above roof ( <i>T 17</i> . 201)	20° (T 17-201)		
Sign Type	Awning/ cunopy	16	Awning/ cunopy		Roof	Freestanding sign (pylon)		
Sign	Sign 1		Sign 2		Sign 9	Sign 11		

Wall signs (above ground floor)

	Sign	Maximum Height	Sign Height	Height Variance?	Sign Area	Area Variance?
Sign 3	十		28.93*		695.5 sf	
Sign 10			8.85*		70.9 sf	
Sign 4	_		2.66°		56.7 sf	
Sign 5			16.47	Z	263.9 sf	
Sign 6: logo wall (left elevation)			18.29	2	352.69 sf	
Sign 7: text wall (left elevation)			4.25*		137.6 sf	
Sign 8: logo wall (left side of bays)			16.47"		263.9 sf	
					1,841.49 sf	Ž

Maximum cumulative area of signs permitted on lot: 1,200 sf (T 17-201). Total lot area of signs is 3,766.09 sf. Cumulative area variance needed.

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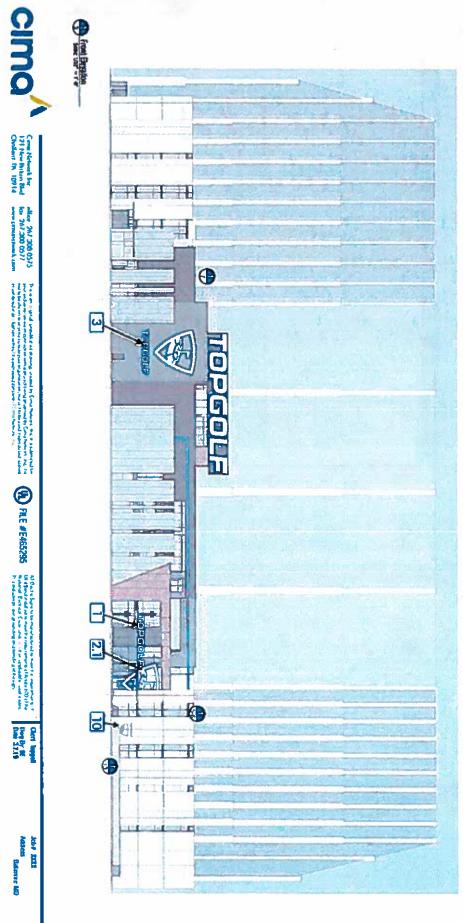
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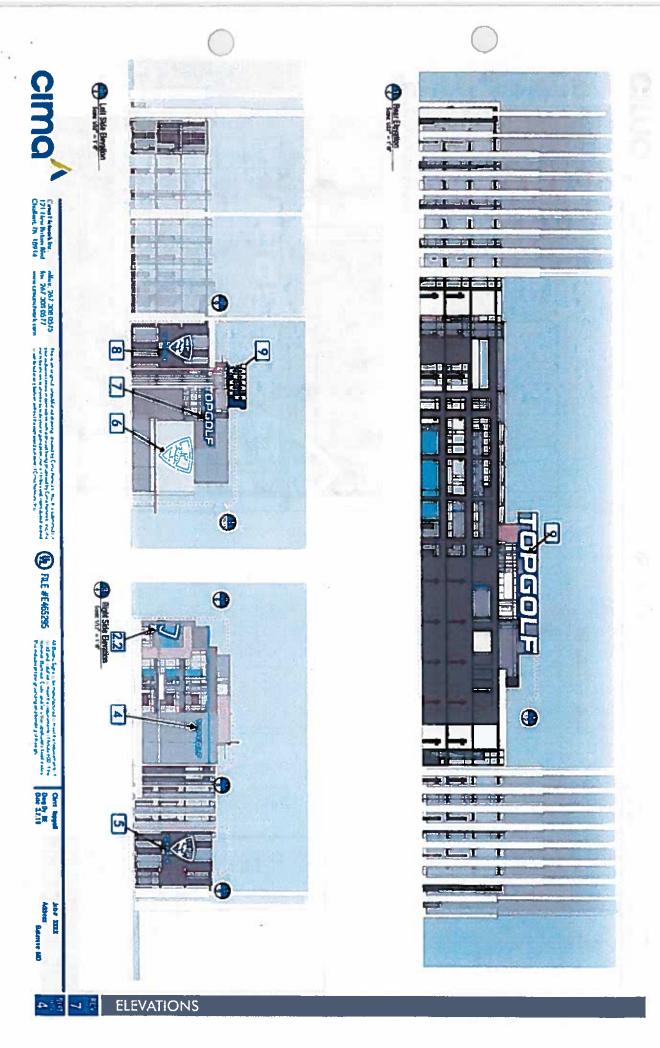
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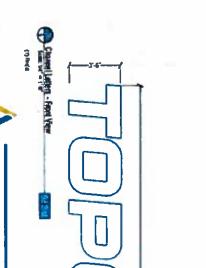
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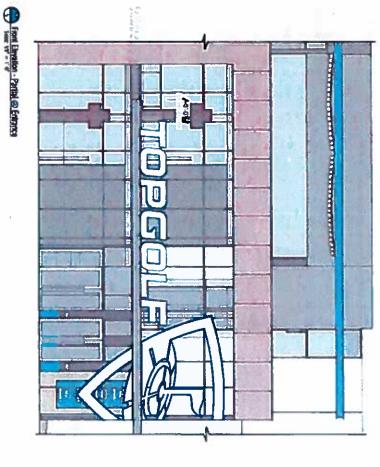


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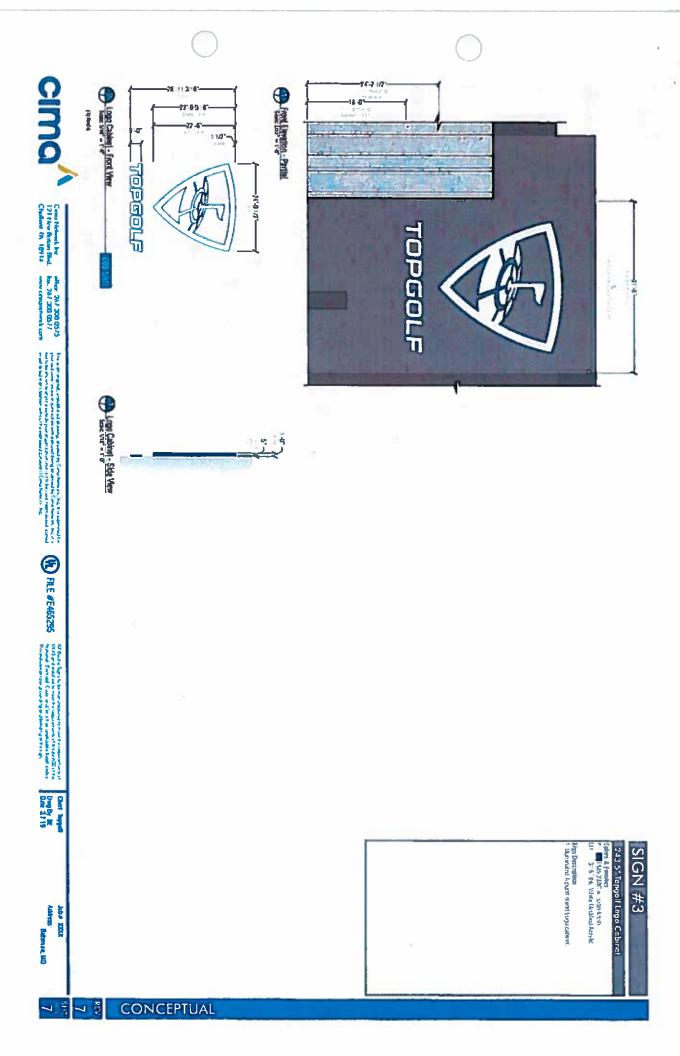
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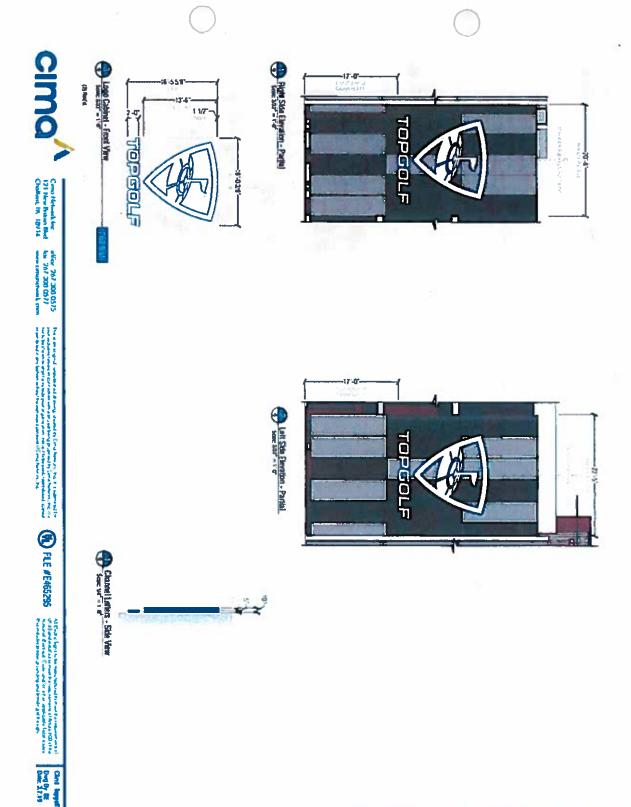
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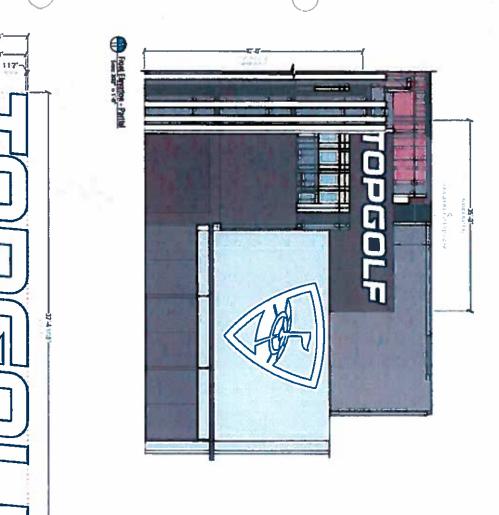
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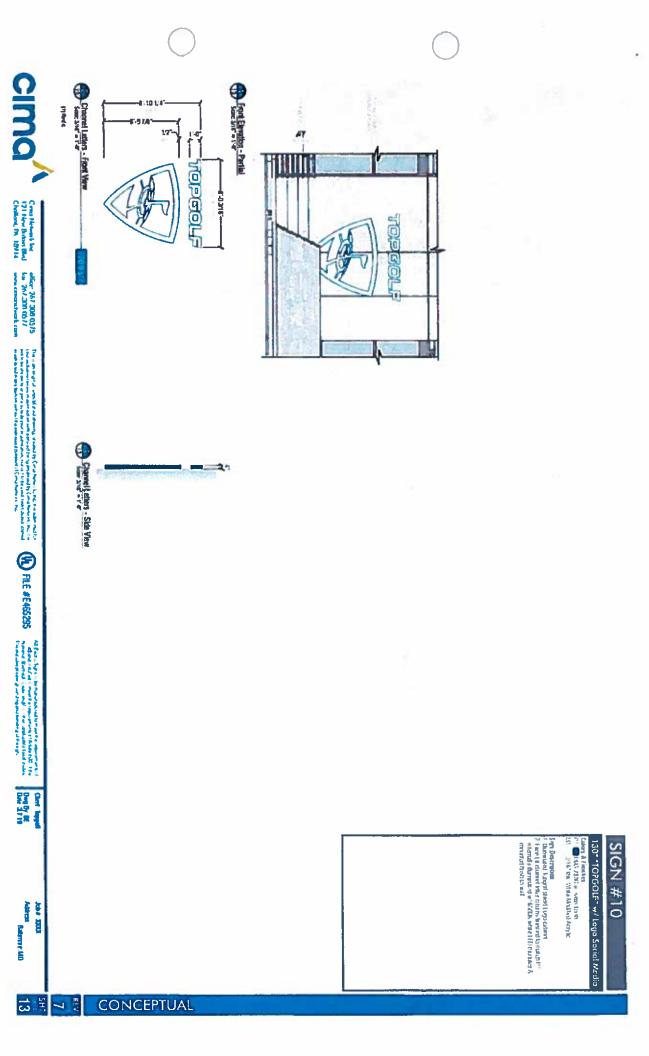
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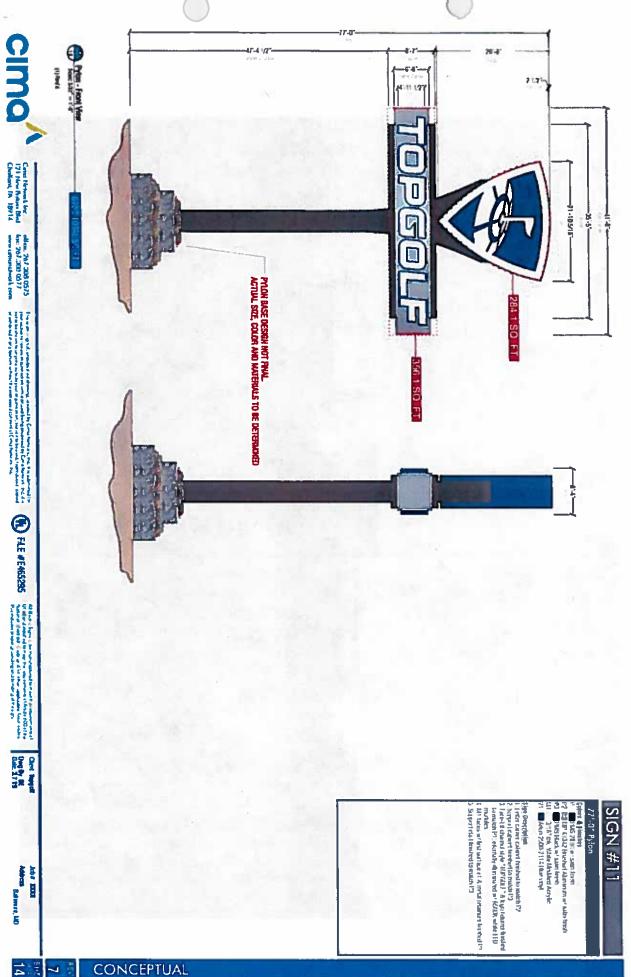
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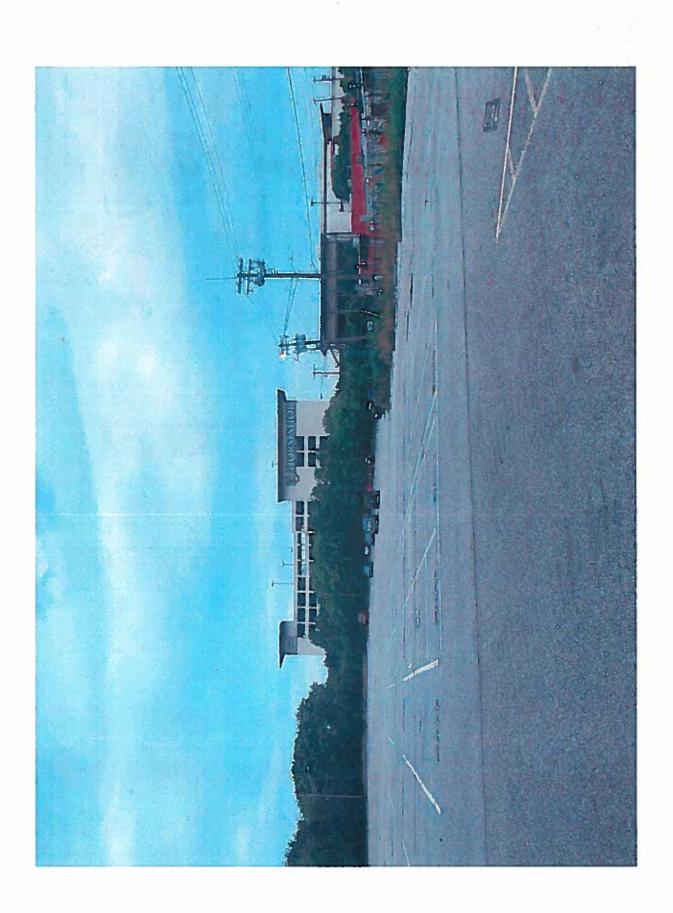
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### Coates, Jennifer

From: Coates, Jennifer

**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 10:35 AM **To:** 'domzala@ballardspahr.com'

Cc: Reisinger, Edward; Costello, Eric; Austin, Natawna B.

Subject: Public Notification Instructions for Hearing on Bill 19-0420

Attachments: PNI - Letter -19-0420 VAR TOPGOLF.DOCX; LU Form - Contacts for Sign Posting CU

VAR Art 32.docx; Sample - Certificate of Posting - Attachment C.DOCX

### Alyssa,

Attached is the information you will need to post a public hearing notice for the subject bill to be heard by the Baltimore City Council's Land Use and Transportation Committee on August 28, 2019 at 1:05 PM.

I have also attached a contact list for sign makers and a sample certification template.

Feel free to contact me If you need more information.

### PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS EMAIL.



OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES

### Jennifer L. Coates

Senior Legislative Policy Analyst Office of Council Services

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LARRY E. GREENE, Director 415 City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202 410-396-7215 / Fax: 410-545-7596 email: larry.greene@baltimorecity.gov

TO:

Topgolf USA Baltimore, LLC

c/o Alyssa Domzal, Esquire, Ballard Spahr

FROM:

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff, Land Use Committee, Baltimore City Council

Date:

July 25, 2019

RE:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING -CONDITIONAL USE AND

**VARIANCES** 

The Land Use Committee has scheduled the following City Council Bill for a public hearing:

Bill:

City Council Bill No. 19-0420

Date:

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Time:

1:05 p.m.

Place:

City Council Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall, 100 N. Holliday Street

At the expense of the applicant, notice of the public hearing must be provided in accordance with:

Article 32. Zoning § 5-602 - Major variances: Conditional uses.

For helpful information about the public notice requirements under Article 32 - Zoning (pages 129 – 130) - see Attachment B. You can access and review Article 32 using the web link below:

http://ca.baltimorecity.gov/codes/Art%2032%20-%20Zoning.pdf

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### Wording for the Sign to be Posted

The information that must be posted on a sign, at least 21 days before the public hearing, appears between the double lines on the attached page (see Attachment A). The deadline date is indicated in BOLD characters at the top of Attachment A. Instructions for posting the sign can be found in Article 32. Zoning § 5-602 – Major variances: Conditional uses

### **Certification of Postings**

Certification of the sign posting (see example on Attachment C), in duplicate, must be received four (4) days prior to the hearing to:

Ms. Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary Baltimore City Council 100 N. Holliday Street, Fourth Floor, Room 400 Baltimore, MD 21202

If the required certification is not received as specified above, the public hearing <u>will</u> <u>be cancelled</u> without notice to the applicant. <u>The deadline dates are as follows:</u>

Sign Posting Deadline:

August 7, 2019

Certificate of Posting Deadline:

August 23, 2019

Please note that <u>ALL</u> of these requirement <u>MUST</u> be met in order for your hearing to proceed as scheduled. If you have any questions regarding your notice requirements please contact:

Ms. Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff Baltimore City Council Land Use Committee 410-396-1260 Jennifer.Coates@baltimorecity.gov.

### ATTACHMENT A

THE INFORMATION BETWEEN THE DOUBLE LINES (SEE BELOW) MUST BE POSTED ON A SIGN ON THE PROPERTY **BY AUGUST 7, 2019,** AS DISCUSSED ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE AND OUTLINED ON ATTACHMENT B.

### **BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL**

### PUBLIC HEARING ON BILL NO. 19-0420

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### CC 19-0420 ORDINANCE - Zoning - Signage Variances - 1411 Warner Street and 301 Stockholm Street

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(Edition 2000)

Applicant: Topgolf USA Baltimore, LLC

For more information, contact committee staff at (410) 396-1260.

NOTE: This bill is subject to amendment by the Baltimore City Council.

### EDWARD REISINGER

Chair

### SEND CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION TO:

### SEND BILL FOR THIS SIGN POSTING TO:

Baltimore City Council c/o Natawna B. Austin Room 409, City Hall 100 N. Holliday Street Baltimore, MD 21202 Ms. Alyssa Domzal, Esquire Ballard Spahr LLP 300 East Lombard Street, 18th Fl. Baltimore, MD 21202 (410) 528-5510

### ATTACHMENT B

### ZONING SUBTITLE 6 - NOTICES

### ARTICLE 32, § 5-602 http://ca.baltimorecity.gov/codes/Art%2032%20-%20Zoning.pdf

### § 5-602. Major variances; Conditional uses.

(a) Hearing required.

For major variances and conditional uses, the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals or the City Council, as the case may be, must conduct a hearing at which:

- (1) the parties in interest and the general public will have an opportunity to be heard; and
- (2) all agency reports will be read.
- (b) Notice of hearing required.

Notice of the hearing must be given by posting in a conspicuous place on the subject property.

(c) Contents of notice.

The notice must include:

- (1) the date, time, place, and purpose of the public hearing;
- (2) the address of the subject property or a drawing or description of the boundaries of the area affected by the proposed variance or conditional use;
- (3) the name of the applicant; and
- (4) how additional information on the matter can be obtained.
- (d) Number and manner of posted notices.
  - (1) The number and manner of posting is as follows:
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    - (ii) each sign must be posted at a prominent location, near the sidewalk or public right-

of-way, so that it is visible to passing pedestrians and motorists;

- (iii) a window-mounted sign must be mounted inside the window glass and placed so that it is clearly visible to passing pedestrians and motorists; and
- (iv) each sign must be at least 3 feet by 4 feet in size.
- (2) Nothing in this subtitle prevents the voluntary posting of more notices than required by this subtitle.
- (e) Timing of notice.

The posted notice must be:

- (1) posted at least 21 days before the public hearing; and
- (2) removed within 48 hours after conclusion of the public hearing. (Ord. 16-581; Ord. 17-015.)

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### Baltimore City Council Certificate of Posting - Public Hearing Notice City Council Bill No.:

Today's Date: [Insert Here]

(Place a picture of the posted sign in the space below.)

### **Address:**

### **Date Posted:**

Name:

**Address:** 

Telephone:

Email to: <u>Natawnab.Austin@baltimorecity.gov</u>

 Mail to: Baltimore City Council; c/o Natawna B. Austin; Room 409, City Hall; 100 N. Holliday Street; Baltimore, MD 21202

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### THE NOTICE OF HEARING SIGN(S) MUST BE POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH <u>ARTICLE 32; SECTION</u> <u>5-602</u> (See Attachment B), WHICH CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

http://ca.baltimorecity.gov/codes/Art%2032%20-%20Zoning.pdf

### SIGNS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM A VENDOR OF YOUR CHOICE OR ANY OF THOSE LISTED BELOW:

RICHARD HOFFMAN 904 DELLWOOD DRIVE BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21047 PHONE: (443) 243-7360

E-MAIL: DICK\_E@COMCAST.NET

JAMES EARL REID
LA GRANDE VISION
5517 HADDON AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21207

PHONE: (443) 722-2552

E-MAIL: JamesEarlReid@aol.com or JamesEarlReid@aim.com

SIGNS BY ANTHONY ANTHONY L. GREENE 2815 TODKILL TRACE EDGEWOOD, MD 21040 PHONE: 443-866-8717

FAX: 410-676-5446

E-MAIL: bones\_malone@comcast.net

LINDA O'KEEFE 523 PENNY LANE HUNT VALLEY, MD 21030 PHONE: 410-666-5366

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Reisinger and Costello At the request of: Topgolf USA Baltimore, LLC Address: c/o Alyssa Domzal, Esquire, Ballard Spahr LLP, 300 East Lombard Street, 18th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 Telephone: 410-528-5510 Introduced and read first time: July 22, 2019 Assigned to: Land Use Committee

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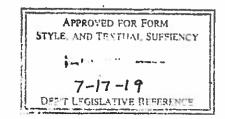
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- 4. <u>Current owner's name, address, and telephone number</u>: Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, 417 East Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202
- 5. The property was acquired by the current owner by deeds recorded in the Land Records of Baltimore City at: Liber FMC 11296, Page 19 (1411 Warner Street), and Liber SEB 16, Page 502 (301 Stockholm Street).
- 6. (a) There <u>are</u> contracts contingent on the requested legislative authorization.
  - (b) <u>If there are contracts contingent on the requested legislative authorization:</u>
    - (i) The names and addresses of all parties to the contracts are:

Topgolf Baltimore USA, LLC ("Topgolf") 8750 N. Central Expressway, Suite 1200 Dallas, Texas 75231

CBAC Borrower, LLC ("CBAC") 1525 Russell Street Baltimore, Maryland 21230

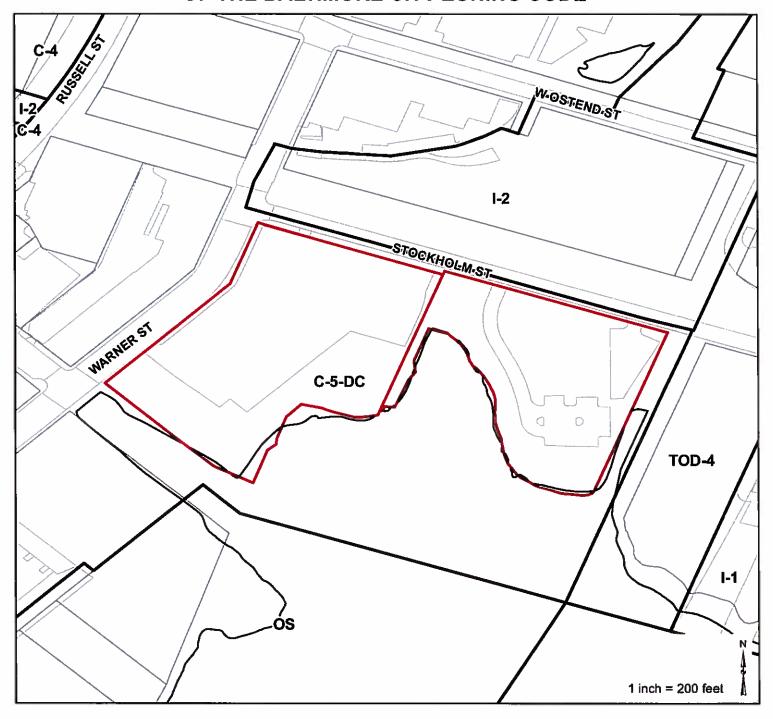
Mayor and City Council of Baltimore ("City") Department of Housing and Community Development 417 East Fayette Street, Room 1346 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

(ii) The purpose, nature, and effect of the contract are:

CBAC has agreed to assign to Topgolf its right to purchase the property from the City, contingent upon Topgolf receiving all necessary land use approvals for the planned golf entertainment facility.

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# SHEET NO. 65 OF THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE BALTIMORE CITY ZONING CODE



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