

CITY OF FOREST PARK

Planning & Community Development Department 785 Forest Parkway Forest Park, Georgia 30297 (404) 366-4720

STAFF REPORT – VARIANCE

Public Hearing Date: October 20, 2022

Case: PC-2022-09

Current Zoning: GC General Commercial

Proposed Request: Variance to reduce the number of required parking spaces from 55 to 44 as part of

a new gas station and retail development.

Staff Report Compiled By: Caity Chandler

Staff Recommendation: Approval of Variance

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Owner of Record: Applicant:

Name: Kinh Enterprises Inc Name: Kinh Enterprises Inc Address: 3953 Jonesboro Road Address: 3953 Jonesboro Road City/State: Forest Park, GA 30297 City/State: Forest Park, GA 30297

PROPERTY INFORMATION

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND

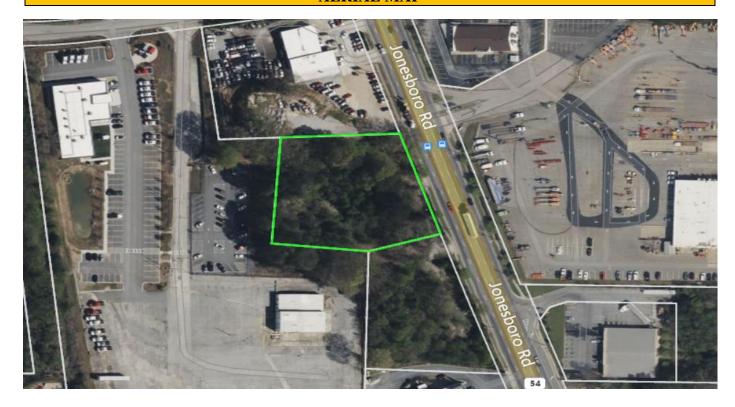
The applicant, Kinh Enterprises Inc, is requesting a variance to reduce the number of required parking spaces from 55 to 44 as part of a new gas station development. The applicant plans to build a gas station with retail spaces upon 1.33 acres on the northern end of Jonesboro Road. The applicant stated that due to the shape of the property, parking will need to be placed around the whole building. With this design, they are requesting a reduction in the number of required parking spaces for the development.

PARKING STANDARDS – CODE OF ORDINANCES

Sec. 8-8-90 - Parking Standards

Gasoline Service Stations – 1 space for each 100 square feet of gross floor area Other Retail Service Uses – 1 space for each 500 square feet of gross floor area

AERIAL MAP



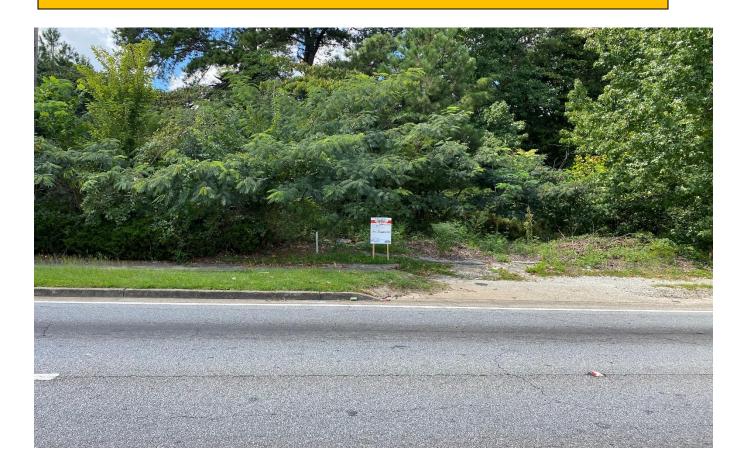
ZONING MAP



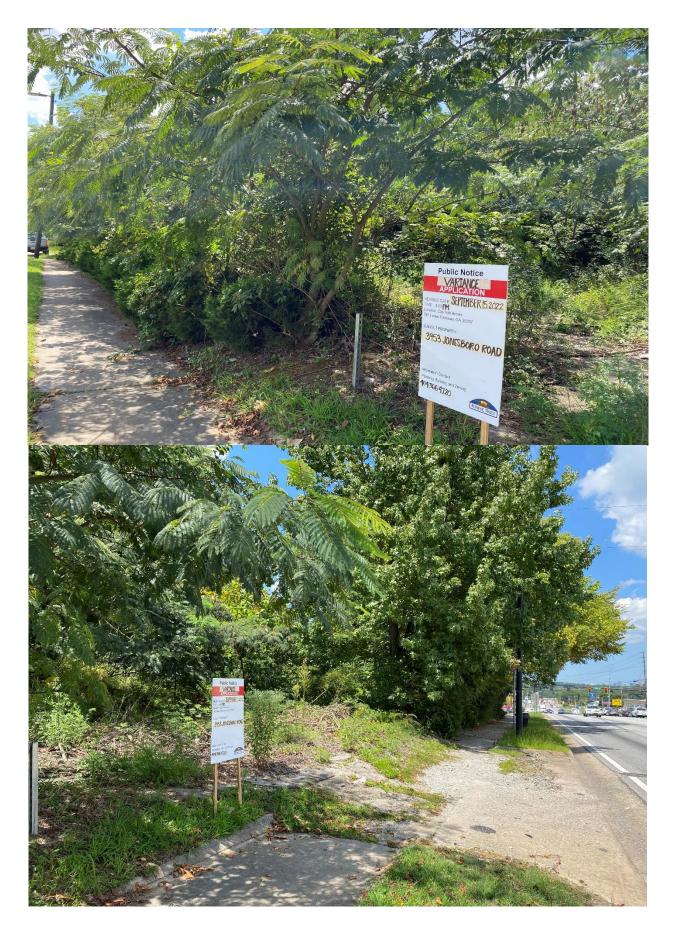
Property General Commercial (GC) ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS OF CONTIGUOUS PROPERTIES

Direction	Zoning & Use	Direction	Zoning & Use
North	GC General Commercial Auto Repair Shop	East	GC General Commercial Retail Use
South	GC General Commercial Vacant Lot	West	LI Light Industrial Warehouse

SITE PHOTOS



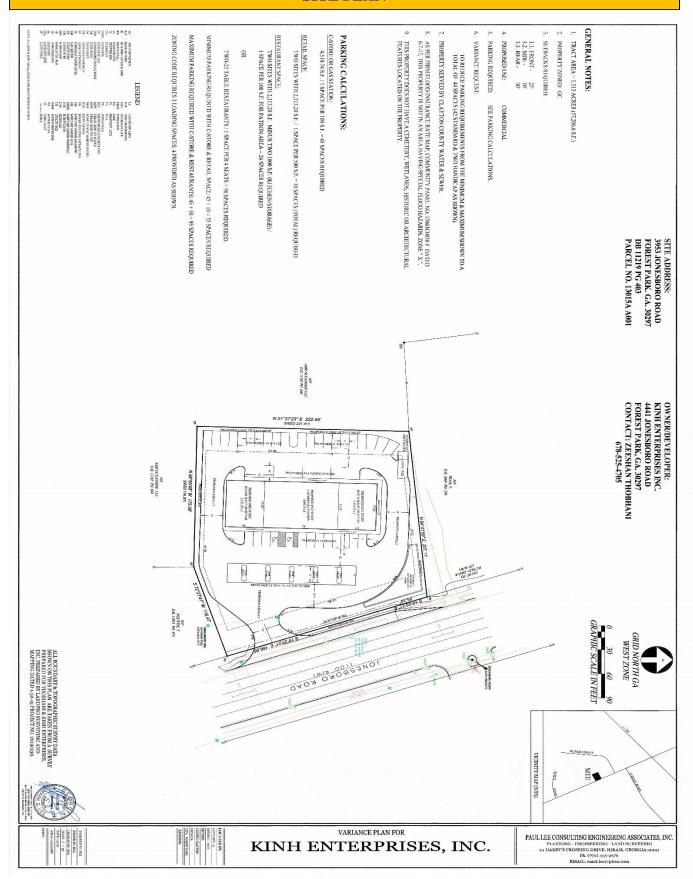


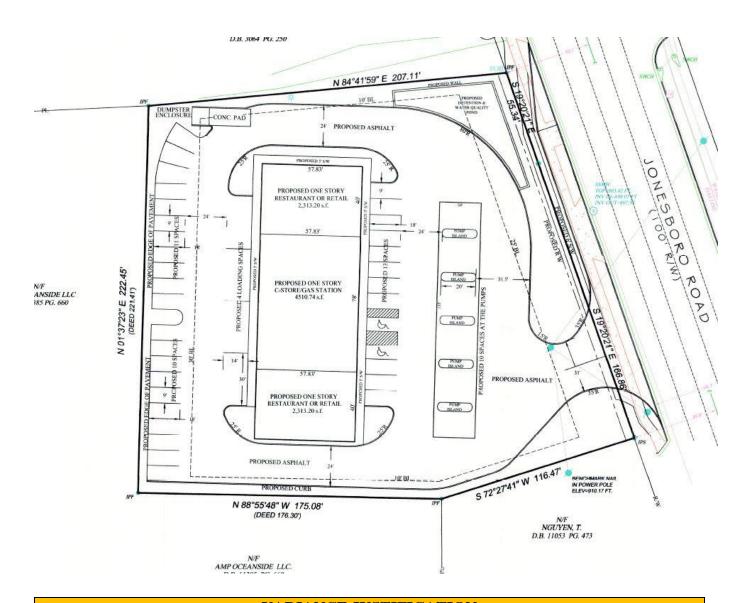




Photos Taken 8/31/2022

SITE PLAN





VARIANCE JUSTIFICATION

The Planning Commission may grant a variance from the development standards of this ordinance where permitted under this Ordinance, if, after a public hearing, it makes findings of facts in writing, that:

- 1. The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community, per Sec. 8-8-193. (a) (1) of the Code of Ordinances.
- 2. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner per Sec. 8-8-193. (a) (2) of the Code of Ordinances; and
- 3. The strict application of the terms of this ordinance will result in a practical difficulty in the use of the property. This situation shall not be self-imposed, nor be based on a perceived reduction of, or restriction on, economic gain, per Sec. 8-8-193. (a) (3) of the Code of Ordinances.

Applicant Response

See attached justification letter

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of a variance to reduce the number of required parking spaces from 55 to 44 as part of a new gas station and retail development. The requested variance will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community, and the use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner.

Attachments Included

• Justification Letter