



**AGENDA
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY/COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021
5:35 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Public Input: *Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

1. Roll Call

General Items

2. Meeting Minutes: February 17, 2021

New Business

3. Public Hearing: EBY Trailers Variance (E. Railroad St.)
4. Public Hearing: 801 E. Main Street Zone Change
5. Sign Review: Jimmy John's, SE 4th Street

Old Business

Other Items

6. Ongoing Projects

Announcements

7. Adjourn
8. Next Meeting: April 21, 2021

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DATES TO REMEMBER

File Attachments for Item:

2. Meeting Minutes: February 17, 2021



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
CITY/COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021
5:35 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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1. Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 5:35PM

Evan Bruce
Roger Giese
Jon Klasna
Gavin Williams
Dan Koch
Judy Goldsby

General Items

2. Approve Meeting Minutes: January 20, 2021

Dan Motioned to approve the minutes from January 20, 2021
Evan Seconded.
Motion Carried.

3. Public Hearing: Variance Request for 503 Fir Ave

Nick provided the staff report and findings for the Variance request for 503 Fir Ave/1313 E. Main Street.

The Chair called for Proponents.

Zene Johnson – 1908 9th Street West, Billings, 59102. Sister of former owner (passed). Patti (prior owner) previously had wanted to split the lot and spoke with the Planning Department about this item years ago. Brian, Patti's son who inherited the property and his wife have two special needs children. Brian has to spend a lot of time with the children would like to split the lot because he does not want to be a landlord and manage a rental property. The parcel would then be put into the hands of someone able to take care of it. This would allow an owner who is somebody who could appreciate it.

Judy: The owner lives at the 1313 E. Main house?

- Yes he does.

The Chair called for Proponents.
The Chair called for Proponents.

The Chair Called for Opponents.

The Planning Director provided emails from two nearby property owners who object to the variance due to worries about a commercial dog kennel being established on the new lot. The Planning Director explained that these concerns are valid but any commercial kennel would need to go through the Special Review process at Planning Board and Council and would face questioning on its impacts to the neighborhood.

The Chair Called for Opponents.

The Chair Called for Opponents.

Mike, the son of applicant Zene Johnson owns the dogs in question. He plans to move the dogs off premises once the variance request is approved. They have gone through permitting the dogs at the 503 Fir Ave house for now. Mike and his wife are temporarily living at the 503 Fir Ave home in order to remodel the house. Will move out once the variance takes place and the house is rehabilitated. Mike and his wife and dogs will be moving out ASAP.

Evan: Parking for both residences?

There is a garage attached to the 1313 E. Main St. home. Curb cut exists for 503 Fir Ave.

Dan: Would the second lot be buildable?

It already has an existing home that is being renovated.

Judy provided background as to the 503 Fir Ave house that was previously used as a glass shop.

Gavin Motioned to approve the variance with the conditions presented by the Planning Director and additional motion noted on the attached staff report.

Dan Seconded.

Motion Carried.

The Chair closed the Public Hearing.

4. Public Hearing: Zone Change Request for Lots within the Iron Horse Station Subdivision

Nick provided the summary of the situation for Planning Board. Nick provided answers to questions about access and density changes, details about the change.

Jon: What will the parking situation be like?

Most likely will be on-lot, similar to the duplexes.

Members discussed access needs for the abandonment of Short Line Drive. Discussion of the adjacent right of way.

The Chair called for Proponents.

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The Chair called for Opponents.

Wilton Olson. Concerned about the density of the new houses as well as the closed nature of the agreement between the developer. Questioned the Planning Director's statement of agreeing with more density within the subdivision and that area of the city.

The Chair called for Opponents.
The Chair called for Opponents.

Gavin motioned to approve the Zone Change for Iron Horse Station Subdivision as presented.
Jon Seconded.
Motion Carried.

New Business

5. Sign Review: Sunlight Properties

Members reviewed the design for the Sunlight Properties sign. Nick provided a color image version of the black and white image provided in the packet.

Gavin motioned to approve the Sunlight Properties sign as designed and presented.
Evan Seconded.
Motion Carried.

Old Business

Other Items

6. Ongoing Projects

Nick provided some details on ongoing projects within Laurel and its Planning and Zoning jurisdiction.

- Cherry Hills 3rd Filing
- Goldberg Sporting Estates
- Dyer PUD – 8th Street
- 8th Avenue
- Burger King Lot
- Zoning Code Update
- Zoning Jurisdiction Expansion

Evan suggested that a new zoning code update include language banning certain refrigerants in new construction.

Dan Wells – Regal Community Park?
No updates on the situation yet.
Nick will follow-up with Dan Wells

Announcements

7. Adjourn Meeting

The Chair adjourned the Meeting at 6:43PM.

8. Next Meeting: March 17, 2021

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3. Public Hearing: EBY Trailers Variance (E. Railroad St.)



LAUREL CITY-COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

STAFF REPORT

TO: Laurel City-County Planning Board
FROM: Nicholas Altonaga, Planning Director
RE: EBY Trailers – East Railroad Street Variance Request
DATE: March 12, 2021

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

A Variance Request Application was submitted by EEC Engineering for the property owner of ENTERTAINMENT PARK SUBD, S15, T02 S, R24 E, BLOCK 1, Lot 1B, AMD BLK 1 LT 1 (17), located on East Railroad Street in Laurel. Five (5) variances are being applied for to LMC Chapter 17.26 – Community Entryway Zoning District and Chapter 17.27 – SE 4th Street Overlay District. The affected property is currently not assigned an address. The parcel is zoned Highway Commercial and is within the Community Entryway Zoning District and SE 4th Street Overlay District. The applicant is requesting variances to disregard the bufferyard requirement, sight-obscuring fence requirement, and building design standards. The applicant is requesting four variances to LMC 17.26 – Community Entryway Zoning District including:

- a. 17.26.052 Development Standards Part B: Building Design Standards, Part 1,
- b. 17.26.052 Development Standards Part C: Additional Provisions for Commercial Uses,
- c. 17.26.054 Landscaping Standards part B.1: Bufferyard Requirements.
- d. 17.27.060 Building Design Requirements Part A
- e. 17.27.070 Site Design Requirements Part C.

Owner: TNL Big Sky LLC
Legal Description: ENTERTAINMENT PARK SUBD, S15, T02 S, R24 E, BLOCK 1, Lot 1B, AMD BLK 1 LT 1 (17)
Address: E. Railroad St.
Parcel Size: 3.2 Acres
Existing Land Use: Vacant Field
Proposed Variance: Design standards and landscaping standards within the Community Entryway Zoning District and SE 4th Street Overlay District.
Existing Zoning: Highway Commercial, Community Entryway Zoning District, SE 4th Street Overlay District

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- A pre-application meeting was held in December 2021 with the Planning Director, Building Official, and Public Works Director with staff from EEC Engineering, the representatives of the owner/developer.
- The Variance Application was submitted on January 29, 2021.
- The Variance Application fee was submitted on January 29, 2021.
- A Public Hearing is scheduled at the Planning Board / Zoning Commission meeting on March 17, 2021 to receive public comment and approve, approve with conditions, or deny the variance requests.
- A Public Hearing is scheduled at the City Council meeting on April 13, 2021 to receive public comment and approve, approve with conditions, or deny the variance requests.

STAFF FINDINGS

1. The variance application packet is attached and contains the application form, application cover sheet, detailed justification letter, fee receipt, a site plan, building design plans, and the public notice.
2. LMC 17.26.052 Part B states:
 1. All buildings shall be completed on all sides with one of the following finishing material: brick, fluted block, colored textured block, glass, stucco, architectural concealed fastener metal panels, exterior insulation and finishing systems (i.e., Dryvit, etc.), stone or wood. Exposed seam metal buildings shall be prohibited unless covered with an acceptable finishing material.
3. LMC 17.26.052 Part C. Additional Provisions for Commercial Uses states:
 1. Storage of Merchandise. Any permitted storage of merchandise outside an approved building shall be within an area enclosed with a sight obscuring fence at least six feet in height that is architecturally compatible in color and design with the building. However, promotional displays, vehicle sales lots and plant materials may be displayed outside of an approved building or enclosed area so long as they are placed appurtenant to a building wherein the business displays the bulk of its goods for sale. In addition, retail nurseries shall be exempt from the enclosure of plant materials, and displayed merchandise shall not include any used equipment. Bufferyards or required landscaping shall not be used for the displaying of merchandise.
2. LMC 17.26.054 Part B. Landscaping Standards states:
 1. Bufferyard Requirements. All commercial/Industrial land uses are required to place a bufferyard (landscaping strip) adjacent to and along the length of I-90, First Avenue North, or First Avenue South on which the use fronts. Such landscaping buffer shall extend from the edge of the public right-of-way. Placement and landscaping design shall be at the discretion of the developer, and the required trees and shrubs may be clustered to enhance the view of the property from the public right-of-way as long as such uses conform with Section 17.26.052(C) of this code. A local design professional or local nursery must be consulted for assistance with the development of the landscape design. The use of native, drought-tolerant plant material is strongly encouraged. Evergreen trees are encouraged for bufferyards, and canopy trees are encouraged for parking areas. The

planting of trees should be done in such a manner as to provide maximum solar efficiency throughout the site.

- a. The developer shall have the option of one of the following three bufferyards. Bufferyard depth is measured from the property line adjacent to the public right-of-way inward. Any buffer area which overlaps another buffer area shall be subtracted from the total to avoid double counting. The number of trees and shrubs required is per one hundred feet of frontage:
 - (1) Twenty-five foot wide bufferyard: five Canopy or evergreen trees, ten Shrubs
 - (2) Twenty foot wide bufferyard: ten Canopy or evergreen trees, fifteen Shrubs
 - (3) Fifteen foot wide bufferyard: fifteen Canopy or evergreen trees, twenty Shrubs
4. LMC 17.27.060 – Building Design Standards, Part A:
 - A. Exterior materials shall be sufficiently durable to ensure stability, maintainability, and long life. The materials to achieve a rustic western appearance are required. Buildings shall be finished with a minimum 40 percent half log and/or rock accents on the front façade.
5. LMC 17.27.070 – Site Design Requirements, Section C, which states:
 - a. Landscape islands are required at the terminal ends of all parking rows.
6. The applicant and staff discussed 17.26.052.B.1 and the significant design and building costs and opportunity costs to future business operations if the Community Entryway Zoning District codes are fully enforced as compared to similar businesses that currently exist within the same districts. The proposed design incorporates frontage and façade details and changes in materials and textures to keep with a rustic western aesthetic.
7. 17.26.052.C.1 requires a sight obscuring fence for businesses storing merchandise outside of an approved building. The applicant states that the facility will utilize a secure black 6' chain link fence in order to secure the site, as well as ensure full visibility of products for the travelling public.
8. In regard to 17.26.054.B.1, there currently exists a sanitary sewer utility line running along the southern boundary of the property which would present serious future maintenance issues and conflicts with established City of Laurel Public Works standards if a bufferyard was constructed as per code.
9. The Applicant is proposing architectural wood panels with concealed fasteners and exposed Douglas Fir Heavy Timbers as an alternative to the direct log accent requirement as stated in 17.27.060.A. It is stated that this meets the spirit, intent, and purpose of the code, and it would not affect or injure or result in injustice to others.
10. The Applicant is seeking a variance to 17.27.070.C. solely for the parking rows designated for employees. This is a targeted variance solely on areas not accessible to the public, and not visible to the general public accessing the site. This variance has been applied to in order to not limit the potential for frequent maintenance issues and allow flexibility on-site for removing and/or relocating display trailers and equipment from the showroom and storage yard.
11. The Highway Commercial District was established to cater to the tourist, traveler, recreationist, and general traveling public. Requirements to block highway-focused businesses from marketing merchandise goes against the stated goal of the district.

PLANNING BOARD AND GOVERNING BODY REVIEW CRITERIA

The Zoning Commission shall review and make determinations on variances through Laurel Municipal Code (LMC) Chapter 17.60.020:

- A. It shall be the duty of the zoning commission to authorize, upon appeal in specific cases, such land use variances from the terms of the zoning ordinances as will not be contrary to the public interest, where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinances or regulations will result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinances shall be observed and substantial justice done. The zoning commission shall, after a public hearing, make a recommendation to the mayor and council concerning the land use variance application.
- B. The zoning commission shall not recommend that land use variances be granted:
 - 1. Unless the denial would constitute an unnecessary and unjust invasion of the right of property;
 - 2. Unless the grant relates to a condition or situation special and peculiar to the applicant;
 - 3. Unless the basis is something more than a mere financial loss to the owner;
 - 4. Unless the hardship was created by someone other than the owner;
 - 5. Unless the variance would be within the spirit, intent, purpose and general plan of this title;
 - 6. Unless the variance would not affect adversely or injure or result in injustice to others; and
- A. Ordinarily unless the applicant owned the property prior to the enactment of this title or amendment.

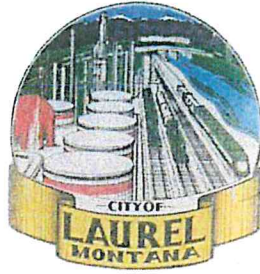
RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning Director recommends that the Planning Board approve. The Planning Director has prepared drafted conditions of approval that are presented below:

- 1. The proposed pipe rail fencing and existing barbed wire fencing must be securely affixed and/or anchored to the ground.
- 2. The proposed pipe rail fencing must not become an eye sore by way of lack of maintenance and/or repair.
- 3. Ensure dust and gravel control measures are in place to keep road debris off of Public right of way.
- 4. Lot and landscaping must be kept free of weeds as per the City of Laurel Weed Management Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Variance Application Form
- 2. Variance Justification Letter
- 3. Overhead Map with 300ft buffer
- 4. Site Elevations, Design, and Concept Images
- 5. List of Adjacent Property Owners within 300ft.
- 6. LMC 17.60 – Zoning Commission
- 7. LMC 17.26 – Community Entryway Zoning District
- 8. LMC 17.27 – SE 4th Street Overlay District



INSTRUCTIONS

CITY-COUNTY PLANNING VARIANCE REQUEST

These application instructions cover appeals from decisions of the Planning Department (and sometimes other officials) and for requests for variances concerning setbacks, structures, heights, lot coverage, etc.

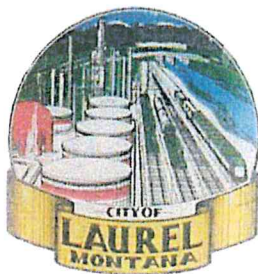
This application form is supplied by the City and must be returned to the City.

The following is a list of information required for submittal to be considered complete.

1. It is mandatory that you meet with the City Planner prior to applying. The City Planner will provide you with a map of the property owners within 300' that you must have certified by a title company.
2. Provide a plot plan drawn to scale on paper not larger than 11"x17" which includes all existing and proposed structures and proposed variance measurements.
3. A set of three mailing labels for each surrounding property owner within the 300 feet.
4. A detailed justification referring to the Laurel Municipal Code Chapter 17.60.020.
5. Application, with fee (\$550 for residential; \$1,100 for commercial), must be made on or before the first day of the month prior to the month it will appear before the Laurel City-County Planning Board.

The public hearing before the City-County Planning Board is held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:35PM. in the City Council Chambers at 115 W. 1st Street, Laurel. **Applicant or Applicant Representative must be present at the meeting.**

The Laurel City-County Planning Board makes a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will review the application at Council Workshop and then make a decision on the Council agenda.



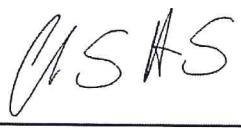
Laurel Variance Request Application

This application covers appeals from decisions of the Planning Department (and sometimes other officials) and for requests for variances concerning setbacks, structures, heights, lot coverage, etc.

The undersigned owner or agent of the owner of the following described property requests a variance to the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Laurel as outlined by the laws of the State of Montana.

1. Name of property owner: TNL Big Sky, LLC
2. Name of Applicant if different from above: Chuck Henrichs - EEC Inc.
3. Phone number of Applicant: 406.839.9151
4. Street address and general location: Entrainment Park Sub. Block 1, Lot 1B
E. Railroad St., Laurel, MT 59044
5. Legal description of the property: Entrainment Park Sub., S15, T02 S, R24 E, Block 1, Lot 1B,
AMD BLK1 LT1 (17)
6. Current Zoning: Highway Commercial (HC), Entryway Zoning Districts (EZD)
7. Provide a copy of covenants or deed restrictions on property.

I understand that the filing fee accompanying this application is not refundable, that it pays part of the cost of process, and that the fee does not constitute a payment for a variance. I also understand I or my agent must appear at the hearing of this request before the Planning Board and all of the information presented by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: 

Date of Submittal: 01/28/21

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Laurel City-County Planning Board
115 W. First Street
Laurel, MT 59044

RE: City-County Planning Variance Request: Items #1-5

To whom it may concern,

Enclosed you will find completed, all the information required for our submittal to be considered for review and recommendation by the Laurel City-County Planning Board.

1. We met with the City Planner on 12/16/2020, to discuss this project/variance and provided a map of property owners within 300 feet of the property, see attached.
2. See attached 11x17 (Half-Scale) drawings, which includes all existing and proposed structures and proposed variance measurements. 9 sheets: C101, A.1, A.2, A.3, A.4, and four concept renderings (A.5-A.8).
3. See the provided set of three mailing labels for each surrounding property owner within the 300 feet.
4. With the following five proposed variance measures, we provide a detailed justification referring to the Laurel Municipal Code Chapter 17.60.020.

- A.** Reference Section 17.26.052 Development Standards – B. Building Design Standards which states *“All buildings shall be completed on all sides with one of the following finishing materials: ...architectural concealed fastener metal panels.”*

The material under review for this variance request is an exposed fastener vertical metal panel siding, see attached Exterior Elevations and Material Board sheets (A.2-A.4) for full scope. We are proposing the architectural concealed fastener metal panels around the public frontage/entrance section as detailed, which meet the requirements set for under the Building Design Standards. However, at the shop we are proposing an exposed fastener vertical metal panel siding that does not meet the “concealed fastener” standard, a situation very similar to the two neighboring facilities recently completed. The change in materials/texture allows the design to create a sense of hierarchy that helps to define the entrance with more detail and direct visitors. This design approach does in our view meet the spirit or intent of the standard set forth. Based on the Laurel Municipal Code Chapter 17.60.020 #5, we believe the requested variance “would be within the spirit, intent, purpose and general plan of this title” and #6 the requested variance “would not affect adversely or injure or result in injustice to others.”

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- B. Reference Section 17.26.054 Landscaping Standards – B. Landscaping Standards which states “1. *Bufferyard Requirements. All commercial/Industrial land uses are required to place a bufferyard (landscaping strip) adjacent to and along the length of I-90...*” Furthermore, it states “...*The number of trees and shrubs required per one hundred feet of frontage: (2) Twenty foot wide bufferyard: ten Canopy or evergreen trees, fifteen Shrubs...*”

The material under review for this variance request item is a proposed 20’-0” Bufferyard that meets the landscaping standard, however, does not provide the required 10 trees or fifteen shrubs per one hundred feet of frontage, see attached Site Plan sheet C101 for full scope. We have taken this direction after meeting with the City on a few recent projects, with the realization that there is an existing Sanitary Sewer line that runs directly under the bufferyard, the full extent of frontage on this property. It was clear that the City was not in favor of putting trees nor shrubs directly above this existing line, under any circumstance. We feel the same, it would be a design flaw and future maintenance issue. Please note, we do not intend to utilize this bufferyard area in any way for our stormwater detention. Based on the Laurel Municipal Code Chapter 17.60.020, we believe the requested variance meets requirement #2 “Unless the grant relates to a condition or situation special and peculiar to the applicant,” the existing location of the Sanitary Sewer line running directly under the bufferyard creates that special situation/condition.

- C. Reference Section 17.26.052 Development Standards – B. Additional Provisions for Commercial Uses, which states “1. *Storage of Merchandise. Any permitted storage of merchandise outside an approved building shall be within an area enclosed with a sight obscuring fence at least six feet in height that is architecturally compatible in color and design with the building. However, promotional displays, vehicle sales lots and plant materials may be displayed outside of an approved building or enclosed area so long as they are placed appurtenant to a building wherein the business displays the bulk of its goods for sale. In addition, retail nurseries shall be exempt from the enclosure of plant materials, and displayed merchandise shall not include any used equipment. Bufferyards or required landscaping shall not be used for the displaying of merchandise.*”

The material under review for this variance request item is leaving in place the existing barbwire fence running along the interstate and providing a new black 6’ chain-link fencing, in replace of a site obstruction fence (see attached Site Plan sheet C101 for full scope). M.H. Eby is a leading provider of Trailers, Parts, and Service in Montana and offers a large selection of horse, livestock, flatbed, and bulk commodity trailers, along with truck bodies, associated parts, and more. It is key for the public to have full visibility to M.H. Eby’s merchandise available for sale and their service facility. The intent of the proposal is that all sale merchandise for display along interstate I-90 will be outside an approved building and enclosed in the yard area appurtenant to the building. With the proposed existing fencing and new black 6’ chain-link fencing, merchandise for sale would be secure and still have the visibility to the public that the sight obscuring fence would not allow. Additionally, the new black 6’ chain-link fencing would keep within the aesthetic of the surrounding properties recently completed. Based on the Laurel Municipal Code Chapter 17.60.020, we believe the

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requested variance meets requirement #2 "Unless the grant relates to a condition or situation special and peculiar to the applicant;" and requirement #3 "Unless the basis is something more than a mere financial loss to the owner." The 6' sight obscuring fence creates the inability to display merchandise for sale which is a special situation/condition to a trailer supply/service company and would easily create a basis for more than a mere financial loss.

- D. Reference Section 17.27.060 - Building Design Requirements, Section A which states *"Exterior materials shall be sufficiently durable to ensure stability, maintainability, and long life. The materials to achieve a rustic western appearance are required. Buildings shall be finished with a minimum 40 percent half log and/or rock accents on the front façade."*

The material under review for this variance request is the requirement to finish the front façade with a minimum 40 percent half log and/or rock accents, see attached Exterior Elevations and Material Board sheets (A.2-A.4) for full scope. We are proposing a horizontal architectural concealed fastener metal panel around the top of public frontage/entrance section, with a change in color/panel direction at the more pedestrian level as detailed. Specifically, around the main public entrance, great care was taken in further emphasizing the rustic western aesthetic by utilizing architectural wood panels with concealed fasteners and exposed Douglas Fir Heavy Timbers. We believe this approach would meet the requirements set forth under the Building Design Requirements and achieves its intent by providing a rustic western appearance without the need to add rock accents on the front façade. Our design strategy with this facility is to keep with this rustic western aesthetic throughout the facade, while utilizing the change in color/texture to allow the design to create a sense of hierarchy that helps to define the entrance with more detail and direct visitors. This design approach does in our view meet the spirit or intent of the standard set forth. Based on the Laurel Municipal Code Chapter 17.60.020 #5, we believe the requested variance "would be within the spirit, intent, purpose and general plan of this title" and #6 the requested variance "would not affect adversely or injure or result in injustice to others."

- E. Reference Section 17.27.070 – Site Design Requirements, Section C which states *"Landscape islands are required at the terminal ends of all parking rows."*

The material under review for this variance request item is the proposed concrete surfaced employee parking stalls on the North and South side of the building and not providing a landscape island at the terminal ends of each parking rows. This Variance is limited only to these 2 employee parking areas, which are on the interior of the proposed new fence line and would not be accessible to the public, see attached Site Plan sheet C101 for full scope. The intent of both parking rows is to be employee only and it should be noted, the terminal ends on the public accessible/facing side (east), we are providing landscape islands as required. At both employee parking sections, each is to be hard surfacing (concrete) and laid out in a similar manner to the recent facilities in the area. The Design Intent with not providing these "interior/employee" landscape islands are to limit the potential for frequent maintenance issues and allows for some flexibility when adding or removing display trailers/equipment from the showroom and yard. The proposed design for the public

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facing/public accessible parking stalls and related site landscape islands is above and beyond the required/standards set in the site design requirements. For example, we are providing 2,778 S.F. of parking landscaping, while only 480 S.F. of parking landscaping is required. This overall design approach does in our view meets the spirit or intent of the standard set forth and pursuant with precedent set with similar recently completed projects. Based on the Laurel Municipal Code Chapter 17.60.020 #5, we believe the requested variance "would be within the spirit, intent, purpose and general plan of this title" and #6 the requested variance "would not affect adversely or injure or result in injustice to others."

5. See attached completed Laurel Variance Request Application and associated fee of \$1,100 for a commercial property.

Sincerely,



Chuck Henrichs, P.E.
Vice President of Engineering, EEC, Inc.
Owners Representative



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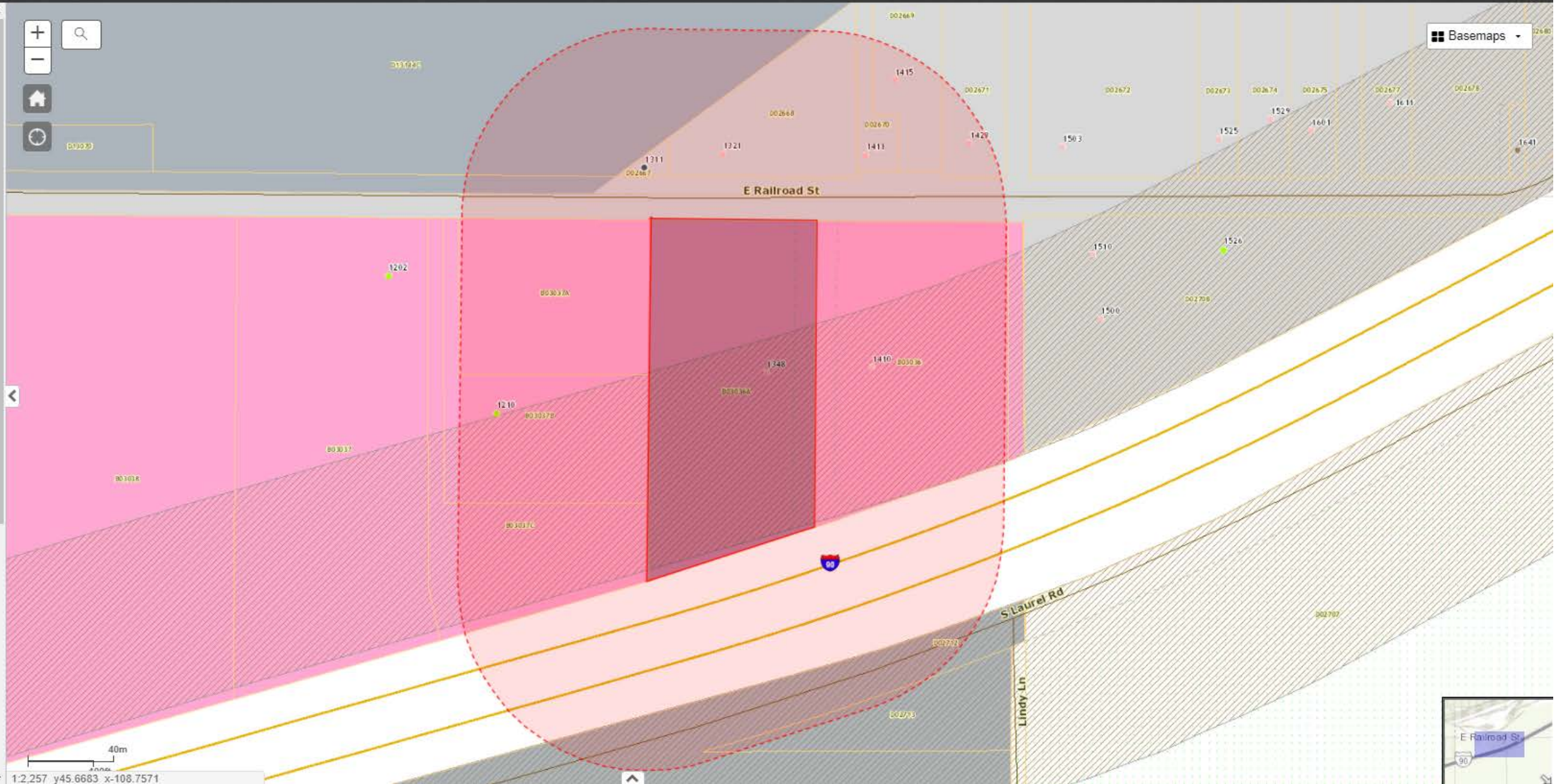
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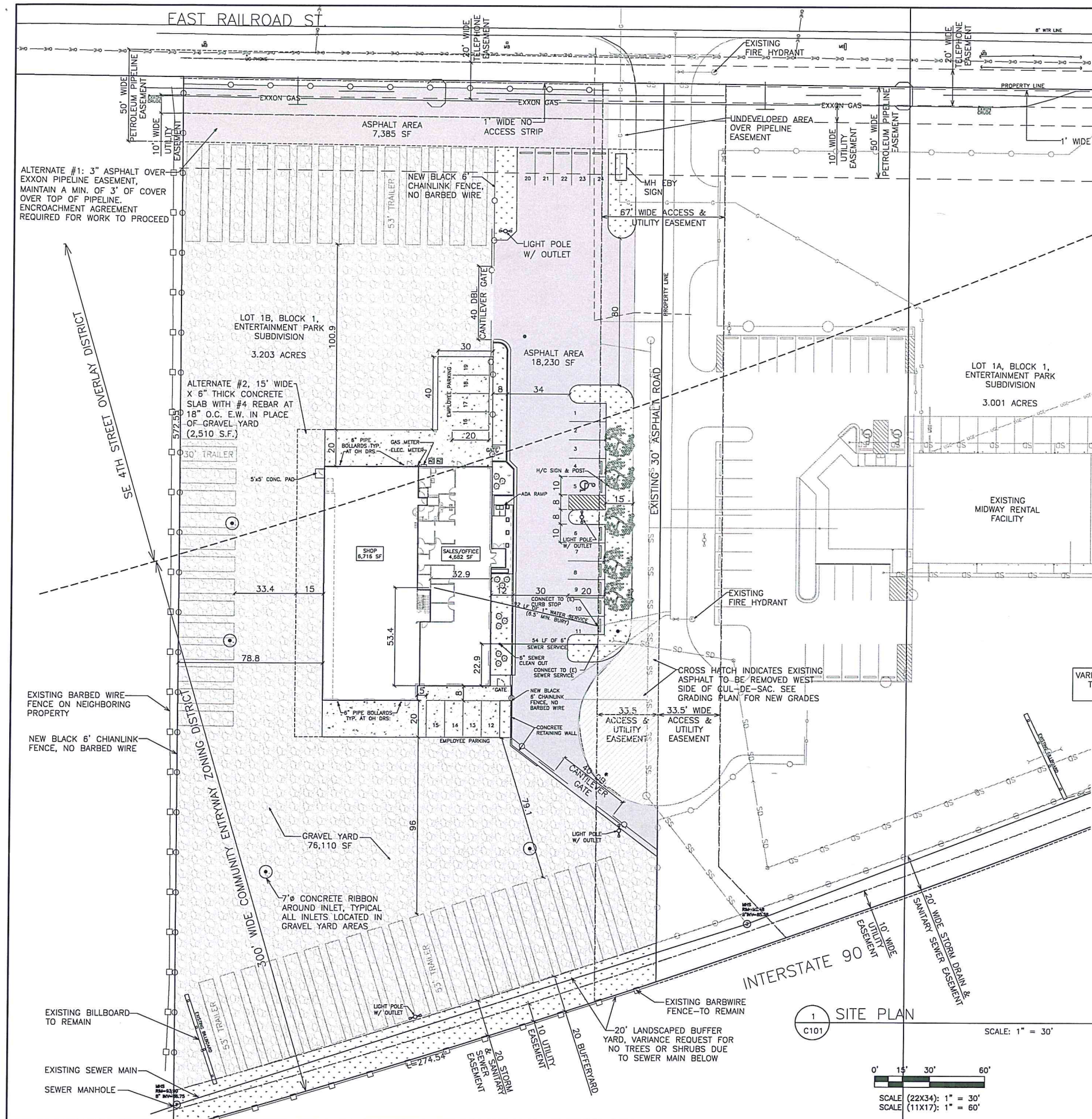
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Basemaps





GENERAL NOTES:

1. NO SIGNAGE WITH THIS PACKAGE; A SEPARATE SIGN PERMIT WITH BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW.

LEGEND:

	LANDSCAPED AREA (SEE L101)		TREE (2.5 MIN. CALIPER)
	CONCRETE		SHRUB
	ASPHALT		NEW FENCE
	GRAVEL		

ZONING: HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (HC), ENTRYWAY ZONING DISTRICTS (EZD)
OFFICE / SALES AREA: 4,682
WAREHOUSE AREA: 6,716
TOTAL BUILDING FOOT PRINT: 11,398 S.F.

LOT AREA: 139,523 S.F. (3.203 ACRES)
SETBACKS: FRONT: 20'
SIDE: 0'
REAR: 0'

MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE = 75%
ACTUAL LOT COVERAGE = 8.2%
ALLOWABLE HEIGHT = 45'
ACTUAL HEIGHT = 32'
LANDSCAPE REQUIRED(8%) 139,523-11,398(.08) = 10,250 S.F.
LANDSCAPE PROVIDED = 10,926 S.F.

PARKING:

HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL:
1. 17.40,090 (J) 1 SPACE FOR EA. 200 S.F. OF FLOOR ON GROUND
FLOOR PLUS ON SPACE FOR EA. 400 S.F. FO FLOOR AREA IN
BASEMENT OR ANY STORY ABOVE THE GROUND FLOOR

OFFICE & SALES AREA 4,682 SF /200 = 24
PARKING REQUIRED = 24 SPACES
HANDICAP PARKING: 1 PER 1-25 SPACES
PARKING PROVIDED = 24 SPACES

LANDSCAPE:

ENTRYWAY ZONING DISTRICT-PARKING LOT CONTAINING > 10 SPACES:
• 20 S.F. OF LANDSCAPED AREA SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH
PARKING SPACE ON PARKING LOTS CONTAINING MORE THAN TEN SPACES.
• REQUIRED PARKING LANDSCAPE: 20X24=480 S.F.
• PROVIDED PARKING LANDSCAPE: 2,778 S.F.

• 2 TREES AND 5 SHRUBS SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR EVERY TEN
PARKING SPACES OR COMPONENT THERE OF OVER TEN PARKING SPACES
• REQUIRES TREES = 5
• REQUIRED SHRUBS = 12

• NO MORE THAN 25% OF LANDSCAPING AREA SHALL CONTAIN ROCK,
BARK CHIPS, STEPPING STONES, OR SIMILAR MATERIALS
• MINIMUM WIDTH AND OR LENGTH OF ANY PARKING LOT LANDSCAPE
AREA SHALL BE FIVE FEET.

BUFFERYARD:

ENTRYWAY ZONING DISTRICT:

• TWENTY FOOT WIDE BUFFERYARD: TEN CANOPY OR EVERGREEN
TREES, FIFTEEN SHRUBS PER 100' OF FRONTAGE
• TREES: 2.75 X 10 = 28 TREES
• SHRUBS: 2.75 X 15 = 42 SHRUBS

ZONING VARIANCE REQUEST NOTES:

- A. REFERENCE SECTION 17.26.052 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS - B. BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS
THE MATERIAL UNDER REVIEW FOR THIS VARIANCE REQUEST IS AN EXPOSED FASTENER VERTICAL METAL
PANEL SIDING, SEE ATTACHED EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS AND MATERIAL BOARD SHEETS (A.2-A.4) AND DETAIL
JUSTIFICATION FOR FULL SCOPE.
- B. REFERENCE SECTION 17.26.054 LANDSCAPING STANDARDS - B. LANDSCAPING STANDARDS
THE MATERIAL UNDER REVIEW FOR THIS VARIANCE REQUEST ITEM IS A PROPOSED 20'-0" BUFFERYARD THAT
MEETS THE LANDSCAPING STANDARD, HOWEVER, DOES NOT PROVIDE THE REQUIRED 10 TREES OR FIFTEEN
SHRUBS PER ONE HUNDRED FEET OF FRONTAGE, SEE SITE PLAN SHEET C101 AND DETAIL JUSTIFICATION FOR
FULL SCOPE. WE HAVE TAKEN THIS DIRECTION AFTER MEETING WITH THE CITY ON A FEW RECENT PROJECTS,
WITH THE REALIZATION THAT THERE IS AN EXISTING SANITARY SEWER LINE THAT RUNS DIRECTLY UNDER THE
BUFFERYARD, THE FULL EXTENT OF FRONTAGE ON THIS PROPERTY. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE CITY WAS NOT
IN FAVOR OF PUTTING TREES NOR SHRUBS DIRECTLY ABOVE THIS EXISTING LINE, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.
- C. REFERENCE SECTION 17.26.052 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION B
THE MATERIAL UNDER REVIEW FOR THIS VARIANCE REQUEST ITEM IS LEAVING IN PLACE THE EXISTING
BARBWARE FENCE RUNNING ALONG THE INTERSTATE AND PROVIDING A NEW BLACK 6" CHAIN-LINK FENCING, IN
REPLACE OF A SITE OBSTRUCTION FENCE (SEE SITE PLAN SHEET C101 AND DETAIL JUSTIFICATION FOR FULL
SCOPE). IT IS KEY FOR THE PUBLIC TO HAVE FULL VISIBILITY TO M.H. EBY'S MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE FOR
SALE AND NEW SERVICE FACILITY. THE INTENT OF THE PROPOSAL IS THAT ALL SALE MERCHANDISE FOR
DISPLAY ALONG INTERSTATE I-90 WILL BE OUTSIDE AN APPROVED BUILDING AND ENCLOSED IN THE YARD
AREA APPURTENANT TO THE BUILDING. WITH THE PROPOSED EXISTING FENCING AND NEW BLACK 6"
CHAIN-LINK FENCING, MERCHANDISE FOR SALE WOULD BE SECURE AND STILL HAVE THE VISIBILITY TO THE
PUBLIC THAT THE SIGHT OBSCURING FENCE WOULD NOT ALLOW.
- D. REFERENCE SECTION 17.27.060 - BUILDING DESIGN REQUIREMENTS, SECTION A
THE MATERIAL UNDER REVIEW FOR THIS VARIANCE REQUEST IS THE REQUIREMENT TO FINISH THE FRONT
FACADE WITH A MINIMUM 40 PERCENT HALF LOG AND/OR ROCK ACCENTS, SEE ATTACHED EXTERIOR
ELEVATIONS AND MATERIAL BOARD SHEETS (A.2-A.4) AND DETAIL JUSTIFICATION FOR FULL SCOPE. WE ARE
PROPOSING A HORIZONTAL ARCHITECTURAL CONCEALED FASTENER METAL PANEL AROUND THE TOP OF PUBLIC
FRONTAGE/ENTRANCE SECTION, WITH A CHANGE IN COLOR/PANEL DIRECTION AT THE MORE PEDESTRIAN LEVEL
AS DETAILED. SPECIFICALLY, AROUND THE MAIN PUBLIC ENTRANCE, GREAT CARE WAS TAKEN IN FURTHER
EMPHASIZING THE RUSTIC WESTERN AESTHETIC BY UTILIZING ARCHITECTURAL WOOD PANELS WITH CONCEALED
FASTENERS AND EXPOSED DOUGLAS FIR HEAVY TIMBERS.
- E. REFERENCE SECTION 17.27.070 - SITE DESIGN REQUIREMENTS, SECTION C
THE MATERIAL UNDER REVIEW FOR THIS VARIANCE REQUEST ITEM IS THE PROPOSED CONCRETE SURFACED
EMPLOYEE PARKING STALLS ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING AND NOT PROVIDING A
LANDSCAPE ISLAND AT THE TERMINAL ENDS OF EACH PARKING ROWS. THIS VARIANCE IS LIMITED ONLY TO
THESE 2 EMPLOYEE PARKING AREAS, WHICH ARE ON THE INTERIOR OF THE PROPOSED NEW FENCE LINE AND
WOULD NOT BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, SEE SITE PLAN SHEET C101 AND DETAIL JUSTIFICATION FOR
FULL SCOPE. THE INTENT OF BOTH PARKING ROWS IS TO BE EMPLOYEE ONLY AND IT SHOULD BE NOTED,
THE TERMINAL ENDS ON THE PUBLIC ACCESSIBLE/FACING SIDE (EAST) WE ARE PROVIDING LANDSCAPE
ISLANDS AS REQUIRED. AT BOTH EMPLOYEE PARKING SECTIONS, EACH IS TO BE HARD SURFACING
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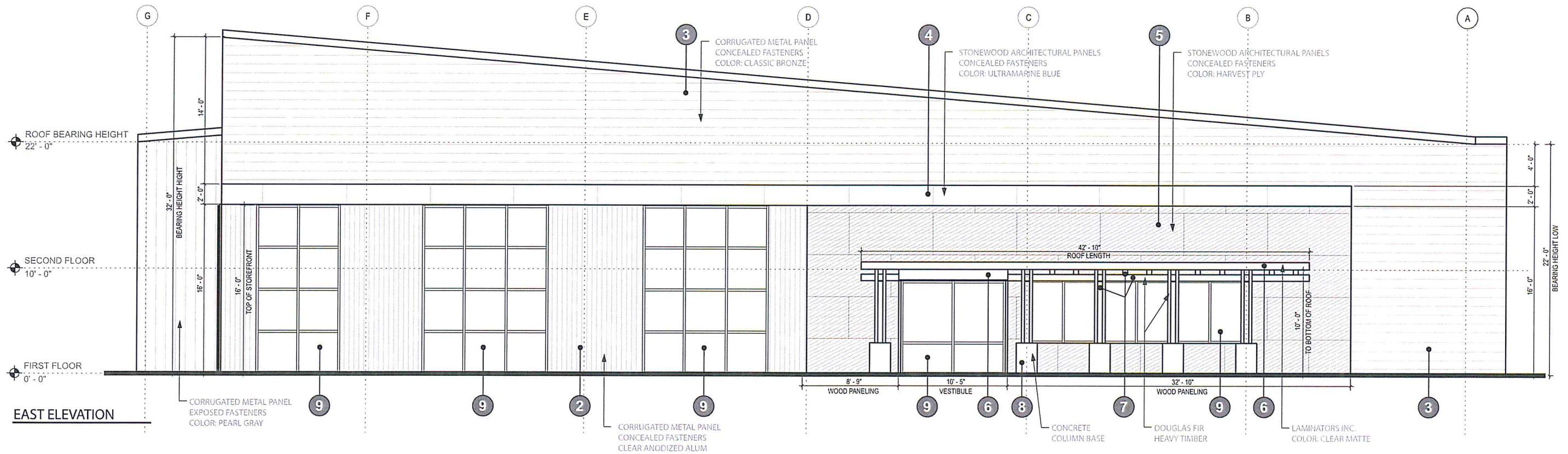
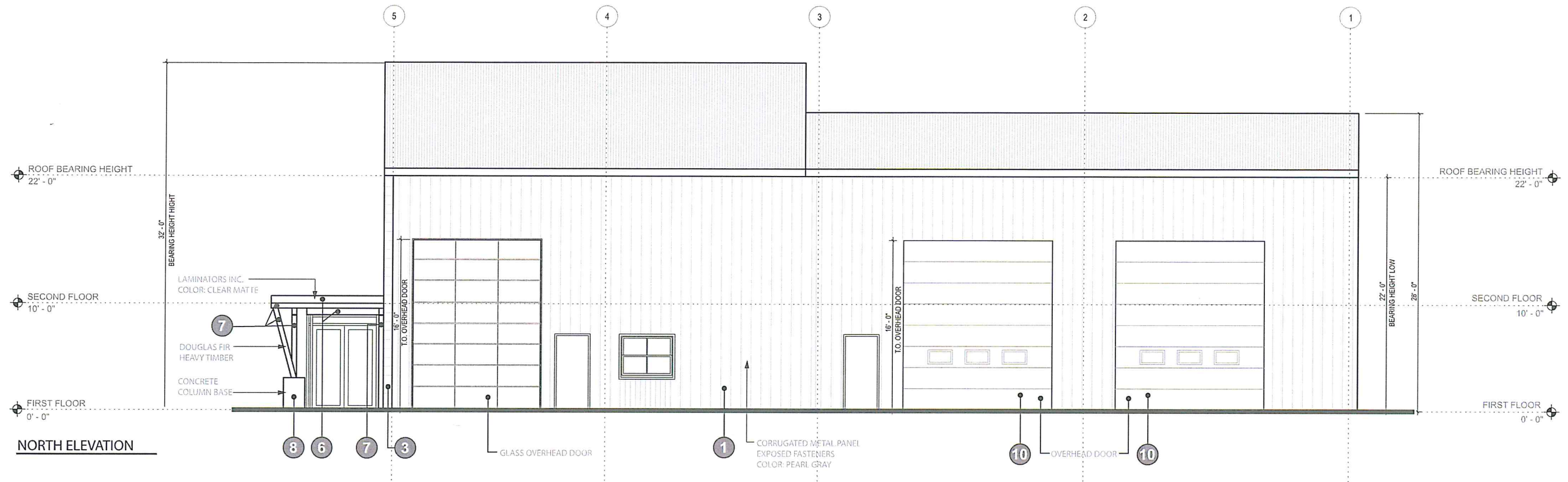
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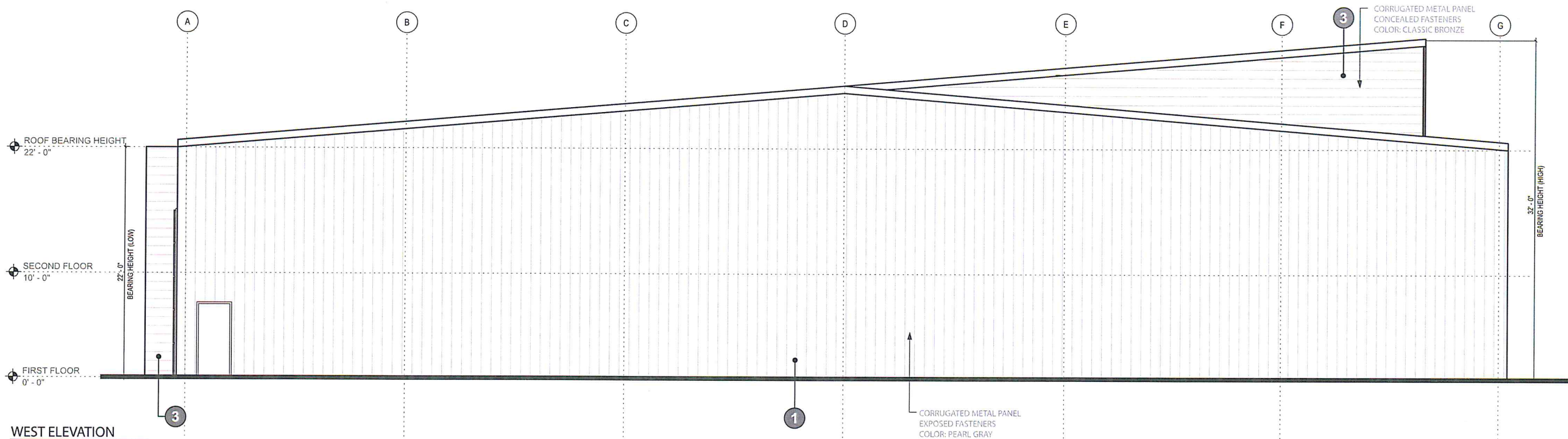
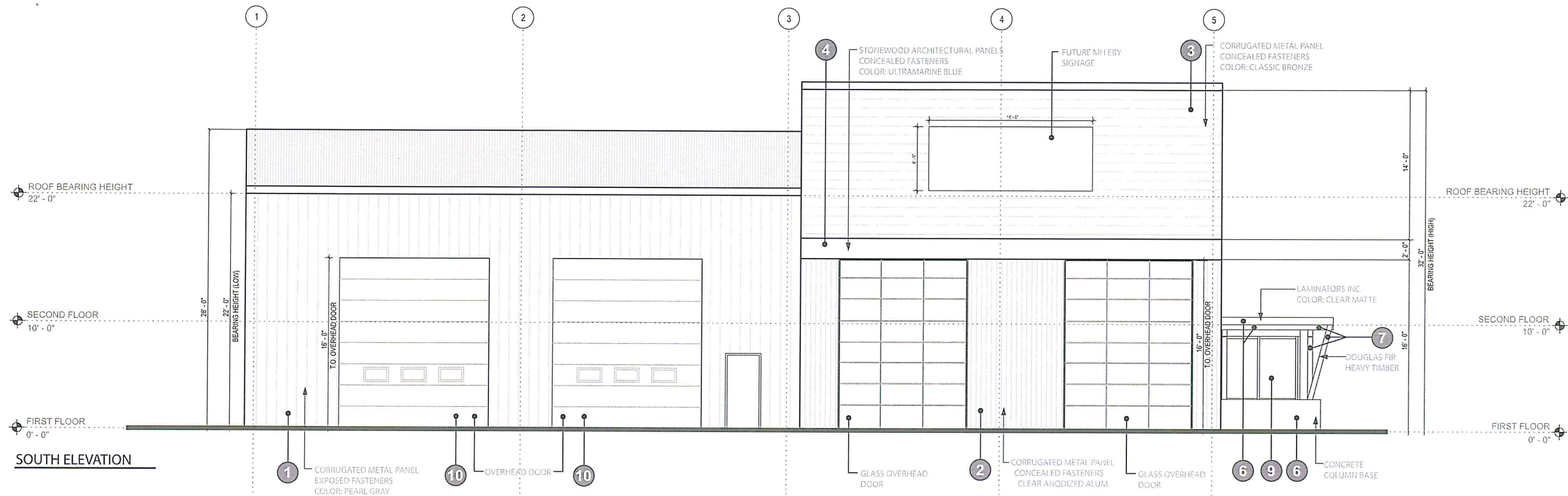
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Owner name	Tax Code	Legal Description	Mailing Address
KRUM, TERRY R & JUDITH L	D02667	NUTTING 2ND FILING, S10, T02 S, R24 E, Lot 1, FRAC LOT 1	1311 E RAILROAD ST LAUREL MT 59044
FORSTNER, GEORGE T & IRENE	D02668	NUTTING 2ND FILING, S10, T02 S, R24 E, Lot 1, LESS E65 FT & W 82.40 10 2S 24	1321 E RAILROAD ST LAUREL MT 59044
STRECKER, JOHN JR	D02670	NUTTING 2ND FILING, S10, T02 S, R24 E, Lot 1B, LTS 1 & 2 AMD 1978 GALLATIN TI*	1411 E RAILROAD ST Laurel MT 59044
BOESHANS, NATHAN P & COLLEEN M	D02669	NUTTING 2ND FILING, S10, T02 S, R24 E, Lot 1A, AMEND LTS 1,2	2553 ALPINE VIEW DR LAUREL, MT 59044-9355
FARNES, LEILA A	D02671	NUTTING 2ND FILING, S10, T02 S, R24 E, Lot 2, E 1 A OF LOT 2	1423 E RAILROAD ST LAUREL, MT 59044-3339
MONTANA RAIL LINK	D13144C	S10, T02 S, R24 E, INFORMATIONAL ONLY - CENTRALLY ASSESSED PARCEL IN SEC 10-2S-*	PO Box 16624 Missoula MT 59808-6624
CHS INC	D02712	S15, T02 S, R24 E, FRAC N2NW S OF HWY (LESS C/S 1142 & 1291)	PO Box 909 Laurel MT59044-0909
CHS INC	D02713	S15, T02 S, R24 E, C.O.S. 1142, PARCEL 1, AMND	PO Box 909 Laurel MT59044-0909
K LAZY H LLC	B03037A	ENTERTAINMENT PARK SUBD, S15, T02 S, R24 E, BLOCK 1, Lot 2B	10087 HIGHWAY 12 JOLIET, MT 59041
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Chapter 17.60 - ZONING COMMISSION

Sections:

17.60.010 - Powers and duties.

The city-county planning board shall act as a zoning commission whose duty it shall be to recommend the boundaries of the various original districts and appropriate regulations to be enforced therein.

(Prior code § 17.08.010)

17.60.020 - Land use variances issuance and denial—Determination procedure.

- A. It shall be the duty of the zoning commission to authorize, upon appeal in specific cases, such land use variances from the terms of the zoning ordinances as will not be contrary to the public interest, where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinances or regulations will result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinances shall be observed and substantial justice done. The zoning commission shall, after a public hearing, make a recommendation to the mayor and council concerning the land use variance application.
- B. The zoning commission shall not recommend that land use variances be granted:
 - 1. Unless the denial would constitute an unnecessary and unjust invasion of the right of property;
 - 2. Unless the grant relates to a condition or situation special and peculiar to the applicant;
 - 3. Unless the basis is something more than a mere financial loss to the owner;
 - 4. Unless the hardship was created by someone other than the owner;
 - 5. Unless the variance would be within the spirit, intent, purpose and general plan of this title;
 - 6. Unless the variance would not affect adversely or injure or result in injustice to others; and
 - 7. Ordinarily unless the applicant owned the property prior to the enactment of this title or amendment.

Chapter 17.26 - COMMUNITY ENTRYWAY ZONING DISTRICT

Sections:

17.26.010 - Intent.

The purpose of the Laurel Entryway Zoning District is to regulate outdoor advertising, outdoor advertising signs, and outdoor signs of all types, to provide fair and comprehensive regulations that will foster a good visual environment for Laurel, enhancing the area in which we live, and creating an aesthetic and enjoyable appearance for our visitors and our residents.

The natural landscape in the Yellowstone Valley is a major influence on the form and character of Laurel. Residents appreciate being able to see the Beartooth Range, the river's corridor of trees, and the large expanse of sky. The intent of the Community Entryway Zoning District (EZD) is to promote attractive, high quality development and to provide an appealing image of the city of Laurel to the traveling public and the people of the community and region. Further, it is the intent of this district to maintain a sensitivity toward existing development while preserving scenic vistas and the pastoral ambience and protecting environmentally sensitive areas. Creativity in meeting these requirements is encouraged with the overall intent of all development representing the image and economy of the Laurel area—and not just a reflection of the same commercial buildings, signage, and parking lots that are seen alongside the interstate across the nation.

Projects in the vicinity of large natural areas/corridors shall be designed to compliment the visual context of the natural area. Techniques include architectural design, site design, use of native landscaping, and choices of colors and building materials shall be utilized in such manner that scenic views across or through the site are protected and man-made facilities are screened from off-site observers and blend with the natural visual character of the area.

This overlay district provides requirements that are in addition to the existing, underlying zoning districts in the jurisdictional area of the city of Laurel and are in addition to the signage standards of the city of Laurel Municipal Sign Code. Except for signage applications, residential uses in the Entryway Zoning District are exempt from the provisions herein.

The intent of this section is to:

- A. Promote a physical landscape that will assist in making Laurel an attractive place to live and work and be inviting to new industries;
- B. Encourage creativity in design and quality in site planning and development;
- C. Reduce the level of adverse impacts from the transportation system on adjoining lands;
- D. Promote development patterns in harmony with the goals and objectives of Laurel's Growth Management Plan;
- H. Promote compatible land use transitions with a sensitivity toward existing residential uses.

Non-commercial/industrial uses falling within the EZD are exempt from the requirements of the EZD except as such requirements pertain to signage.

(Ord. 02-31, 2002)

17.26.030 - Location of district.

The Community Entryway Zoning District (EZD) shall extend three hundred feet on either side of Interstate 90 right-of way as it extends through the Laurel Zoning Jurisdiction Area, an area that extends outside the city municipal limits one mile. Specifically, along the interstate the EZD shall extend as described from the east limit of the extra-territorial zoning boundary west to the limit of the west extra-territorial boundary. The district shall also include that area three hundred feet on either side of the north extra-territorial boundary on Buffalo Trail Road south through Laurel on First Avenue to where First Avenue turns into US Highway 212-310

(Ord. 02-31, 2002)

(Ord. No. O15-03, 5-5-2015)

17.26.040 - Application and approval process.

- A. All plans and applications for development shall be submitted to the city-county planning board. All applications involving signs shall be submitted to the public works department which shall provide a copy thereof to the planning board. All applications must be submitted and signed by the property owner, lessee, the contract purchaser, or the authorized agent of the property owner. Approval is required prior to any construction activity.
- B. Each application shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
 - 1. The name and address of the property owner;
 - 2. The name and address of the applicant;
 - 3. The legal description of the parcel;
 - 4. A map drawn to scale showing the dimensions, acreage, location of the parcel, north arrow, streets and adjacent land uses;
 - 5. A complete site plan drawn to a scale of no less than 1" = 40' showing the dimensions and locations of all structures, streets, paving, parking, landscaping, signage, waterways or other significant features of the development;
 - 6. Complete elevation drawings drawn to scale including the dimensions and height of the structure;
 - 7. Signage Plan specifications, location, and ground lighting pattern (applications for signs only—see Section 17.26.050); and
 - 8. Application review fee.
- C. Within fifteen working days following the submittal of a complete application, the planning director, other city designee, or the public works department (in the case of signs) shall issue approval for development or sign or a denial of the application, unless the applicant consents in writing to an extension of the review period. Should the application be denied, the applicant shall be notified in writing specifying the reasons for the denial.

(Ord. 02-31, 2002)

17.26.050 - Definitions.

All terms shall have the same meanings as defined elsewhere in the city zoning ordinance or city signage regulations. The standard dictionary meaning shall be applied to terms not otherwise defined.

(Ord. 02-31, 2002)

17.26.052 - Development standards.

A. Signage.

1. Review Consideration. Signage in the EZD needs to recognize the relationship between adjacent land uses and the natural features of the location such as existing views and proximity to residences. Although signs perform a function in providing information concerning services, products, and business, a profusion of signs produces a cumulative effect that cancels out individual effectiveness and detracts from the appearance of the community as a whole. All signage shall be reviewed with the following considerations and criteria:
 - a. Use of subdued, low-key colors;
 - b. Location, size, and height that do not obstruct views of the community, the river corridor, traditional open spaces, or the mountains;
 - c. Sign is built of permanent, durable materials;
 - d. Size and location avoids or minimizes the sense of clutter with nearby signs;
 - e. The sign is professionally prepared and finished on both sides;
 - f. The location and placement of the sign will not endanger motorists or pedestrians and does not interfere with the clear vision triangle at street, railroad, or street driveway intersections;
 - g. The sign will not cover or blanket any prominent view of a structure or façade of historical or architectural significance;
 - h. The sign will not obstruct views of users of adjacent buildings to side yards, yards or to nearby open space;
 - i. The sign will not negatively impact the visual quality of a public open space such as a recreation facilities, square, plaza, court yard and the like;
 - j. The sign cannot be seen from the Yellowstone River or any city, county or state park or—if it can be seen—it must be located one thousand feet from the boundaries of such spaces.
2. Only one sign is allowed per parcel of record and there shall be at least one thousand feet between signs.
3. A construction permit is required whenever the sign copy is changed and any alterations to the sign are made.
4. Signs shall be limited to one hundred sixty square feet in copy area.
5. Non-conforming signs are required to be brought into compliance with this section within six years from the date of adoption of this ordinance or upon the earliest occurrence of the following events.
 - a. The sign is relocated or replaced;

- b. The structure or size of the sign is altered in any way;
 - c. The sign suffers more than fifty percent appraised damage or deterioration or the sign is taken out of service for any reason, such as being knocked down by weather or other means;
 - d. If any non-conforming sign is abandoned or voluntarily discontinued for a period of one hundred eighty days, any subsequent use must be in conformity with this ordinance. An abandoned sign is a sign which no longer identifies or advertises a bona fide business, lessor, service, owner, product, or activity, and/or for which no legal owner can be found. An abandoned sign is to be removed by the owner within fifteen days of notice from the public works department.
 - 6. No portable signs as described in the city signage ordinance are allowed in the EZD.
 - 7. Transit Bus Benches. Transit bus benches, with or without advertising, may be placed within the city right-of-way upon application and approval of the ADA coordinator, the transit administrator and in consultation with the public work director. All benches must comply with any applicable city, state, and or/federal standards or regulations. The city may approve a bench provider, with or without advertising, pursuant to its procurement policy, as amended.
 - 8. Lighting. All sign lighting must incorporate cut-off shields to direct light downward. Luminaries shall not be visible from adjacent streets or properties. A sign's lighting will not cause hazardous or unsafe driving conditions for motorists and will not glare, reflect, or spill onto adjacent business or residential areas.
- B. Building Design Standards.
- 1. All buildings shall be completed on all sides with one of the following finishing material: brick, fluted block, colored textured block, glass, stucco, architectural concealed fastener metal panels, exterior insulation and finishing systems (i.e., Dryvit, etc.), stone or wood. Exposed seam metal buildings shall be prohibited unless covered with an acceptable finishing material.
 - 2. Roofs shall be finished with a material that is architecturally compatible in color and design with the construction of the building. Metal roofs, fascia, and mansards shall be limited to the following: standing seam, metal shakes or shingles and architectural metal treatments. All mechanical equipment placed on top of any roof shall be screened by a parapet or other similar architectural apparatus being at least the height of the mechanical equipment. Pitched roofs are encouraged whenever possible.
 - 3. Long, flat facades that front on the interstate highway, First Avenue North or First Avenue South having more than one hundred lineal feet are prohibited. Buildings over one hundred feet in length shall incorporate one of the following: recesses, off-sets, angular forms, landscaping features or other architectural features such as bell towers, clock towers, to provide a visually interesting shape. The break in the facade shall be minimum of eight feet in length. A single uninterrupted length of a facade shall not exceed one hundred lineal feet. It is encouraged that each offset area contains landscaping or other similar amenities which will complement the offset area.
- C. Additional Provisions for Commercial Uses.
- 1. Storage of Merchandise. Any permitted storage of merchandise outside an approved building shall be within an area enclosed with a sight obscuring fence at least six feet in height that is architecturally compatible in color and design with the building. However, promotional

displays, vehicle sales lots and plant materials may be displayed outside of an approved building or enclosed area so long as they are placed appurtenant to a building wherein the business displays the bulk of its goods for sale. In addition, retail nurseries shall be exempt from the enclosure of plant materials, and displayed merchandise shall not include any used equipment. Bufferyards or required landscaping shall not be used for the displaying of merchandise.

2. Site Lighting. All outdoor lighting shall be designed, located and mounted at heights no greater than eighteen feet above grade for non-cutoff lights and thirty-five feet above grade for cutoff lights. All outdoor lighting shall be designed and located such that the maximum illumination measured in foot-candles at the property line shall not exceed three-tenths foot-candle for non-cutoff lights and three foot-candles for cutoff lights.
3. Storage of Junk. No person shall store junk, partially or completely dismantled vehicles, or salvaged materials in any commercial zone outside a building. In the case of automobile repair shops, such materials must be enclosed within a building or an area having a sight-obscuring fence at least six feet in height.
4. Solid Waste Area. All solid waste storage facilities shall be located within an area enclosed with a sight-obscuring fence or wall that is architecturally compatible in color and design with the building.

D. Cell Towers.

No wireless communication facilities are allowed in the entryway zone.

(Ord. 02-31, 2002)

(Ord. No. 011-07, 6-7-2011; Ord. No. 016-02, 2-2-2016)

17.26.054 - Landscaping standards.

Landscaping in the form of trees, shrubs, and groundcover serve several purposes: The softening of harsh building forms and paved areas, the absorption of ground water, the reflection of seasonal color change, the provision of sound barriers (such as around utility substations or industrial yards), and urban wildlife habitat.

A. Landscaping Definitions.

Canopy Tree. A species of tree which normally bears crown foliage no lower than six feet above ground level upon maturity. Minimum size of canopy trees shall be two and one half inches in caliper.

Evergreen Tree or Shrub. A tree or shrub of a species which normally retains leaves / needles throughout the year. Minimum size of evergreen trees shall be five feet in height.

B. Landscaping.

1. Bufferyard Requirements. All commercial/Industrial land uses are required to place a bufferyard (landscaping strip) adjacent to and along the length of I-90, First Avenue North, or First Avenue South on which the use fronts. Such landscaping buffer shall extend from the edge of the public right-of-way. Placement and landscaping design shall be at the discretion of the developer, and the required trees and shrubs may be clustered to enhance the view of the

property from the public right-of-way as long as such uses conform with Section 17.26.052(C) of this code. A local design professional or local nursery must be consulted for assistance with the development of the landscape design. The use of native, drought-tolerant plant material is strongly encouraged. Evergreen trees are encouraged for bufferyards, and canopy trees are encouraged for parking areas. The planting of trees should be done in such a manner as to provide maximum solar efficiency throughout the site.

- a. The developer shall have the option of one of the following three bufferyards. Bufferyard depth is measured from the property line adjacent to the public right-of-way inward. Any buffer area which overlaps another buffer area shall be subtracted from the total to avoid double counting. The number of trees and shrubs required is per one hundred feet of frontage:

- (1) Twenty-five foot wide bufferyard: five Canopy or evergreen trees, ten Shrubs
- (2) Twenty foot wide bufferyard: ten Canopy or evergreen trees, fifteen Shrubs
- (3) Fifteen foot wide bufferyard: fifteen Canopy or evergreen trees, twenty Shrubs

- b. The following criteria shall also apply to the bufferyards.

- i. The landscape strip may be contoured. Berming shall be one foot of rise to four feet of run with a minimum of three feet in height. Depressions shall be no lower than the existing grade of the site.
- ii. All landscaped areas shall contain ground cover such as sod, shrubs, flowerbeds, or organic materials. No more than ten percent of the landscaped area shall contain rock, bark chips, stepping stones, or similar material.
- iii. All landscaped areas shall be sub-irrigated, maintained, and kept free of weeds, debris, and litter. Failure to do so constitutes a zoning violation. Existing mature trees and shrubs should be preserved and will be credited toward landscaping requirements.
- iv. Depth of bufferyard shall depend on density of vegetation.
- v. All new utility lines shall be placed underground.
- vi. New tree plantings shall not be constructed so as to grow into existing overhead utility lines.

C. Off-Street Parking Lot Landscaping.

Landscaping shall be provided within all parking areas as follows:

Parking lots containing more than ten spaces shall contain internal areas of landscaping totaling at least ten percent of the parking area. Each planting area shall contain at least three hundred square feet and at least one major tree and groundcover with irrigation. There must be a clearly designated pedestrian route from the parking lot to the street or main entrance.

- 1. A minimum of twenty square feet of landscaped area shall be provided for each parking space on parking lots containing more than ten spaces.
- 2. Two canopy and/or evergreen trees and five shrubs shall be required for every ten parking spaces or component thereof over ten parking spaces.

3. All landscaped areas shall contain ground cover such as sod, shrubs, flowerbeds or organic materials. No more than twenty-five percent of the landscaped area shall contain rock, bark chips, stepping stones or similar material.
4. The minimum width and/or length of any parking lot landscaped area shall be five feet.
5. Internal parking lot landscaping provided shall be proportionately dispersed, at the developer's discretion, in order to define aisles and limit unbroken rows of parking. The maximum horizontal or vertical unbroken length shall be limited to one hundred feet. Landscaped areas provided shall be in a scale proportionate to parking lot.
6. Any development that has parking abutting a required bufferyard, may extend the width of parking landscaping plant material. The minimum bufferyard width and that bufferyard a minimum of five feet and include the additional required landscaping material is required in addition to the parking landscaping.
7. Protection of Landscaped Areas. Landscaped areas within parking lots or the along perimeter of the property must be protected from vehicular traffic through the use of continuous concrete curbs, extruded asphalt or other approved permanent barriers.
8. All new utility lines shall be placed underground.

D. Commercial Uses Abutting Residential Uses.

All commercial uses abutting residential uses shall install a bufferyard. The bufferyard shall be ten feet wide and shall contain ten evergreen and/or canopy trees and ten shrubs per one hundred lineal feet. A solid fence or wall that is architecturally compatible in color and design with the building shall be required on the property line. The fence height shall be a minimum of six feet. Chain link or other wire fencing material is prohibited.

E. Fractions in the Calculation of Number of Trees and Shrubs.

In the calculation of trees and shrubs for bufferyards or parking landscaping, all fractions shall be rounded to the nearest, highest whole number.

(Ord. 02-31, 2002)

Chapter 17.27 - SE 4TH STREET OVERLAY DISTRICT

Sections:

17.27.010 - Intent.

The city of Laurel hereinafter ("city"), in collaboration with the Laurel Urban Renewal Agency, prepared the following set of regulations to preserve and protect the unique nature of the SE 4th Street corridor of the city of Laurel. These regulations are intended to promote, preserve, and enhance the character of the built environment while encouraging a cohesive identity.

In addition to building construction, further elements include, but are not limited to parking and pedestrian connectivity requirements, landscaping, and signage.

This district's requirements are in addition to the existing zoning ordinances found in Title 17 of the Laurel Municipal Code (LMC). Single-family and two-family residential uses in the district are exempt from the provisions herein.

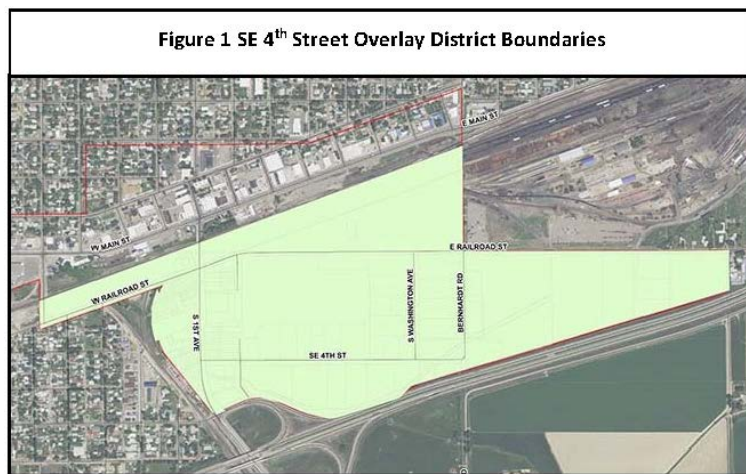
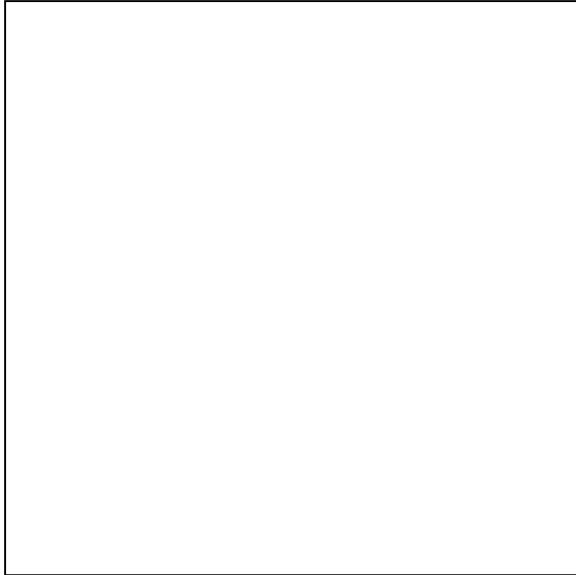
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- A. Promote a physical landscape to make the district an attractive place to live and work;
- B. Encourage creativity in design and quality site planning;
- C. Promote development patterns in coordination with the goals and objectives of the city's growth management plan;
- D. Provide consistency to land uses and design that will protect the investment of property owners in the district.

(Ord. No. O15-04, 5-5-2015)

17.27.020 - District boundaries.

The boundaries of the District are identified in Figure 1.



(Ord. No. O15-04, 5-5-2015)

17.27.030 - Application and approval process.

- A. All building permit applications shall be submitted to the city's building official. All permit applications must be submitted and signed by the property owner or the authorized agent of the property owner. An approved building permit is required prior to any construction activity.
- B. Each building permit application must include, but not be limited to, the following information:
 - 1. The name and address of the property owner;
 - 2. The name and address of the applicant;
 - 3. The legal description of the parcel;
 - 4. A map drawn to scale showing the dimensions, acreage, location of the parcel, north arrow, streets and adjacent land uses;
 - 5. A complete site plan drawn to a scale of no less than 1"=40' showing the dimensions and height of the structure;

6. A Complete elevation drawing drawn to the scale 1"=40' including the dimensions and height of the structure;
 7. If applicable, signage plan specifications, location and ground lighting pattern; and
 8. Payment of application review fee.
- C. Within fifteen working days following the submittal of a complete application, the planning director, designee, or the public works department (in the case of signs) shall issue approval for development or a denial of the application, unless the applicant consents in writing to an extension of the review period. Should the application be denied, the applicant shall be notified in writing specifying the reasons for the denial. (Ord. No. 002-31,2002)

(Ord. No. O15-04, 5-5-2015)

17.27.040 - Nonconformance.

- A. Any lawful characteristic of the properties existing prior to the effective date of the ordinance that would not be a permitted characteristic under these regulations is declared to constitute a nonconforming characteristic.
- B. Nonconforming structures shall not be enlarged, extended, reconstructed, or structurally altered in an amount greater than fifty percent of its assessed valuation, unless the characteristics of the building are changed to comply with the appropriate regulations.
- C. If any nonconforming structure is damaged by an event including, but not limited to, fire, flood, explosion, wind, or war, in an amount equal to or greater than fifty percent of its assessed valuation, reconstruction must comply with the appropriate regulations. In addition, repair and maintenance may be carried out each year in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the assessed valuation of the structure for that year.
- D. A nonconforming structure may continue pursuant to these regulations, but it shall not be changed in any way except to conform to the regulations herein.

(Ord. No. O15-04, 5-5-2015)

17.27.050 - Definitions.

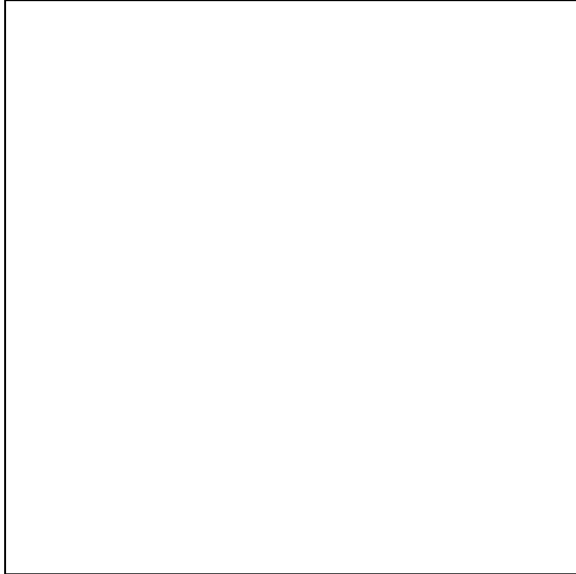
All terms shall have the same meanings as defined elsewhere in the city zoning ordinance or city signage regulations. For purposes of this title, certain words and terms used herein are defined in this chapter.

- A. "Architectural design elements" means an architectural feature consisting of a decorative, three dimensional element, horizontal or vertical, protruding or indented at least two inches from the exterior façade of a building typically utilized to provide additional aesthetic relief to a façade.
- B. "Façade" means the exterior face of a building, including but not limited to the wall, windows, windowsills, doorways, and design elements such as expression lines.
- C. "Front façade" means any building face adjacent to the street. In the case of a corner lot, the front façade is the face that the building is addressed.
- D. "Lot line, front" means the boundary abutting a right-of-way, other than an alley, from which the required setback or build-to zone is measured. The front lot line shall be to the street to which the building is addressed.
- E. "Lot line, side" means the boundary line adjacent to the front lot line and may or may not abut a right-of-way depending on lot location from which the required setback or build-to zone is measured.

(Ord. No. O15-04, 5-5-2015)

17.27.060 - Building design requirements.

- A. Exterior materials shall be sufficiently durable to ensure stability, maintainability, and long life. The materials to achieve a rustic western appearance are required. Buildings shall be finished with a minimum 40 percent half log and/or rock accents on the front façade.
- B. Structures not located along SE 4th street are excluded from the forty percent threshold.
- C. Architectural design elements are required on the front façade. Permitted design element materials include any finish of wood, wood timbers or wooden logs.



Architectural Design Element: The wooden timbers in front of the buildings are a prime *example of the required design element.*

(Ord. No. O15-04, 5-5-2015)

17.27.070 - Site design requirements.

- A. Inter-site circulation is required to provide for orderly and appropriate vehicular traffic between adjacent properties. This will also limit the number of necessary approaches on busy roadways.
- B. Parking exceeding the minimum requirement is discouraged.
- C. Landscape islands are required at the terminal ends of all parking rows.
- D. Pedestrian connectivity from parking areas to buildings shall be provided by interior sidewalks or designated, striped pedestrian crossings.
- E. Shared parking is encouraged when property owners have a written agreement as to the terms of the shared parking. The written agreement is not subject to approval by the city but should be presented if it is applicable to meeting off-street parking requirements. See Figure 2.

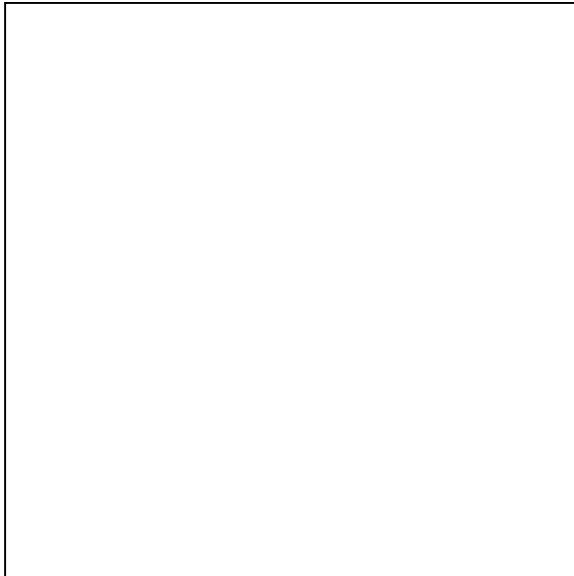
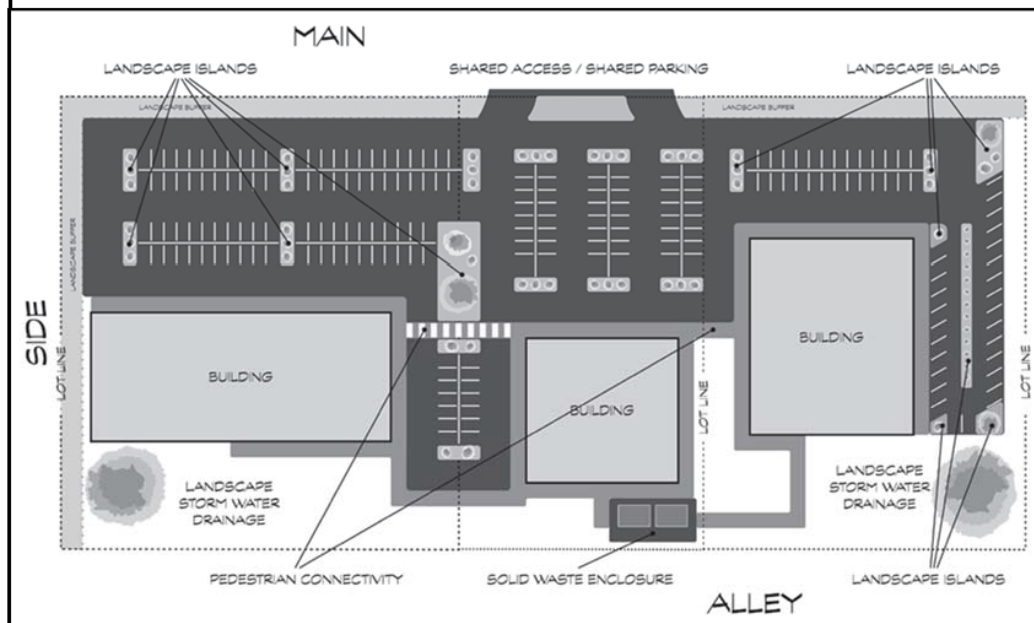
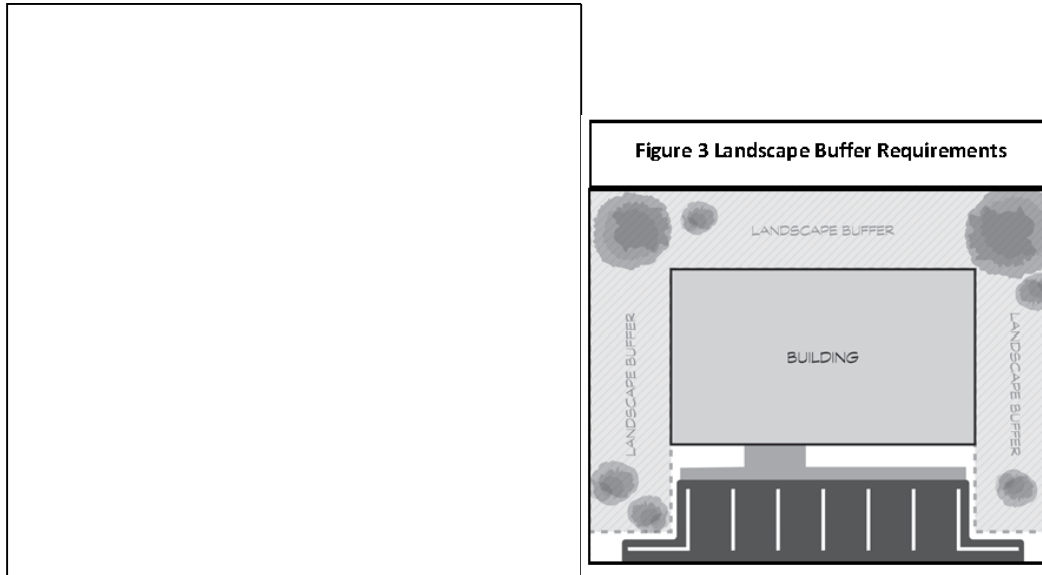


Figure 2 Parking Requirements



- F. Landscaping must be an integral part of the site design. A landscape buffer is required as part of any site development. The buffer shall be designed to provide both screening and aesthetic effect. See Figure 3.



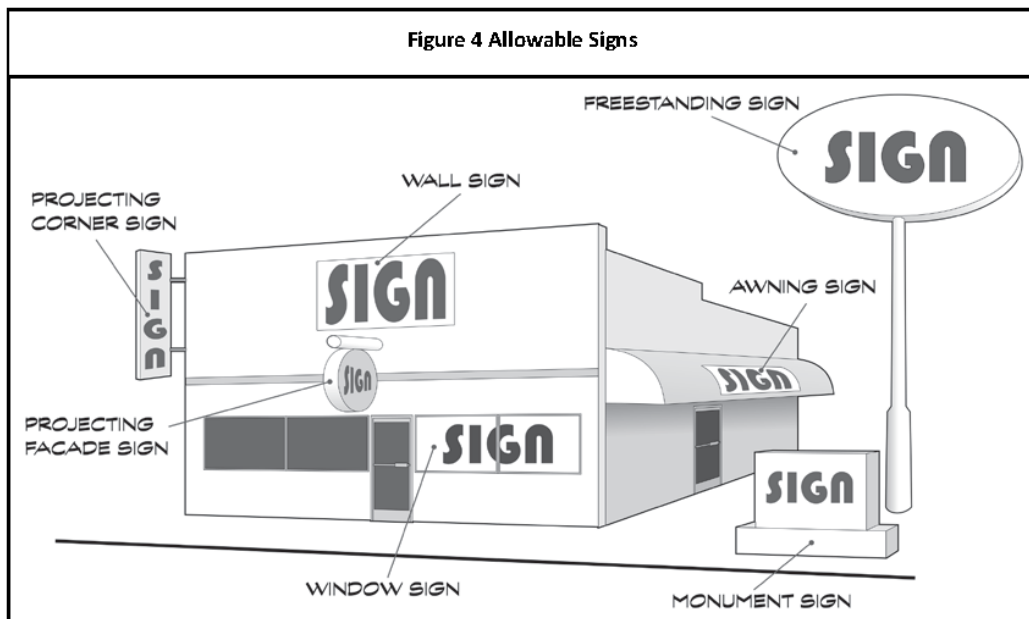
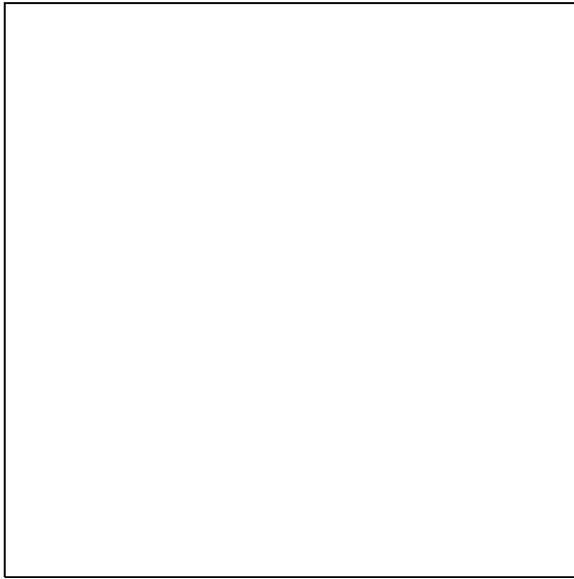
- G. Landscaping should be of an indigenous species or one that is acclimated to the city's climate.
- H. Landscaping shall include a mix of plants, shrubs, sod and trees. A minimum of fifty percent of the trees shall be at least 2.5 inch in caliper size.
- I. Landscaping shall not interfere with clear vision requirements.
- J. If a property is located in this district and the entryway zoning district, parking and landscape requirements of the entryway zoning district shall apply.

(Ord. No. O15-04, 5-5-2015)

17.27.080 - Signage requirements.

Laurel Municipal Code Chapter 17.42 governs signage within the city of Laurel. Exceptions to LMC 17.42 occur only when a property is located in a special zoning district. If a property is located in this District and the Entryway Zoning District, signage requirements of the Entryway Zoning District shall apply.

- A. Allowable sign types include wall signs, window signs, awning signs, corner projecting signs, and projecting signs. See Figure 7.



- B. Illumination is encouraged to be internal. When external illumination is used, it must be focused only upon the sign face and must have cut off shields to prevent light spillage.
- C. Any projecting or corner projecting sign shall not extend above the roofline of the attached building.
- D. Any wall sign shall not exceed 30 percent of the area of any building façade.
- E. Electronic message boards are not permitted in this district.

(Ord. No. O15-04, 5-5-2015)

File Attachments for Item:

4. Public Hearing: 801 E. Main Street Zone Change



LAUREL CITY-COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

STAFF REPORT

TO: Laurel City-County Planning Board / Zoning Commission
FROM: Nicholas Altonaga, Planning Director
RE: 801 E. Main Street Zone Change
DATE: March 12, 2021

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

The Owner of 801 E. Main Street has requested a zone change from Community Commercial (CC) to Central Business District (CBD). Shannon Otis, the representative of the property owner, submitted the application packet to the Planning Department on February 17, 2021. The Applicant previously met with the Planning Director on site to discuss the zone change process and what a change of zoning designation would mean.

Owner: Investment Properties Finance Group LLC
Legal Description: NUTTING SUBD, S10, T02 S, R24 E, BLOCK 20, Lot 12A, AMND LESS 2731' FOR MAIN ST (08)
Address: 801 E. Main Street
Parcel Size: 10,939sqft
Existing Land Use: Commercial, vacant (under construction)
Existing Zoning: Community Commercial
Proposed Land Use: Central Business District

BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- Applicant met with Planning Director in January of 2021 to discuss the current project on the property and the zone change process.
- Applicant submitted the zone change application on February 17, 2021.
- A Public Hearing is scheduled at the Laurel City-County Planning Board meeting on March 17, 2021 to receive public comment and approve, approve with conditions, or deny the zone change.
- A Public Hearing is scheduled at the Laurel City Council meeting on April 13, 2021 to receive public comment and approve, approve with conditions, or deny the zone change.

STAFF FINDINGS

The Applicant is requesting a zone change for the property at 801 E. Main Street. They request a zone change from the existing Community Commercial (CC) designation to the Central Business District (CBD) designation.

- The Applicant has met with the Planning Director regarding the zone change application.
- The Applicant has submitted the application and applicable fees.
- The Applicant has a goal of redeveloping and rehabilitating the parcel in order to build more residential units within the East downtown area.
- The Applicant has stated that the CBD designation provides greater opportunities for future lot development.
- The property is directly adjacent to the current delineated Central Business District.
- The property is one of two commercial properties directly East of the Central Business District zoning district that were not included in that zoning at the time of its establishment.
- The public noticing requirements have been met.

PLANNING BOARD AND GOVERNING BODY REVIEW CRITERIA

17.72.060 - Zoning commission action.

- A. The zoning commission shall review and take action upon each application in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and after a public hearing at which the application shall be presented to the zoning commission by the planning director together with his findings and conclusions on the matter. A report of the commission's recommendation and the planning director's findings and conclusions shall be submitted to the city council.
- B. The zoning commission shall make a recommendation to the city council to:
 1. Deny the application for amendment to the official map;
 2. Grant action on the application for a period not to exceed thirty days;
 3. Delay action on the application for a period not to exceed thirty days;
 4. Give reasons for the recommendation.
- C. The zoning commission shall adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of public hearings and meetings, which shall be published and available to the public, as well as conflict of interest rules, to ensure that no member is entitled to vote on a matter in which he has an interest directly or indirectly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

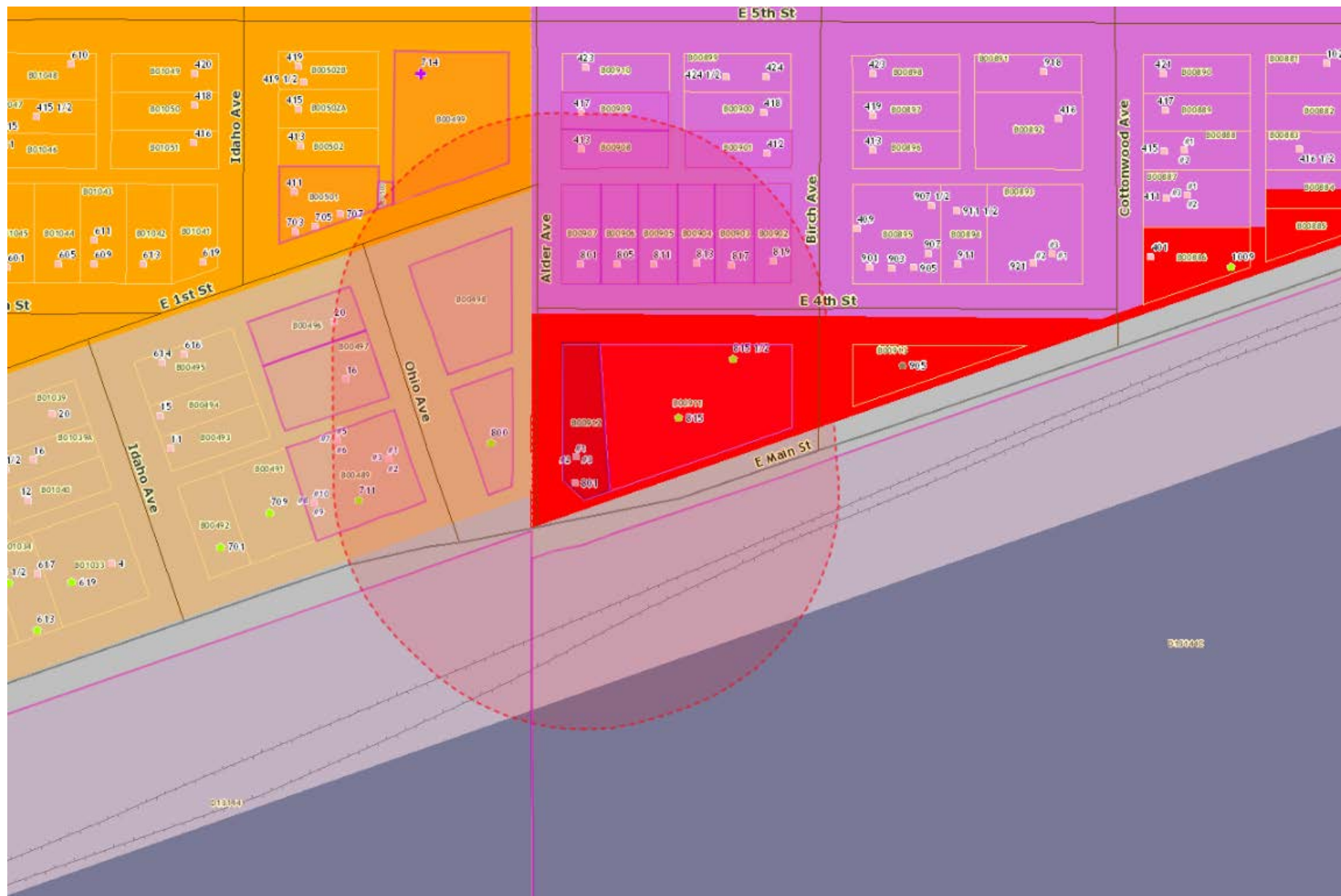
The Planning Director recommends that the Zoning Commission approve the zone change request. The Planning Director has drafted conditions of approval which are presented below.

1. The Owner/Developer shall comply with all the requirements of LMC Chapter 17.72
2. The Owner/Developer shall submit any and all applicable and necessary permits and fees for development of the parcels subject to this zone change approval.
3. The Owner/Developer shall not install and/or operate any uses on parcels subject to this zone change which are not allowable under LMC Chapter 17.16.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 801 E. Main Street Zone Change Application
2. Overhead Map with 300ft buffer
3. Nutting Subdivision Plat (1909)
4. List of Adjacent Property Owners
5. Public Hearing Notice
6. LMC 17.72 – Amendments
7. LMC 17.20 – Commercial-Industrial Use Regulations





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All of that portion of Section Ten, Township Two South, Range Twenty-four East of the Principal Meridian of Montana bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the corner between Sections nine and ten; thence South along the line between said Sections a distance of 440.3 feet to the intersection with the North line of the Northern Pacific Railroad; thence along said North line 327.37 feet; thence North, a distance of 34.0 feet, to the N. line of the half of Section Ten; thence along said line, N. 85° W., a distance of 300.0 ft. to place of 34.0 feet; to the E. line of the half of Section Ten; thence along said line, S. 85° E., a distance of 300.0 ft. to place of 34.0 feet; and the lands included in the streets, avenues, and alleys as shown on said plat, are hereby granted and conveyed to the public use in perpetuity.

State of Montana } S.S.
County of Yellowstone }

Notary Public, in and for the County
of Yellowstone, State of Montana.

B. C. Lillis, a Civil Engineer and Surveyor, being first called, swears, deposes and says, that he executed a true and correct survey of the Mining Claim known as "between the corals of April 15th and 21st, 1908," as accurately as was his duty, appears there of, and is conformable with Title II, Chapter II, of the Political Code of the State of Montana, said subdivision being bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Traverse from South corner

[illegible]

Civil Engineer and Surveyor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of May A.D. 1908.

Edgar B. Camp
Notary Public in and for
Yellowstone County State of Montana

I, Irel Whithy County Clerk and Recorder of the Yellowstone County State of Montana do hereby certify that I have made a thorough examination of the records of my office; and that I find from such examination that there are no shortages of record in said office against or upon either side of some land mentioned and described in the annexed report of the Department of Lands and I further and certified that the examiner of said records has prepared a full and true copy of the same as shown by the records of said records that I believe if nothing and all the things are really in effect.

Witness my hand and seal of my office, this 9th day of July 1872.

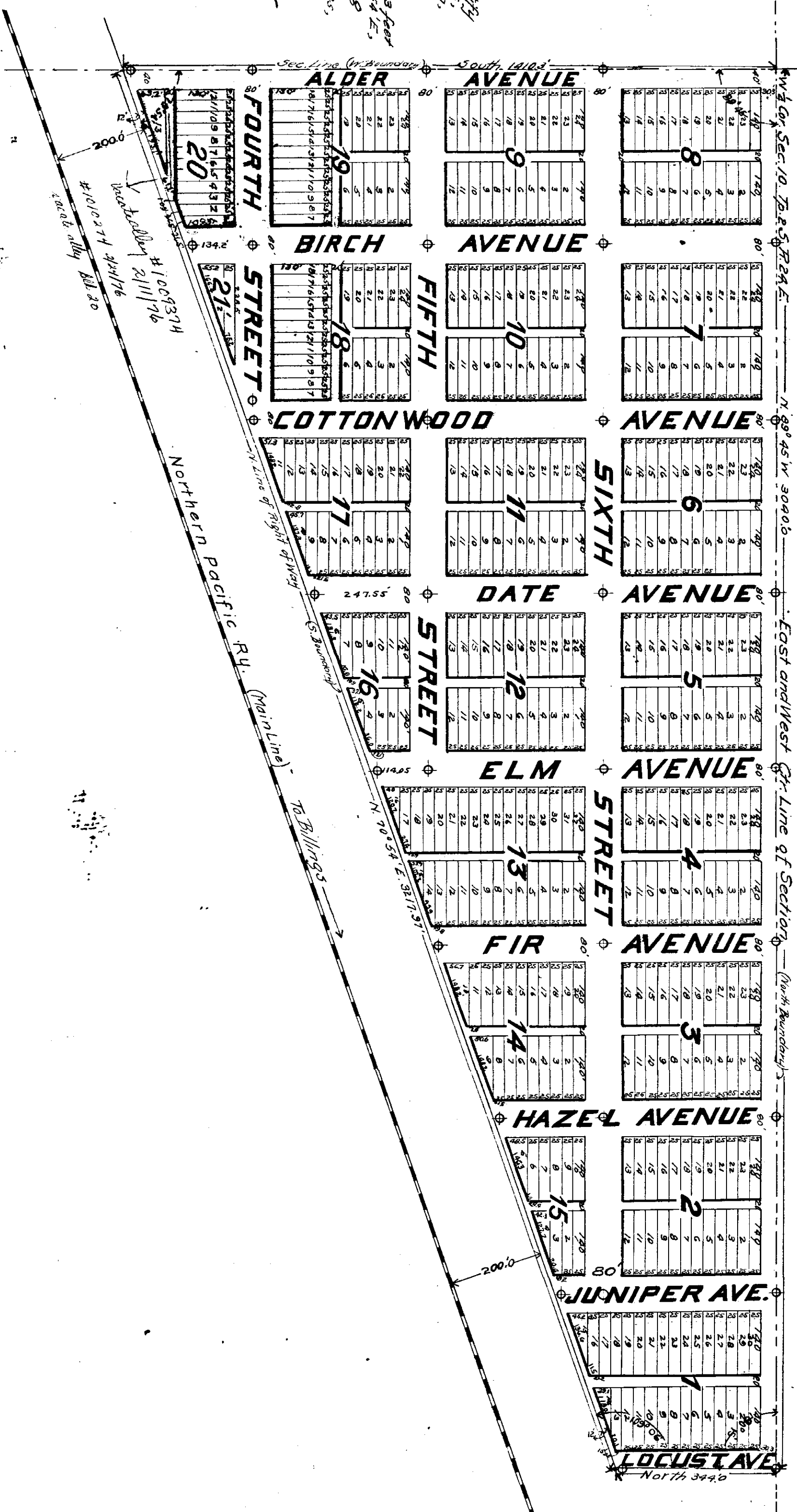
County Clerk and Recorder

State of Montana } S.S.
County of Yellowstone }

I hereby certify that the within plot was filed in my office on the 27th day of June A.D. 1908, at Blackrock, Md. Witness my hand and seal of my office

Wm. C. Hoffman

Dist. Attorney
County Recorder.



OF THE

NUTTING SUBDIVISION

IN SECTION 10, TP. 25, R. 24 E. M.P.M.

Scale 1 Inch = 200 Ft.

Surveyed by B. C. Willis, C.E.

1908.

2419 11TH LLC
B00501
PO BOX 7128
SHERIDAN, WY 82801-7003

ARROYO SECO GROUP INC
B00489
7308 EL NIDO
LA VERNE, CA 91750-1127

BRADLEY, CURTIS J & BONNIE
J
B00904
813 E 4TH ST
LAUREL, MT 59044-2801

CITY OF LAUREL
B00500
115 W 1ST ST.
LAUREL, MT 59044

DEMARAY, ROGER D &
KRISTINA R
B00497
4207 RIMROCK RD
BILLINGS, MT 59106-1420

EAST MAIN DEVELOPMENT
LLC
B00911
1415 RIDGE DR.
LAUREL, MT 59044-1817

HOLYCROSS, DAVID A
B00907
801 E 4TH ST
LAUREL, MT 59044

INVESTMENT PROPERTIES
FINANCE GROUP LLC
B00912
801 MAIN ST
LAUREL, MT 59044

LAUREL CHURCH OF CHRIST
B00499
PO BOX 95
LAUREL, MT 59044-0095

MONSON, CHRIS
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PO BOX 16624
MISSOULA, MT 59808-6624

MORAN, MICHAEL G
B00908
PO BOX 461
LAUREL, MT 59044-0461

PORCH LIGHT LLC
B00906
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LAUREL, MT 59044

RICHARDS, STEVEN W &
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LAUREL, MT 59044

SMITH, LANCE E & AMBER
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20 OHIO AVE
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TOWN & COUNTRY SUPPLY
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412 BIRCH AVE
LAUREL, MT 59044

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Laurel City-County Planning Board and Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on a zone change requested for 801 East Main Street. The Zoning Commission hearing is scheduled for **5:35 P.M., in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 115 West 1st Street, Laurel, Montana, on Wednesday, March 17th, 2021.**

Additionally, the City Council has scheduled a public hearing for the consideration of the zone change request. The City Council hearing is scheduled for **6:30 P.M., in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 115 West 1st Street, Laurel, Montana, on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021.**

The applicant is requesting a zone change from the Community Commercial zoning District to the Central Business District zoning district. The Community Commercial district is intended to accommodate community retail, service and office facilities offering a greater variety than would normally be found in a neighborhood or convenience retail development. The requested Central Business District zoning district is intended to primarily accommodate stores, hotels, governmental and cultural centers and service establishments at the central focal point of the city's transportation system.

Public comment is encouraged and can be provided in person at the public hearings on March 17th and April 13th. Public comment can also be made via email to the Planning Director, or via letter to the Planning Department office at 115 West 1st Street Laurel, MT 59044. A copy of the zone change documentation is available for review upon request at the Planning Department office. Questions regarding this public hearing may be directed to the Planning Director at 628-4796 ext. 5302, or via email at cityplanner@laurel.mt.gov.

Chapter 17.72 - AMENDMENTS

Sections:

17.72.010 - Purpose of provisions.

Whenever the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, or good zoning practice requires, the city council may amend, supplement, or change the regulations in this title, or the zoning boundaries or classification of property on the zoning map, as set forth in this chapter.

(Prior code § 17.84.010)

17.72.020 - Amendment procedure.

Amendments to the text of the title and/or changes in the zoning boundaries or classification of properties shown on the zoning map may be initiated by the city council on their own motion, or upon recommendation of the planning board but no amendment shall become effective unless it shall have been submitted to the zoning commission for review and recommendation. Before enacting an amendment to this title, the city council shall give public notice and hold a public hearing thereon.

(Ord. 96-5 (part), 1996; prior code § 17.84.020 (part))

17.72.025 - Amendment by private property owner.

Amendments to the zoning boundaries or classification of property shown on the zoning map may be initiated by property owners of the land proposed to be rezoned, by the filing with the zoning commission secretary of a zoning change application, which application shall be provided by the zoning commission secretary, and accompanied by all other materials and data required in the application.

(Ord. 01-4 (part), 2001; Ord 96-5 (part), 1996; prior code § 17.84.020 (part))

17.72.030 - Preapplication conference required.

Persons or parties interested in submitting an application for a zoning change shall consult with the planning director and the building inspector, at a joint meeting, if possible, concerning a proposed zoning change, its relation to and effect upon the comprehensive plan, any applicable specific plans or any plans being prepared by the planning department, and whether the proposed change is in conformance with public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice.

(Prior code § 17.84.030)

17.72.040 - Application requirements.

- A. Unless initiated by the city council or planning board, all applications for official map amendments must be submitted by the owner of such property, the contract purchaser, or the authorized agent of the owner. An application for an amendment affecting the same property shall not be submitted more often than once every twelve months. The zoning change application shall contain the following information:
1. Name of applicant;
 2. Mailing address;
 3. Telephone number;

4. Accurate legal description of location;
 5. Nature of zoning change requested;
 6. Description of present land uses;
 7. Description of adjacent land uses;
 8. Statement of intended land use;
 9. Statement concerning any expected effect upon the adjacent neighborhood;
 10. Date of preapplication conference;
 11. Names and addresses of adjacent property owners, within three hundred feet;
 12. Signature of applicant;
 13. Payment of all applicable fees.
- B. An application for amendment to the official map shall be made on or before five p.m. of the first day of the month preceding the date of the public hearing before the zoning commission. When the date of submittal falls on a weekend or holiday, the submittal shall be on the following day before five p.m.
- C. An application for a zone change may not be withdrawn or amended after the legal advertising, as required by this section, has appeared for final public hearing before the city council. An applicant may be allowed to withdraw at the time of the zoning commission hearing by a majority vote of the members present without requiring council approval of the withdrawal and without prejudice with respect to the twelve month waiting period providing, however, that no application be allowed to be withdrawn more than once within the twelve month period after application shall have first been submitted.

(Prior code § 17.84.040)

17.72.050 - Planning department evaluation responsibility.

The planning director, upon receiving an application for rezoning of an area or a particular place of property shall do the following:

- A. Consult with other departments of the city or county to fully evaluate the impact of any zoning change upon public facilities and services including, but not limited to schools, drainage, traffic and related facilities;
- B. Study each application with reference to its appropriateness and effect on existing and proposed land use, and references to the comprehensive plan;
- C. In the case of a protest petition filed in the matter of any application for rezoning determine the validity of such petition;
- D. Advertise twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdictional area of the Laurel-Yellowstone city-county planning board at least fifteen days in advance of the time and place of the public hearing;
- E. Notify, by mail, the applicant or his authorized agent five days prior to the date of the public hearing of the time and place of such hearing;
- F. Notify, by mail, all property owners within three hundred feet of the exterior boundaries of the property subject to the rezoning; of the time, date, place of the public hearing and the existing and proposed classification. Further, he may notify property owners within a radius of more than three hundred feet if he determines that the proposed use of the property would have substantial environmental impact on surrounding land uses;
- G. The planning director shall report his findings and conclusions in writing to the zoning commission, which report shall be a matter of public record.

(Ord. 01-4 (part), 2001; prior code § 17.84.050)

17.72.060 - Zoning commission action.

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(Prior code § 17.84.060)

17.72.070 - Public hearing—Notice required.

- A. Before taking action on an application for an amendment to the official map, and after presentation of the zoning commission's recommendation, the city council shall hold a public hearing on the application.
- B. The recommendations of the zoning commission shall be published twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the jurisdictional area of the Laurel-Yellowstone city-county planning board, and not less than fifteen days after the first publication of such notice, a final hearing shall be held at the next regular meeting of the city council.
- C. When such proposed amendment has been denied by the city council neither it nor one involving the same tract(s) shall be offered for adoption within one year after such denial.
- D. In case, however, of a valid protest petition against such change signed by the owners of twenty per centum or more either of the lot included in such proposed change, or of those immediately adjacent in the rear of extending one hundred fifty feet therefrom or of those adjacent on either side thereof within the same block, or of those directly opposite thereof extending one hundred fifty feet from the street frontage of such opposite lots, such amendment shall not become effective except by the favorable vote of three-fourths of all the members of the city council.

(Ord. 01-4 (part), 2001; prior code § 17.84.070)

17.20.010 - List of uses.



Table 17.20.010 designates the special review (SR) and allowed (A) uses as governed by commercial — industrial use regulations.

	AG	RP	NC	CBD	CC	HC	LI	HI	P
Accessory buildings or uses incidental and customary to a permitted residential use and located on the same parcel as the permitted residential use	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Airports	A								A
Alcoholic beverages manufacturing and bottling (except below):							A	A	
1,500 to 5,000 31-gallon barrels per year				SR	SR	SR	A	A	
Less than 1,500 gallon barrels per year				A	A	A	A	A	
Ambulance service			A	A	A	A	A	A	
Antique store				A	A	A	A		
Appliance - (household) sales and service			A	A	A	A	A		
Assembly halls and stadium					SR	SR	SR		SR
Assembly of machines and appliances from previously prepared parts					SR	SR	SR		SR
Auction house, excluding livestock				SR	SR	A	A	A	
Auction, livestock	SR								
Automobile sales (new and used)				A	A	A	A		
Automobile - commercial parking enterprise				A	A	A	A	A	
Automobile and truck repair garage				A	A	A	A	A	
Automobile service station			A	A	A	A	A	A	
Automobile wrecking yard								SR	
Bakery products manufacturing					SR	A	A	A	
Bakery shops and confectioneries			A	A	A	A	A		
Banks, savings and loan, commercial credit unions			A	A	A	A	A		
Barber and beauty shops			A	A	A	A	A		
Bed and breakfast inns	A		A		A	A			
Bicycle sales and repair			A	A	A	A	A		
Blueprinting and photostating			A	A	A	A	A		
Boarding and lodging houses	A		A		A	A			
Boat building and repair						A	A	A	
Boat sales new and used					A	A	A	A	
Boiler works (manufacturing servicing)								A	
Boiler works (repair and servicing)							A	A	
Book and stationery store			A	A	A	A	A		
Bottling works							A	A	
Bowling alleys				A	A	A	A		
Brick, tile or terra cotta manufacture								A	
Bus passenger terminal buildings local and cross country				A	A	A	A		
Bus repair and storage terminals						A	A	A	
Camera supply stores			A	A	A	A	A		
Camps, public					SR	A			A
Car washing and waxing					A	A	A		
Car wash - coin operated			A	A	A	A	A		
Cement, lime and plastic manufacture								A	
Ceramics shop		SR	A	A	A	A	A		
Chemical and allied products manufacture								A	
Child care facilities	A		A		A	A			
Churches and other places of worship including parish houses and Sunday school building	A	SR	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Clinic, animal	A		A	A	A	A	A		
Clinics, medical and dental		SR	A	A	A	A	A		
Clothing and apparel stores			A	A	A	A	A		
Coal or coke yard								A	
Cold storage					A	A	A		
Colleges or universities			A	A	A	A			A
Commercial recreation areas			SR	A	A				A

17.20.010 - List of uses.



Table 17.20.010 designates the special review (SR) and allowed (A) uses as governed by commercial — industrial use regulations.

	AG	RP	NC	CBD	CC	HC	LI	HI	P
Commercial food products, storage and packaging						SR	A	A	
Communication towers (commercial)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	SR
Concrete mixing plants and manufacturing of concrete products							A	A	
Construction contractors:									
Office			A	A	A	A	A	A	
Open storage of construction materials or equipment						SR	A	A	
Community residential facilities:									
Adult foster family care home	A		A		A	A			
Community group home	A		A		A	A			
Halfway house	A		A		A	A			
Youth foster home	A		A		A	A			
Youth group home	A		A		A	A			
Nursing, homes, convalescent homes, orphanages, and charitable institutions	A		A		A	A			
Crematorium						SR	A	A	SR
Creameries, dairy products manufacturing							A	A	
Creosote manufacturing or treatment plants								A	
Department stores				A	A	A	A		
Drug stores			A	A	A	A	A		
Dry kiln								A	
Dwellings: single-family Manufactured home	A	A	A	A	A				
Class A, Class B, Class C									
two family			A	A	A				
multiple family			A	A	A				
row housing			SR	SR	SR				
Eating and drinking establishments:									
Cocktail lounge, restaurants, bars and taverns				SR	SR	SR	SR		
Restaurants (without the sale of alcoholic beverages)				A	A	A	A		
Drive-in restaurants					SR	SR	SR		
Extractive industries - excavations of sand and gravel		SR					SR		
Farm implements, sales and service						A	A	A	
Fat rendering or production of fats and oils								SR	
Feedlots – livestock	A							SR	
Feed and seed processing and cleaning for retail purposes									
Feed and seed - farm and garden retail sales					A	A	A		
Fertilizer manufacturing								SR	
Fertilizer wholesale sales						SR	SR	A	
Fertilizer - retail sales					A	A	A		
Florist, wholesale sales	SR				A	A	A		
Florist, retail sales			A	A	A	A	A		
Flour mills							SR	SR	
Food products manufacturing, storage and processing						SR	SR	A	
Food stores (retail only)				A	A	A	A		
Food stores (retail only) - 3000 sq. ft.			A	A	A	A	A		
Foundry								A	
Frozen food lockers					A	A	A		
Fuel oil, gasoline and petroleum products bulk storage or sale						A	A	A	
Furnace repair and cleaning					A	A	A	A	
Furniture and home furnishings, retail sales			A	A	A	A	A		
Furriers, retail sales and storage			A	A	A	A	A		
Gambling establishments				A	A	A	A		
Garbage, offal and animal reduction or processing							SR		
Garbage and waste incineration								SR	
Gas storage								SR	

17.20.010 - List of uses.



Table 17.20.010 designates the special review (SR) and allowed (A) uses as governed by commercial — industrial use regulations.

	AG	RP	NC	CBD	CC	HC	LI	HI	P
Gases or liquified petroleum gases in approved portable metal containers for storage or sale						A	A	A	
Grain elevators	A					SR	SR	A	
Greenhouses	A				A	A	A	A	
Hardware, appliance and electrical supplies, retail sales				A	A	A	A		
Hatcheries	A						SR	SR	
Heliports				SR		SR	SR	SR	SR
Hobby and toy stores			A	A	A	A	A		
Hospitals (for the care of human patients)			A	A	A	A		A	
Hospital, animal		A		SR	SR	A	A	A	
Hotels				A	A	A			
Industrial chemical manufacture except highly corrosive, flammable or toxic materials								SR	
Irrigation equipment sales and service					A	A	A	A	
Jails and penal institutes									A
Janitor service				A	A	A	A		
Jewelry and watch sales			A	A	A	A	A		
Kennels – commercial	A				SR	A	A		
Laboratories for research and testing						SR	A	A	
Landfills - reclamation or sanitary									A
Laundries, steam and dry-cleaning plants							A	A	
Laundries, steam pressing, dry-cleaning and dyeing establishments in conjunction with a retail service counter under 2500 sq. ft. in size			A	A	A	A	A		
Laundries, pick up stations			A	A	A	A	A		
Laundries, self-service coin operated			A	A	A	A	A		
Libraries, museums, and art galleries			A	A	A	A	A		A
Lock and gunsmiths			A	A	A	A	A		
Lodges, clubs, fraternal and social organizations provided that any such club establishment shall not be conducted primarily for gain				A	A	A			
Lumber yards, building materials, storage and sales						A	A	A	
Machine shops						SR	A	A	
Manufacturing - light manufacturing not otherwise mentioned in which no excessive fumes, odors, smoke, noise or dust is created						SR	A	A	
Heavy manufacturing not otherwise mentioned or blending or mixing plants						SR	SR		
Meat processing - excluding slaughter plants						SR	A		
Meat processing, packing and slaughter								SR	
Medical marijuana cultivation facility or cultivation facility							A	A	
Medical marijuana dispensary or dispensary							A		
Metal fabrication						SR	SR	A	
Motorcycle sales and repair				A	A	A	A		
Mortuary			A	A	A	A	A		
Motels and motor courts				A	A	A			
Music stores			A	A	A	A	A		
Office building, professional government and private office buildings in which no activity is carried on catering to retail trade and no stock of goods is maintained for sale	SR	SR	A	A	A	A	A	A	SR
Office equipment, supplies and service			A	A	A	A	A		
Optician and optical supplies and sales			A	A	A	A	A		
Oxygen manufacturing and/or storage								A	
Paint and body shops				A	A	A	A	A	
Paint and retail sales			A	A	A	A	A		
Parking, public		SR	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

17.20.010 - List of uses.



Table 17.20.010 designates the special review (SR) and allowed (A) uses as governed by commercial — industrial use regulations.

	AG	RP	NC	CBD	CC	HC	LI	HI	P
Parks, playgrounds, playfields and golf courses, community center buildings - operated by public agency, neighborhood or homeowner's association	A	SR							A
Pawn shops				A	A	A	A		
Pet shops			A	A	A	A	A		
Photographic studios		SR	A	A	A	A	A		
Planing or saw mills								A	
Post-secondary school	A	A	A	A	A	A			A
Prefabricated building materials assembly and manufactures						SR	A	A	
Preschool	A	SR	SR	SR					
Printing, publishing, reproduction and lithography				A	A	A	A	A	
Processing of previously slaughtered meats, including cutting, wrapping, and freezing by freezer and locker provisioners					A	A	A	A	
Public utilities service installations	SR	SR	SR	A	A	A	A	A	SR
Public utilities storage yard						A	A	A	SR
Radio and TV broadcasting stations				A	A	A	A	A	
Radio and TV tower						A	A	A	SR
Railroad yard							A	A	
Real estate office			A	A	A	A	A		
Rental service store and yard					A	A	A		
Repair and servicing of industrial equipment and machinery						A	A	A	
School, commercial			A	A	A	A			A
Scrap yards - storage and processing								A	
Secondhand stores and/or antique store				A	A	A	A		
Sheet metal shops and processing							A	A	
Shoe repair				A	A	A	A	A	
Sign manufacturing, painting and maintenance						A	A	A	
Sign									
Billboards	SR					SR	SR	SR	
On premises	A	SR	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Off premises	SR			SR	SR	SR	SR	SR	
Slaughterhouse	SR							SR	
Sporting goods sales				A	A	A	A		
Storage, compartmentalized storage for commercial rent							SR	SR	
Storage and warehouse and yards							SR	A	
Stone cutting, monuments manufacturing and sales							SR	A	
Sugar and sugar beet refining								SR	
Swimming pools or beaches, public									A
Taxi stands				A	A	A	A		
Theaters, cinema, opera houses				A	A	A			
Drive-in theaters						SR			
Tire recapping and retreading						A	A	A	
Trailer and recreational vehicle sales area					A	A	A		
Travel trailer park (transient)						SR			
Truck terminals, repair shops, hauling and storage yards						A	A	A	
Water and sewage treatment plant	A								A
Wholesale and jobbing establishments						SR	A	A	
Woodworking shops, millwork						SR	A	A	
Zoo, arboretum	SR								A

(Ord. No. O09-01, 3-17-09; Ord. No. O09-07, 7-7-09; Ord. No. O11-01, 2-15-2011; Ord. No. O-14-03, 8-5-2014)

17.20.020 - Zoning classified in districts.

Zoning for commercial — industrial use is classified in and subject to the requirements of Table 17.20.020.
(Prior code § 17.32.020)



Zoning Requirements	A	RP*	NC*	CBD*	CC*	HC	LI	HI	P
Lot area requirements in square feet, except as noted, 20 acres	20 acres	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Minimum yard requirements:									
Front ^(a)	NA	20	20	NA	20	20	20	20	20
Side ^(b)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Side adjacent to street		10	10		10	10	10	10	10
Rear ^(b)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Maximum height for all buildings ^(c)	NA	25	25	NA	25	45	70	NA	NA
Maximum lot coverage in percent	NA	50	50	NA	50	75	75	75	50
Minimum district size (expressed in acres)	20 acres	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.07	NA
(NA means not applicable)									
*The lot area, yard and lot coverage requirements for 1 and 2 single family dwellings in commercial zoning districts shall be the same as those in the RLMF residential zoning district.									
(a) Arterial setbacks									
(b) Side and rear yards									
(c) Except as provided in the airport zone									

(Ord. No. O-14-03,8-5-2014)

File Attachments for Item:

5. Sign Review: Jimmy John's, SE 4th Street

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND APPLICATION

CITY OF LAUREL, MONTANA

PERMIT No. _____

Job Address <u>2315 Washington Ave</u>	
Owner <u>Steve Solberg</u>	Telephone <u>406-860-4004</u>
Contractor <u>Billingo Sign Source</u>	Subdivision _____
Address <u>2003 Main St Billings MT</u>	Lot _____ Block _____ Tract _____ Zoning _____
Telephone <u>406-373-9500</u>	Type: Addition _____ Fence _____ MH Install _____
City License <u>61</u>	New Structure _____ Remodel _____
Special Conditions <u>Install 3 new Channel Letter Sets</u>	Valuation of Project \$ <u>6,458.00</u>
Description of Work: <u>Sign Install</u>	
Occupancy _____	Type of Construction _____
Number of Units _____	Total Square Feet _____
Rated Walls _____	

BUILDING Approved To Issue By _____	Date _____
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Application is hereby made to the City of Laurel Building Code Official for a permit subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth. All provisions of laws and ordinances governing this work will be complied with whether specified herein or not. Each person upon whose behalf this application pertains, at whose request and for whose benefit work is performed under or pursuant to any permit issued as a result of this application agrees to, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the City of Laurel, its officers, agents and employees.

The granting of this permit does not give authority to cancel or violate the provisions of any state or local law regulating construction or the performance of construction.

"Compliance with the requirements of the state building code for physical accessibility to persons with disabilities does not necessarily guarantee compliance with Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, the Rehabilitation Act of 1978, the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, Title 49, chapter 2, commonly known as the Montana Human Rights Act, or other similar federal, state, or local laws that mandate accessibility to commercial construction or multifamily housing."

Any permit issued as a result of this application becomes null and void if work is not commenced within 180 days of issuance of such permit, unless a written request to extend this time is submitted to the City of Laurel Building Department and approved.

The applicant is responsible for calling to obtain underground line locations 1-800-424-5555 two days before digging.

All general contractors shall have a current City of Laurel business license.

The permit holder is responsible for giving 24 hour notice for required inspections.

I hereby certify I have read this application and the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

FEES AND CHARGES

1000-323011 building	\$ _____
1000-323013 plumbing	\$ _____
1000-323014 plan review	\$ _____
1000-323055 fence	\$ _____
1000-323011 roof	\$ _____
1000-323018 investigation	\$ _____
1000-323053 sign	\$ _____
5210-343033 SDF water	\$ _____
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1000-323011 mh install	\$ _____
1000-323011 re-inspection	\$ _____
other	\$ _____
Total Amount due	\$ _____
Amount Paid	\$ _____

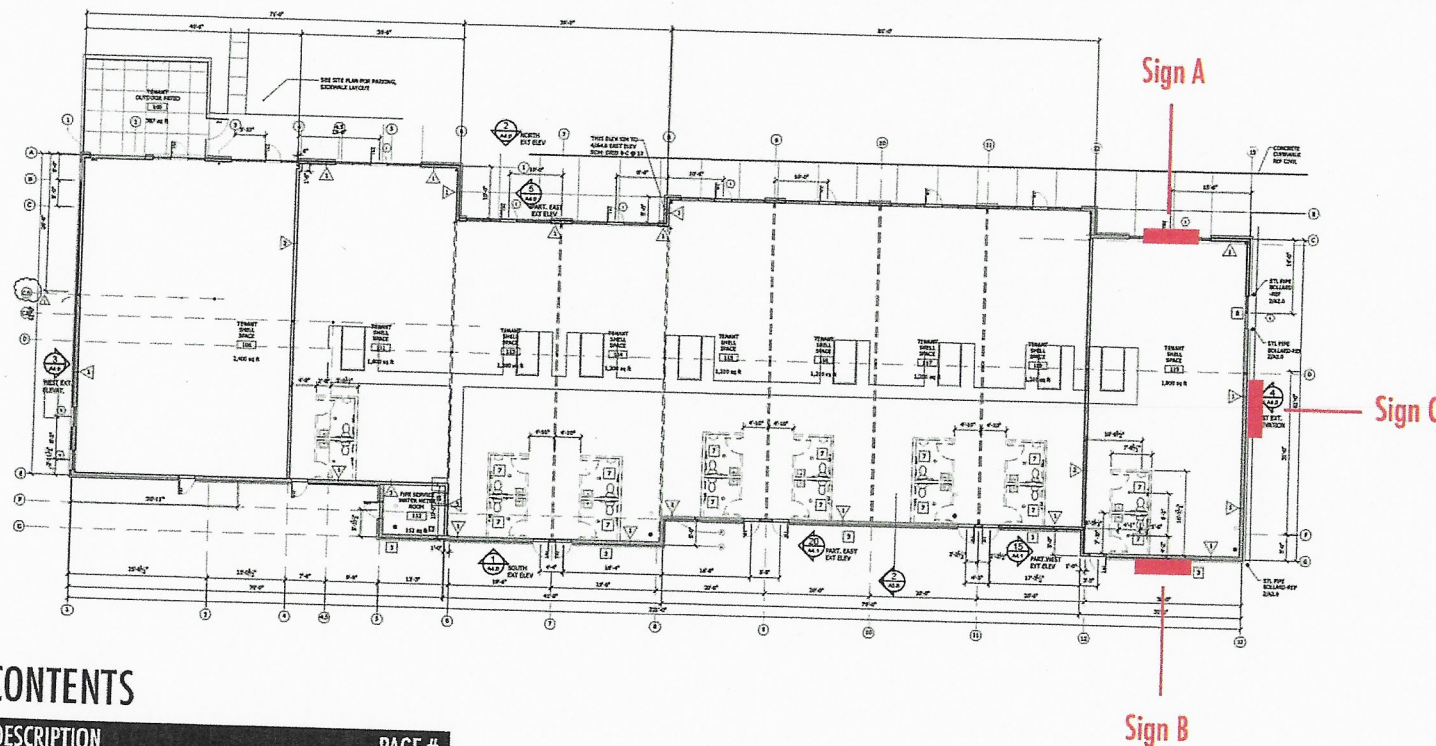
Signature of Applicant Steve Solberg

Date 2-1-21

JJ JIMMY JOHN'S®

S Washington Avenue, Laurel, MT

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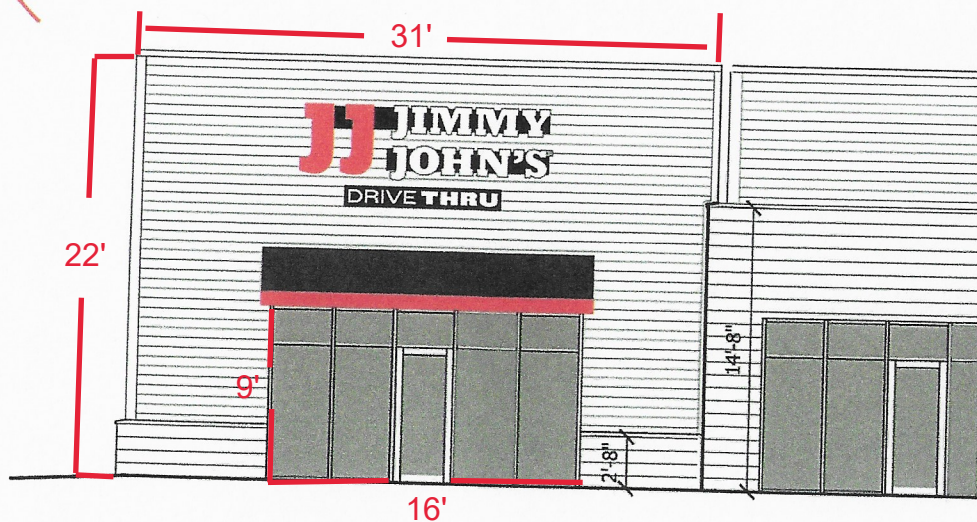
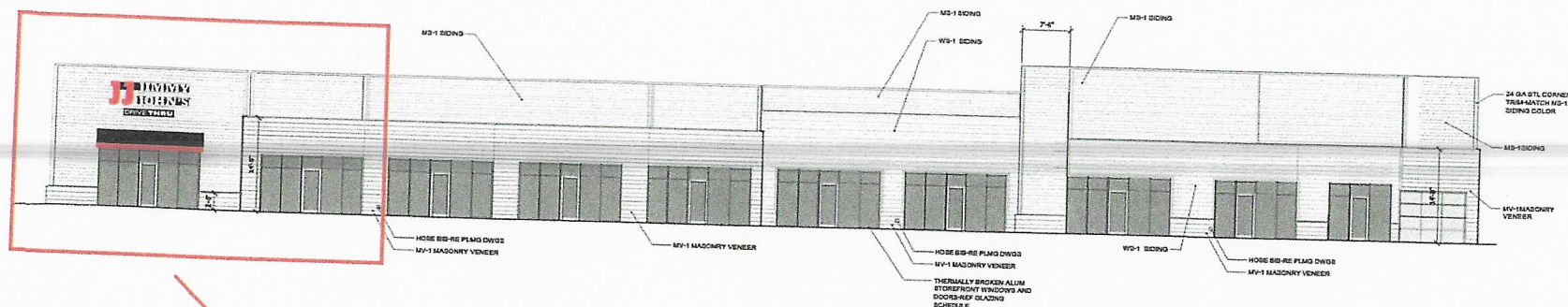
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SIGN A Sign Sq. Ft.: **68'**

Quantity: One (1) set of internally illuminated channel letters mounted to black raceway
 Vinyl Colors: 3630-22 Black and PMS 185C Red

Awning

Quantity: One (1) non-illuminated awning using Sunbrella 4608 Black and 4666 Red material

Wall 628 sq ft. - 144 sq ft door = 538 sq ft wall area

Allowable wall area of 30% = 161.4 sq ft sign area

Proposed sign is 68 sq ft.

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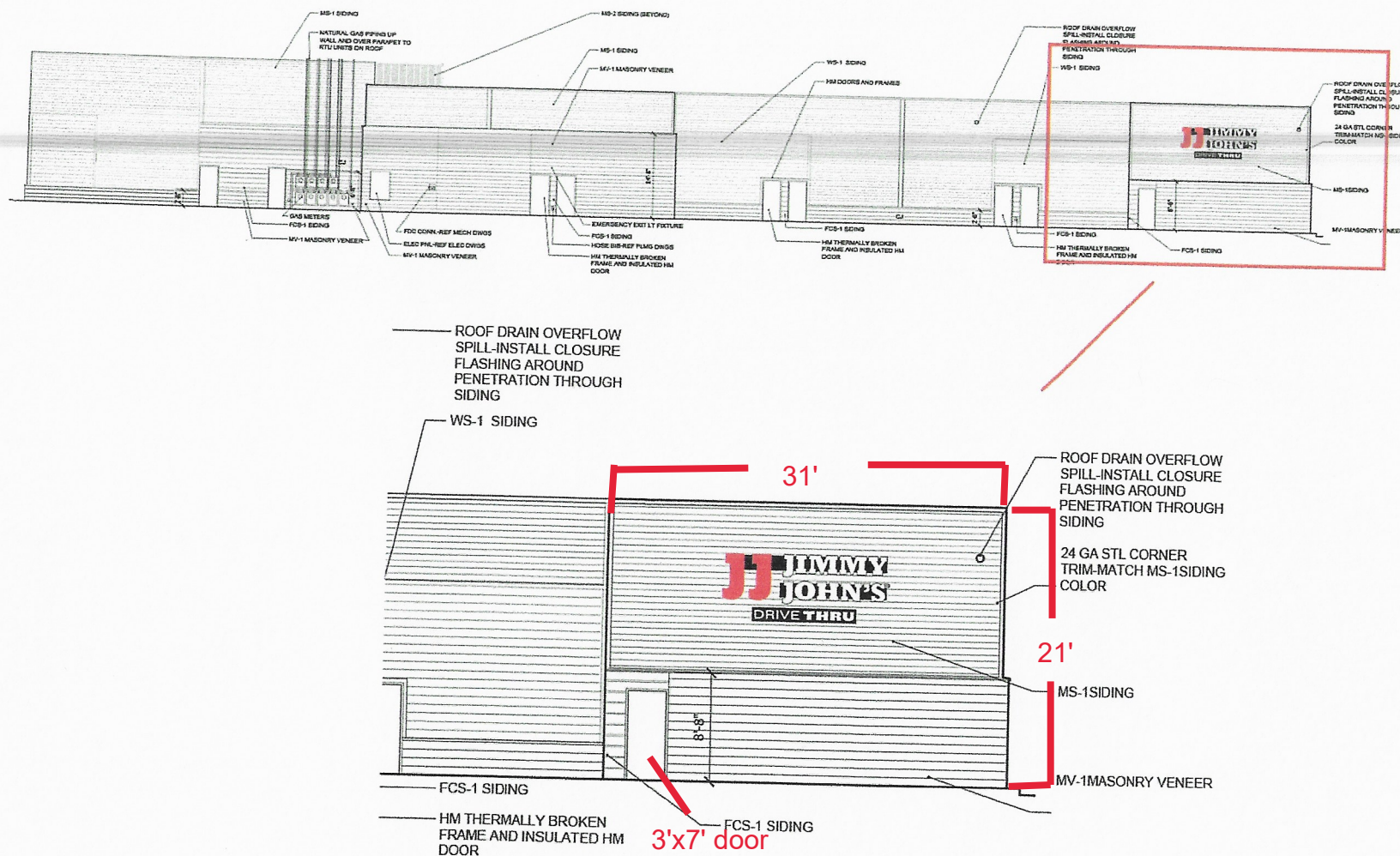
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SIGN B Sign Sq. Ft.: 68'

Quantity: One (1) set of internally illuminated channel letters mounted to black raceway
 Vinyl Colors: 3630-22 Black and PMS 185C Red

Wall 628 sq ft. - 21 sq ft door = 661 sq ft wall area
 Allowable wall area of 30% = 198.3 sq ft sign area
 Proposed sign is 68 sq ft.

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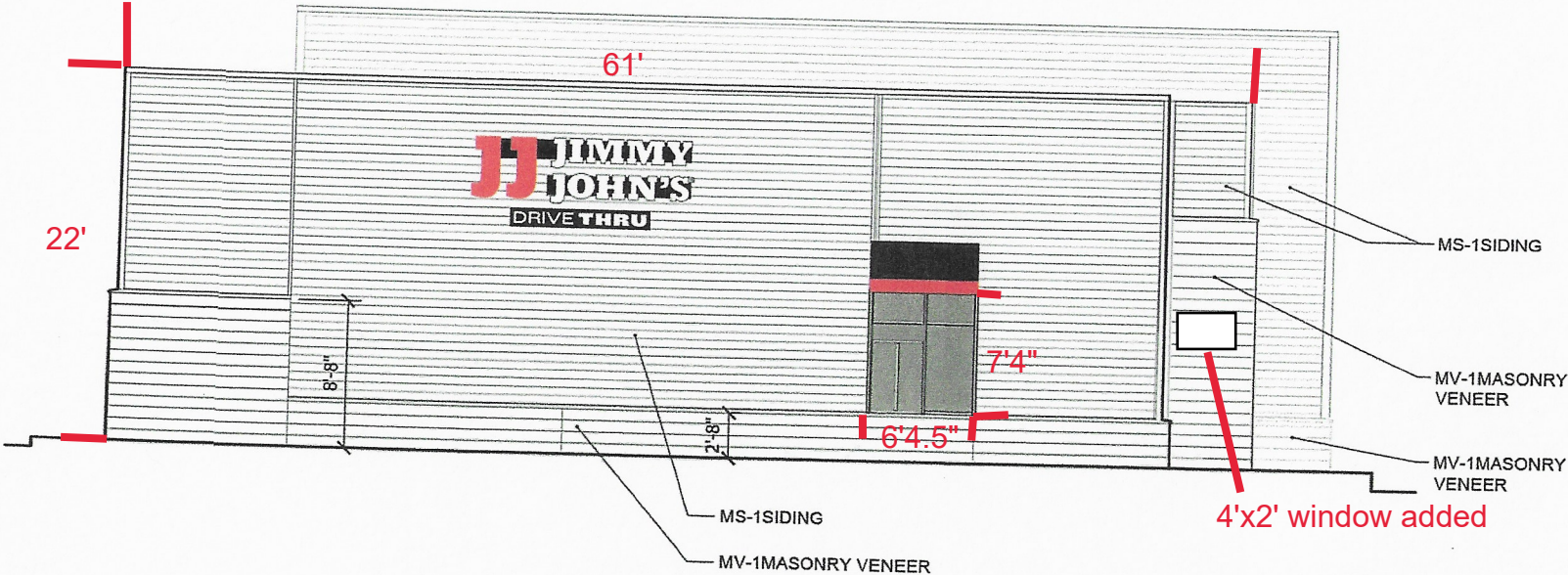
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SIGN C Sign Sq. Ft.: 68'

Quantity: One (1) set of internally illuminated channel letters mounted to black raceway

Vinyl Colors: 3630-22 Black and PMS 185C Red

Awning

Quantity: One (1) non-illuminated awning using Sunbrella 4608 Black and 4666 Red material

Wall 1342 sq ft. - 54.75 sq ft windows = 1287.25 sq ft wall area

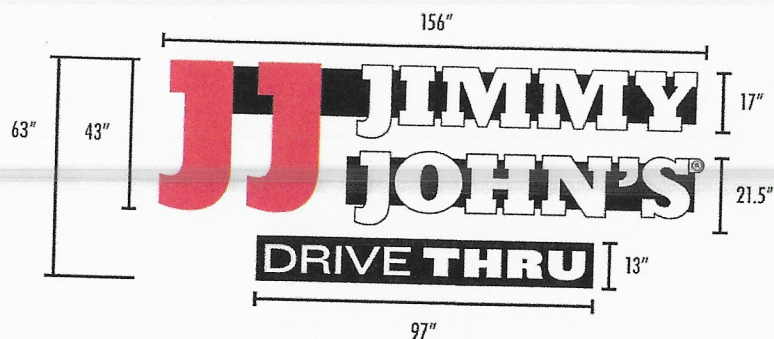
Allowable wall area of 30% = 386.175 sq ft sign area

Proposed sign is 68 sq ft.

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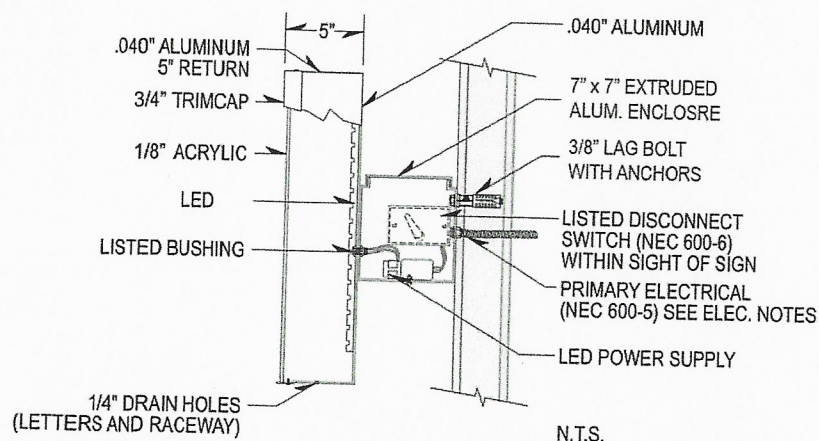


Registration Mark Example

SIGN A, B & C

Sign Sq. Ft.: 68'

Quantity: One (1) set of internally illuminated channel letters
mounted to black raceway
Vinyl Colors: 3630-22 Black and PMS 185C Red



LED (US LED)	PNT-3-12-W
COLOR	WHITE
FACE	THICKNESS
	1/8"
	COLOR
	WHITE
	VINYL
	PER STYLE
RETURN	DEPTH
	5"
	COLOR
	BLACK PRE-COAT
	GAUGE
	.040" X 5.3" COIL
RETAINER	SIZE
	3/4"
	COLOR
	BLACK
	TYPE
	TRIM CAP
BACKS	MATERIAL
	ALUMINUM
	GAUGE
	.063"
RACEWAY	SIZE
	TBD
	COLOR
	BLACK
	MOUNTING
	1/4" X 2" ALUM. BAR
POWER SUPPLY	ADVANCE
	60 W POWER SUPPLY
KICKER MATERIAL	ALUMINUM
	HGT.
	TO BE DETERMINED
SCREWS	SIZE
	#8 X 1/2" PHILLIPS HD.
	COLOR
	TO MATCH TRIMCAP
MOUNTING	INTERNAL
	-
	EXTERNAL
	-
SWITCH	TYPE
	DISCONNECT/TOGGLE

*SPST DISCONNECT SWITCH LOCATE ON RACEWAY.
*2 WEEP HOLES PER LETTER REQUIRED (3/8" DIA.).
*ALL ELECTRICAL OUTS LOCATED FOR RACEWAY OR REMOTE APPLICATION.
*CAULK REQUIRED.

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Chapter 17.26 - COMMUNITY ENTRYWAY ZONING DISTRICT

Sections:

17.26.010 - Intent.

The purpose of the Laurel Entryway Zoning District is to regulate outdoor advertising, outdoor advertising signs, and outdoor signs of all types, to provide fair and comprehensive regulations that will foster a good visual environment for Laurel, enhancing the area in which we live, and creating an aesthetic and enjoyable appearance for our visitors and our residents.

The natural landscape in the Yellowstone Valley is a major influence on the form and character of Laurel. Residents appreciate being able to see the Beartooth Range, the river's corridor of trees, and the large expanse of sky. The intent of the Community Entryway Zoning District (EZD) is to promote attractive, high quality development and to provide an appealing image of the city of Laurel to the traveling public and the people of the community and region. Further, it is the intent of this district to maintain a sensitivity toward existing development while preserving scenic vistas and the pastoral ambience and protecting environmentally sensitive areas. Creativity in meeting these requirements is encouraged with the overall intent of all development representing the image and economy of the Laurel area—and not just a reflection of the same commercial buildings, signage, and parking lots that are seen alongside the interstate across the nation.

Projects in the vicinity of large natural areas/corridors shall be designed to compliment the visual context of the natural area. Techniques include architectural design, site design, use of native landscaping, and choices of colors and building materials shall be utilized in such manner that scenic views across or through the site are protected and man-made facilities are screened from off-site observers and blend with the natural visual character of the area.

This overlay district provides requirements that are in addition to the existing, underlying zoning districts in the jurisdictional area of the city of Laurel and are in addition to the signage standards of the city of Laurel Municipal Sign Code. Except for signage applications, residential uses in the Entryway Zoning District are exempt from the provisions herein.

The intent of this section is to:

- A. Promote a physical landscape that will assist in making Laurel an attractive place to live and work and be inviting to new industries;
- B. Encourage creativity in design and quality in site planning and development;
- C. Reduce the level of adverse impacts from the transportation system on adjoining lands;
- D. Promote development patterns in harmony with the goals and objectives of Laurel's Growth Management Plan;
- H. Promote compatible land use transitions with a sensitivity toward existing residential uses.

Non-commercial/industrial uses falling within the EZD are exempt from the requirements of the EZD except as such requirements pertain to signage.

(Ord. 02-31, 2002)

17.26.030 - Location of district.

The Community Entryway Zoning District (EZD) shall extend three hundred feet on either side of Interstate 90 right-of way as it extends through the Laurel Zoning Jurisdiction Area, an area that extends outside the city municipal limits one mile. Specifically, along the interstate the EZD shall extend as described from the east limit of the extra-territorial zoning boundary west to the limit of the west extra-territorial boundary. The district shall also include that area three hundred feet on either side of the north extra-territorial boundary on Buffalo Trail Road south through Laurel on First Avenue to where First Avenue turns into US Highway 212-310

(Ord. 02-31, 2002)

(Ord. No. O15-03, 5-5-2015)

17.26.040 - Application and approval process.

- A. All plans and applications for development shall be submitted to the city-county planning board. All applications involving signs shall be submitted to the public works department which shall provide a copy thereof to the planning board. All applications must be submitted and signed by the property owner, lessee, the contract purchaser, or the authorized agent of the property owner. Approval is required prior to any construction activity.
- B. Each application shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
 - 1. The name and address of the property owner;
 - 2. The name and address of the applicant;
 - 3. The legal description of the parcel;
 - 4. A map drawn to scale showing the dimensions, acreage, location of the parcel, north arrow, streets and adjacent land uses;
 - 5. A complete site plan drawn to a scale of no less than 1" = 40' showing the dimensions and locations of all structures, streets, paving, parking, landscaping, signage, waterways or other significant features of the development;
 - 6. Complete elevation drawings drawn to scale including the dimensions and height of the structure;
 - 7. Signage Plan specifications, location, and ground lighting pattern (applications for signs only—see Section 17.26.050); and
 - 8. Application review fee.
- C. Within fifteen working days following the submittal of a complete application, the planning director, other city designee, or the public works department (in the case of signs) shall issue approval for development or sign or a denial of the application, unless the applicant consents in writing to an extension of the review period. Should the application be denied, the applicant shall be notified in writing specifying the reasons for the denial.

(Ord. 02-31, 2002)

17.26.050 - Definitions.

All terms shall have the same meanings as defined elsewhere in the city zoning ordinance or city signage regulations. The standard dictionary meaning shall be applied to terms not otherwise defined.

(Ord. 02-31, 2002)

17.26.052 - Development standards.

A. Signage.

1. Review Consideration. Signage in the EZD needs to recognize the relationship between adjacent land uses and the natural features of the location such as existing views and proximity to residences. Although signs perform a function in providing information concerning services, products, and business, a profusion of signs produces a cumulative effect that cancels out individual effectiveness and detracts from the appearance of the community as a whole. All signage shall be reviewed with the following considerations and criteria:
 - a. Use of subdued, low-key colors;
 - b. Location, size, and height that do not obstruct views of the community, the river corridor, traditional open spaces, or the mountains;
 - c. Sign is built of permanent, durable materials;
 - d. Size and location avoids or minimizes the sense of clutter with nearby signs;
 - e. The sign is professionally prepared and finished on both sides;
 - f. The location and placement of the sign will not endanger motorists or pedestrians and does not interfere with the clear vision triangle at street, railroad, or street driveway intersections;
 - g. The sign will not cover or blanket any prominent view of a structure or façade of historical or architectural significance;
 - h. The sign will not obstruct views of users of adjacent buildings to side yards, yards or to nearby open space;
 - i. The sign will not negatively impact the visual quality of a public open space such as a recreation facilities, square, plaza, court yard and the like;
 - j. The sign cannot be seen from the Yellowstone River or any city, county or state park or—if it can be seen—it must be located one thousand feet from the boundaries of such spaces.
2. Only one sign is allowed per parcel of record and there shall be at least one thousand feet between signs.
3. A construction permit is required whenever the sign copy is changed and any alterations to the sign are made.
4. Signs shall be limited to one hundred sixty square feet in copy area.
5. Non-conforming signs are required to be brought into compliance with this section within six years from the date of adoption of this ordinance or upon the earliest occurrence of the following events.
 - a. The sign is relocated or replaced;

- b. The structure or size of the sign is altered in any way;
 - c. The sign suffers more than fifty percent appraised damage or deterioration or the sign is taken out of service for any reason, such as being knocked down by weather or other means;
 - d. If any non-conforming sign is abandoned or voluntarily discontinued for a period of one hundred eighty days, any subsequent use must be in conformity with this ordinance. An abandoned sign is a sign which no longer identifies or advertises a bona fide business, lessor, service, owner, product, or activity, and/or for which no legal owner can be found. An abandoned sign is to be removed by the owner within fifteen days of notice from the public works department.
- 6. No portable signs as described in the city signage ordinance are allowed in the EZD.
- 7. Transit Bus Benches. Transit bus benches, with or without advertising, may be placed within the city right-of-way upon application and approval of the ADA coordinator, the transit administrator and in consultation with the public work director. All benches must comply with any applicable city, state, and or/federal standards or regulations. The city may approve a bench provider, with or without advertising, pursuant to its procurement policy, as amended.
- 8. Lighting. All sign lighting must incorporate cut-off shields to direct light downward. Luminaries shall not be visible from adjacent streets or properties. A sign's lighting will not cause hazardous or unsafe driving conditions for motorists and will not glare, reflect, or spill onto adjacent business or residential areas.
- B. Building Design Standards.
 - 1. All buildings shall be completed on all sides with one of the following finishing material: brick, fluted block, colored textured block, glass, stucco, architectural concealed fastener metal panels, exterior insulation and finishing systems (i.e., Dryvit, etc.), stone or wood. Exposed seam metal buildings shall be prohibited unless covered with an acceptable finishing material.
 - 2. Roofs shall be finished with a material that is architecturally compatible in color and design with the construction of the building. Metal roofs, fascia, and mansards shall be limited to the following: standing seam, metal shakes or shingles and architectural metal treatments. All mechanical equipment placed on top of any roof shall be screened by a parapet or other similar architectural apparatus being at least the height of the mechanical equipment. Pitched roofs are encouraged whenever possible.
 - 3. Long, flat facades that front on the interstate highway, First Avenue North or First Avenue South having more than one hundred lineal feet are prohibited. Buildings over one hundred feet in length shall incorporate one of the following: recesses, off-sets, angular forms, landscaping features or other architectural features such as bell towers, clock towers, to provide a visually interesting shape. The break in the facade shall be minimum of eight feet in length. A single uninterrupted length of a facade shall not exceed one hundred lineal feet. It is encouraged that each offset area contains landscaping or other similar amenities which will complement the offset area.
- C. Additional Provisions for Commercial Uses.
 - 1. Storage of Merchandise. Any permitted storage of merchandise outside an approved building shall be within an area enclosed with a sight obscuring fence at least six feet in height that is architecturally compatible in color and design with the building. However, promotional

displays, vehicle sales lots and plant materials may be displayed outside of an approved building or enclosed area so long as they are placed appurtenant to a building wherein the business displays the bulk of its goods for sale. In addition, retail nurseries shall be exempt from the enclosure of plant materials, and displayed merchandise shall not include any used equipment. Bufferyards or required landscaping shall not be used for the displaying of merchandise.

2. Site Lighting. All outdoor lighting shall be designed, located and mounted at heights no greater than eighteen feet above grade for non-cutoff lights and thirty-five feet above grade for cutoff lights. All outdoor lighting shall be designed and located such that the maximum illumination measured in foot-candles at the property line shall not exceed three-tenths foot-candle for non-cutoff lights and three foot-candles for cutoff lights.
3. Storage of Junk. No person shall store junk, partially or completely dismantled vehicles, or salvaged materials in any commercial zone outside a building. In the case of automobile repair shops, such materials must be enclosed within a building or an area having a sight-obscuring fence at least six feet in height.
4. Solid Waste Area. All solid waste storage facilities shall be located within an area enclosed with a sight-obscuring fence or wall that is architecturally compatible in color and design with the building.

D. Cell Towers.

No wireless communication facilities are allowed in the entryway zone.

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17.26.054 - Landscaping standards.

Landscaping in the form of trees, shrubs, and groundcover serve several purposes: The softening of harsh building forms and paved areas, the absorption of ground water, the reflection of seasonal color change, the provision of sound barriers (such as around utility substations or industrial yards), and urban wildlife habitat.

A. Landscaping Definitions.

Canopy Tree. A species of tree which normally bears crown foliage no lower than six feet above ground level upon maturity. Minimum size of canopy trees shall be two and one half inches in caliper.

Evergreen Tree or Shrub. A tree or shrub of a species which normally retains leaves / needles throughout the year. Minimum size of evergreen trees shall be five feet in height.

B. Landscaping.

1. Bufferyard Requirements. All commercial/Industrial land uses are required to place a bufferyard (landscaping strip) adjacent to and along the length of I-90, First Avenue North, or First Avenue South on which the use fronts. Such landscaping buffer shall extend from the edge of the public right-of-way. Placement and landscaping design shall be at the discretion of the developer, and the required trees and shrubs may be clustered to enhance the view of the

property from the public right-of-way as long as such uses conform with Section 17.26.052(C) of this code. A local design professional or local nursery must be consulted for assistance with the development of the landscape design. The use of native, drought-tolerant plant material is strongly encouraged. Evergreen trees are encouraged for bufferyards, and canopy trees are encouraged for parking areas. The planting of trees should be done in such a manner as to provide maximum solar efficiency throughout the site.

- a. The developer shall have the option of one of the following three bufferyards. Bufferyard depth is measured from the property line adjacent to the public right-of-way inward. Any buffer area which overlaps another buffer area shall be subtracted from the total to avoid double counting. The number of trees and shrubs required is per one hundred feet of frontage:

- (1) Twenty-five foot wide bufferyard: five Canopy or evergreen trees, ten Shrubs
- (2) Twenty foot wide bufferyard: ten Canopy or evergreen trees, fifteen Shrubs
- (3) Fifteen foot wide bufferyard: fifteen Canopy or evergreen trees, twenty Shrubs

- b. The following criteria shall also apply to the bufferyards.

- i. The landscape strip may be contoured. Berming shall be one foot of rise to four feet of run with a minimum of three feet in height. Depressions shall be no lower than the existing grade of the site.
- ii. All landscaped areas shall contain ground cover such as sod, shrubs, flowerbeds, or organic materials. No more than ten percent of the landscaped area shall contain rock, bark chips, stepping stones, or similar material.
- iii. All landscaped areas shall be sub-irrigated, maintained, and kept free of weeds, debris, and litter. Failure to do so constitutes a zoning violation. Existing mature trees and shrubs should be preserved and will be credited toward landscaping requirements.
- iv. Depth of bufferyard shall depend on density of vegetation.
- v. All new utility lines shall be placed underground.
- vi. New tree plantings shall not be constructed so as to grow into existing overhead utility lines.

C. Off-Street Parking Lot Landscaping.

Landscaping shall be provided within all parking areas as follows:

Parking lots containing more than ten spaces shall contain internal areas of landscaping totaling at least ten percent of the parking area. Each planting area shall contain at least three hundred square feet and at least one major tree and groundcover with irrigation. There must be a clearly designated pedestrian route from the parking lot to the street or main entrance.

- 1. A minimum of twenty square feet of landscaped area shall be provided for each parking space on parking lots containing more than ten spaces.
- 2. Two canopy and/or evergreen trees and five shrubs shall be required for every ten parking spaces or component thereof over ten parking spaces.

3. All landscaped areas shall contain ground cover such as sod, shrubs, flowerbeds or organic materials. No more than twenty-five percent of the landscaped area shall contain rock, bark chips, stepping stones or similar material.
4. The minimum width and/or length of any parking lot landscaped area shall be five feet.
5. Internal parking lot landscaping provided shall be proportionately dispersed, at the developer's discretion, in order to define aisles and limit unbroken rows of parking. The maximum horizontal or vertical unbroken length shall be limited to one hundred feet. Landscaped areas provided shall be in a scale proportionate to parking lot.
6. Any development that has parking abutting a required bufferyard, may extend the width of parking landscaping plant material. The minimum bufferyard width and that bufferyard a minimum of five feet and include the additional required landscaping material is required in addition to the parking landscaping.
7. Protection of Landscaped Areas. Landscaped areas within parking lots or the along perimeter of the property must be protected from vehicular traffic through the use of continuous concrete curbs, extruded asphalt or other approved permanent barriers.
8. All new utility lines shall be placed underground.

D. Commercial Uses Abutting Residential Uses.

All commercial uses abutting residential uses shall install a bufferyard. The bufferyard shall be ten feet wide and shall contain ten evergreen and/or canopy trees and ten shrubs per one hundred lineal feet. A solid fence or wall that is architecturally compatible in color and design with the building shall be required on the property line. The fence height shall be a minimum of six feet. Chain link or other wire fencing material is prohibited.

E. Fractions in the Calculation of Number of Trees and Shrubs.

In the calculation of trees and shrubs for bufferyards or parking landscaping, all fractions shall be rounded to the nearest, highest whole number.

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