

VARIANCE APPLICATION SUMMARY



File Number V-25-22

Property Address 722 Buckles CT

GAHANNA, OH 43230

Parcel ID 025-013810

Zoning District GC - General Commercial **Project/Business Name** Ohio Gastro Group Signage

ApplicantZack Cowan zack@zoningresources.com330-831-9225

Description of Variance RequestVariance to install two wall signs at 53 sq. ft. in area, exceeding

the allowable 50 sq. ft.

Requested Variances

Code Section Code Title

1111.03 Permanent Sign Standards



AUTHORIZATION CONSENT FORM

If you are filling out more than one application for the same project & address, you may submit a copy of this form with each additional application.

As the owner or acting agent for the subject property, I have reviewed the application and hereby authorize the listed applicant to make decisions that may affect my property as it pertains to this application.

Steve Brooks	Steve Brooks	6/26/2025		
(property owner/acting agent signature)	(printed name)	(date)		
	Zack Cowan	7/6/2025		
(applicant signature)	(printed name)	(date)		

Site Address	Zip Code	Owner Name 1	Owner Address 1	Owner Address 2		Tax Mailing Name 1	Tax Mailing Address	Tax Mailing City ST Zip
722 BUCKLES CT NORTH	43230	OGGI GAHANNA LLC	3400 OLENTANGY RIVER ROAD	COLUMBUS OH	43202	OGGI GAHANNA LLC	3400 OLENTANGY RIVER RD	COLUMBUS OH 43202-1523
BUCKLES COURT NORTH	43230	CRESCENT AT CENTRAL PARK LLC	132 PRESTON RD	COLUMBUS OH	43209	CRESCENT AT CENTRAL PARK LLC	132 PRESTON RD	COLUMBUS OH 43209-1653

Variance Statement Revised 8/1/2025

Proposed Signs:

- S1 32.25 sq. ft. "Capital Psych Services" west
 - o Variance to allow more than one wall sign on a frontage
- S2 53 sq. ft. "Ohio Gastro" wall sign west
 - Variance to exceed 50 sq. ft. and to allow more than one wall sign on a frontage
- S3 53 sq. ft. "Ohio Gastro" wall sign east
 - Variance to exceed 50 sq. ft.
- S4 32 sq. ft. "Ohio Gastro" monument sign (permitted)

1. Special Circumstances or Conditions Necessitating the Variance

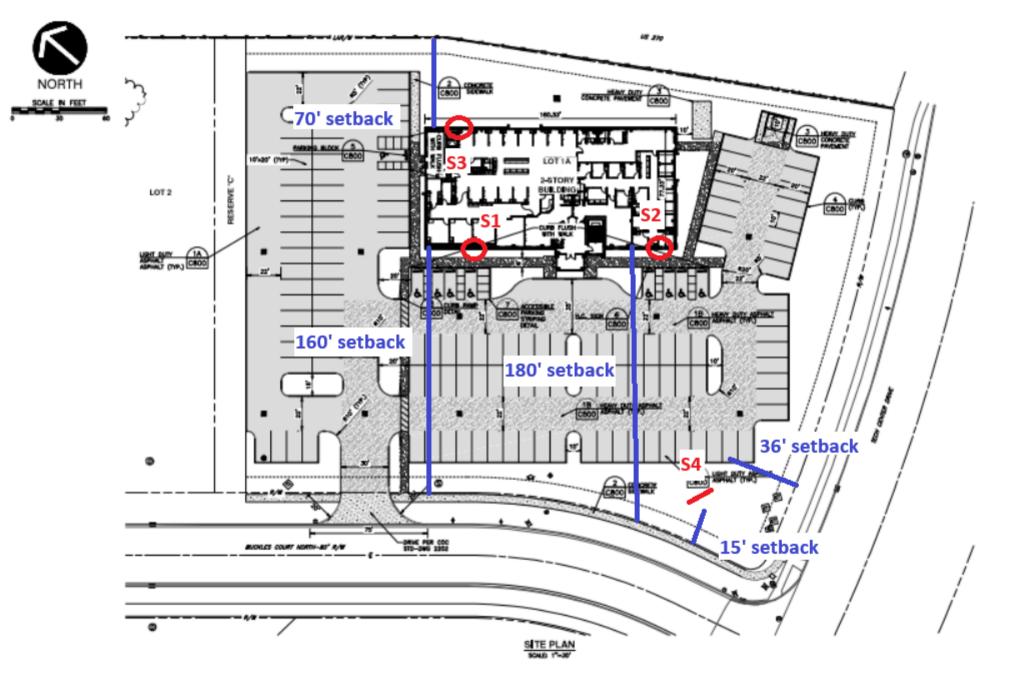
The subject property is uniquely situated on a larger commercial frontage or within a multitenant development, where visibility from the main roadway is limited due to building orientation, landscaping, or setbacks. The standard 50 square feet sign area is insufficient to ensure adequate visibility and identification for customers, especially when compared to neighboring businesses with larger or more prominent signage.

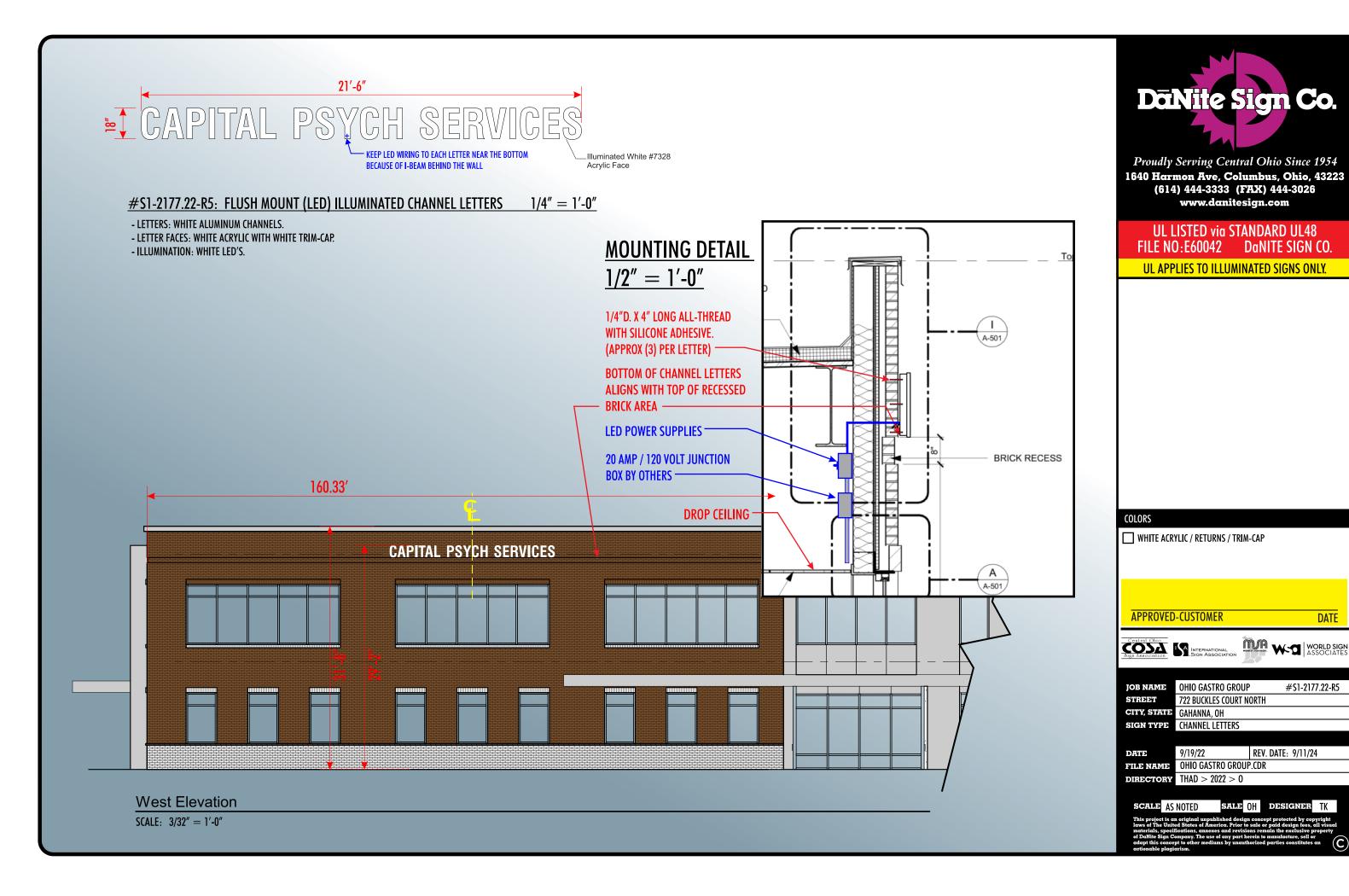
2. Necessity for Preservation and Enjoyment of Property Rights

The variance is essential to allow the business to effectively advertise and identify itself to the public, which is a fundamental aspect of operating a commercial enterprise. Without the variance, the business would be at a competitive disadvantage, unable to attract customers or communicate its presence clearly, thereby limiting the full and fair use of the property.

3. No Adverse Effect on Health or Safety

The proposed wall signs will comply with all structural, electrical, and placement regulations to ensure safety. They will not obstruct sight lines, interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or create visual clutter. The design will be professionally executed to maintain aesthetic harmony with surrounding properties and enhance the overall appearance of the area.





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PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Project Summary – Ohio Gastroenterology Signage

Meeting Date: October 8, 2025

Location: 722 Buckles Court North

Zoning: General Commercial (GC)

Application Type(s): Variance (V)

Staff Representative: Maddie Capka, Planner II

Recommendation: Staff has no objection to the application.

Location Map:



Staff Review

History

In October 2022, Planning Commission approved Final Development Plan, Design Review, and Variance applications to develop a medical office building on this site. The project included a two-story MOB building with space for two tenants. The variances were for setback, landscaping, and dumpster requirements. None of the variance were related to signage.

In February 2025, a permanent sign permit was approved for a 32 SF monument sign at this location that meets all code requirements. The sign is installed and located in the southwest corner of the site. This approval did not include any wall signage.

Overview

The applicant is requesting approval of a variance to install three wall signs on the existing MOB on the site. The site has two frontages, along Buckles Ct N and Tech Center Dr. Per the zoning code, a site is permitted one wall sign per street frontage. In this case, a maximum of two wall signs at 50 SF or less each is allowed.

The proposal includes 32.25 SF and 53 SF wall signs on the west elevation, facing Buckles Ct N and one 53 SF wall sign on the east elevation, facing I-270. This is one more sign than what code allows, and two of the three signs exceed the maximum of 50 SF. If the variance is approved, the total area of signage on-site will be 170.25 SF, which is far below the 400 SF total area allowed.

For multi-tenant buildings that require signage more than what code allows, property owners can either submit a Master Sign Plan or a Variance application. MSPs are typically preferred over variances, however, the building only has two tenant spaces, which is far less than other sites with MSPs.

Review Criteria

Variances (V)

The following variances have been requested:

- 1. Ch 1111.03 Permanent Sign Standards
 - a. The maximum area per wall sign is 50 SF.
 - b. Two of the proposed signs are 53 SF each.
- 2. Ch 1111.03 Permanent Sign Standards
 - a. One wall sign is permitted per street frontage.
 - b. Two wall signs are permitted on the site and three are proposed.

Before granting a variance, Planning Commission shall find that:

- The variance is not likely to result in substantial change to the essential character of the neighborhood;
- b) The variance is not likely to result in damage to adjoining properties;

- c) The variance is not likely to affect the delivery of governmental services (e.g., water, sewer, garbage);
- d) The variance is not likely to result in environmental impacts greater than what is typical for other lots in the neighborhood;
- e) The variance is necessary for the economical use of the property, and such economical use of the property is not easily achieved through some method other than a variance;
- f) The variance is not likely to undermine the objectives of the land use plan;
- g) Whether the variance is substantial and is the minimum necessary to make possible the reasonable use of land or structures; and,
- h) The practical difficulty could be eliminated by some other method, even if the solution is less convenient or more costly to achieve.

Recommendation

Staff has no objection to the variance application. Although MSPs are preferred for most multi-tenant buildings, there are only two tenant spaces in this building. The request is also minor since only one extra wall sign is requested, and two of the three signs exceed 50 SF by only three feet. The applicant states they need additional signage for increased visibility and identification.