



# STAFF REPORT

<b>Planning Commission Meeting Date:</b>	October 17, 2023
<b>Agenda Title:</b>	SUP 2023-02 Wal-Mart
<b>Requested Action:</b>	Review and approval of requested amendment to SUP 10-4 to allow for upgrades to the existing store to include: existing store expansion to include pick-up area, relocation of temporary, holiday outdoor storage containers, re-striping portions of parking lot to provide space for preorder pick-up, modifications to store exterior to also include new color scheme.
<b>Department / Agency Lead:</b>	Community Development
<b>Staff Lead:</b>	Casey Squyres, Historic Preservation Planner

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Applicant, Wal-Mart, is requesting a Special Use Permit (SUP) Amendment to allow for upgrades to the existing Store by implementing the following improvements: 1) expanding the Store by approximately 6,151 square feet to accommodate a merchandise pick-up staging area, which will require the relocation of an existing outdoor storage area, 2) re-striping portions of the parking area in order to provide spaces for customers picking up pre-ordered merchandise, and 3) modifying the exterior Store elevations to include an addition and new colors at 700 James Madison Highway. Currently, Wal-Mart encompasses an approximate 157,345 square foot retail Store on two parcels that together contain approximately 18.434 acres. The expansion of the existing Store requires an SUP per Article 11-3.10.3. of the Zoning Ordinance. The parcel is zoned Commercial (C) and is designed in the Greenway and Makers Character District on the Future Land Use Map. The site is occupied by a retail use exceeding 50,000 square feet under Special Use Permit #10-04. A Home Depot store is located to the southwest of the property and James G. Brumfield Elementary, Taylor Middle School, and the Warrenton Community Center are located north of the parcels.

## BACKGROUND

In 2011 the Town Council approved a Special Use Permit authorizing the Warrenton Wal-Mart to undergo an expansion. The SUP was then modified in 2013 and 2017 for the inclusion of outdoor holiday storage containers. In 2020, the Applicant requested an additional expansion of 1,495 square feet to accommodate online grocery pick-up storage and staging. However, this expansion was not built as the Applicant reexamined the overall scope and need. The Applicant brought the current SUP

amendment for a 6,151 square foot pick up staging expansion to a Planning Commission Work Session on September 19, 2023. The Applicant confirmed the intent of the application as amended is to increase the safety of the employees at the pick-up location, while not encouraging customers to leave their vehicles in the pick-up zone. The proposed elevation changes included the new expansion and a new earth-tone color scheme. The Applicant also provided a revised landscape plan with increased plantings/buffering, specifically located to the southwest area where the outdoor storage will be relocated.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends the Planning Commission hold a Public Hearing and review the proposed draft Conditions of Approval.

### **Service Level / Policy Impact**

The proposed use is designated as Greenway and Makers District in Plan Warrenton 2040. Goal E-1 states "Grow a strong, diversified, and resilient economy that supports residents and businesses alike."

### **Legal Impact**

Special Use Permits Plans and their corresponding Conditions of Approval are entitled with the subject parcels.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Statement of Justification
2. Addendum to the Statement of Justification
3. March 23, 2023 SUP Plan Sheets 1-4
4. Applicant Representative's March 23, 2023 Comment Response Letter
5. October 10, 2023 Applicant Representative's Proposed Conditions of Approval
6. Town Council Meeting Minutes from June 3, 1986.
7. June 6, 2023 Previous Overall SUP Plan Redline Exhibit Sheets 1-7
8. SUP 2023-02 Final Amended Conditions
9. May 24, 2023 Revised Exterior Elevations (A2)