



## Z-19-96 *Small Discount Variety Store*

### Overview

**What:** Legislation has been introduced imposing a distance limitation for small retail discount stores.

**Why:** Cities, nonprofit groups, and universities across the United States have evaluated the effects small retail stores have on economically depressed areas. There are a significant number of these small retail stores in the City of Atlanta (“City”) that conduct small retail sales of consumer goods at a discount price, but fail to offer fresh fruits and vegetables. A proliferation of these small retail stores are concentrated in economically depressed areas with scarce access to healthy and affordable food options. Communities in the City desire a greater diversity of retail shopping choices, including but not limited to conventional grocery stores.

**Section 1:** Amend Section 16-29.001 by adding a new definition entitled “Small Discount Variety Store” which read as follows:

(87) *Small Discount Variety Store:* A retail establishment with a floor area less than 12,000 sq. ft. that offers a variety of consumer products including household goods, personal care products, entertainment products, electronics, and other consumer products, including food or beverages for off-premise consumption, and that sells these consumer products at a discounted rate. However, this definition of small discount variety store does not include; (1) grocery stores which offer full food choices including fresh fruit and vegetables; (2) stores which includes a pharmacy and pharmacy means any place of business of a pharmacist; (3) convenience stores which also sell gasoline as part of a service station; (4) beauty supply stores; (5) art supply stores; (6) office supply stores; (7) small retail stores typically less than 5,000 sq. ft. which are housed inside office buildings; or (8) stores permitted under Atlanta City Code Sec. 16-08.004(7)(a).

**Section 2:** Amend zoning districts C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5, I-MIX, I-2, SPI-1, SPI-2, SPI-9, SPI-12, SPI-15, SPI-16, SPI-17, SPI-18, SPI-20, SPI-21, SPI-22, PD-MU, PD-OC, CABBAGETOWN LANDMARK DISTRICT, MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. LANDMARK DISTRICT, INMAN PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT, PRATT-PULLMAN LANDMARK DISTRICT, NC, LW, and MRC requiring a 1,500 foot distance requirement between small discount variety stores.

**When:** The Zoning Review Board (ZRB) is scheduled to hold a public hearing in November 7 or November 14, 2019.