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### Seminar 10

# Impacts of Innovations on Contemporary Grocery Store Leasing and Development

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#### I. Introduction

# II. History and Evolution of the Grocery Store

## A. Origins

- 1. Over-the-counter grocery produce market, butcher, dry goods/sundry stores, "general" stores (1800s-1915)
- 2. Technological Advancements Part I
  - a. Shopping Cart
  - b. Refrigeration
- 3. Self-service grocery Piggly-Wiggly (1916)
  - a. Shopping baskets
  - b. Open shelves
  - c. No clerks to retrieve items
- 4. Supermarket
  - a. King Kullen (1930) First "supermarket" (Queens, NY).
    - i. KK claims it was confirmed by Food Marketing Institute/Smithsonian.
    - ii. 5 characteristics of a supermarket: separate departments, self-service, discount pricing, chain marketing, and volume dealing
  - b. Uniform merchandise, layouts, and advertising
  - c. Addition of large parking lots.
- 5. Technological Advancements Part II
  - a. Automobile
  - b. Refrigerated Trucks
- 6. Multi-Department General Merchandisers
- 7. Experience-based supermarket
  - a. Hot/cold bar and prepared foods.
  - b. In-store sit-down dining.
  - c. In store bar service/brew-pub.
  - d. "Green"-Focused theme; organic/natural foods and local merchandise.
- Discount Grocers and Dollar Stores
- B. Contemporary Innovations
  - Mobile computing and app-based ordering.
  - 2. Delivery Services
    - a. Direct-Shipping.
    - b. Third party shopping services

- 3. Scan-and-go and touch-less checkout
- 4. Green technologies
- III. Contemporary Innovations and Impact on Leasing and Development
  - A. Height of COVID-19 Impacts
    - 1. Shopping Activity & Packaging and Health Concerns
    - 2. Construction of Centers and Stores
    - 3. Refocus on Mixed Use Developments
  - B. Environmental & Market Impacts Shaping Supermarket Anchors and their Venues
    - 1. Experiential vs. Click and Buy
      - a. Click and Buy Considerations
        - i. Curbside pickup
        - ii. Personal Shoppers
          - (a) Interior packaging/pickup area
          - (b) "Retail" use vs. shipping/receiving use
        - iii. Implementation of Technology
          - (a) Cameras
          - (b) License Plate Readers
          - (c) Checkout technology (auto-scan, cashier-less, app-based).
          - (d) Only cash-less checkout– conflict with local laws
      - b. Experiential Considerations
        - i. Activation of common areas
        - ii. Non-grocery in-store activities
        - iii. EV chargers
        - iv. Renewable energy sources solar, recycled waste
        - v. Green-motivated use restrictions
  - C. Grocery Stores as Attractive Anchor for Traditional and Non-Traditional Shopping Centers
    - 1. Urban Setting and Need for Parking Garage
      - a. Customer Use (2-hr parking)
      - b. Mixed Use Impact
      - c. Commuter Parking for Government Money/Incentives
      - d. Public Transportation and Public Space
    - 2. Staying Power of Life Style Shopping Center
    - 3. Grocery Anchor as a new Anchor for Malls
- IV. Hypotheticals
  - A. Urban Setting Full-On Mixed Use Development [Site Plan Discussion]
    - 1. Public Transportation
    - 2. Surface Parking and Structured Parking
    - 3. Construction Phasing and Impacts
    - 4. Retail below Residential and Office
      - a. Grocer Anchor
      - b. Junior Anchor (apparel)
      - c. Service Areas and Pads (Co-Generation)
      - d. Charging Stations
      - e. Valet
    - 5. Form of Ownership (Impact on Negotiation of Documentation):
      - a. Mixed: Commercial/Residential Condominium
      - b. Single Owner Leased & Institutionally Financed
      - c. Multi-Owner and Leased
        - i. Multi-Building-Tenant Developer
        - ii. End User Developer
        - iii. Typically Complimentary Co-Tenants
        - iv. Atypical Complimentary Co-Tenants

- 6. Key Touch Points
  - a. Restrictive Covenants (Protections and Carveouts) in Mixed Use Setting
  - b. Common Area Designations and Allocation of Cost
  - c. Delivery Dates & Force Majeure
  - d. Relationship Provisions
- B. New-Tech Grocer in an Existing Grocery-Anchored Shopping Center
  - 1. Impact of Click and Buy and Third-party Shoppers
    - a. Curbside pickup
    - b. "Retail" use vs. shipping/receiving use
  - 2. Impact of Technology on Use Restrictions
    - a. Impact of typical restrictions on new technology
    - b. Protections of new technology
    - c. Green-motivated use restrictions
  - 3. Sustainable Energy Initiatives
    - a. Renewable energy sources
    - b. Car Charging Stations
      - i. Which party pays the installation costs/which party pays ongoing costs?
      - ii. Which party bears liability?
      - iii. Developer controlled revenue and operation
      - iv. Shared with Anchor(s)
  - 4. Novel uses of technology.
    - a. Conflicts with REA
    - b. Properties outside of landlord's control.
    - c. Interference from other tenants or interference of other tenant operations.