

CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS

MADISON CONFERENCE ROOM - CITY HALL, 300 W. 13 MILE ROAD

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING AGENDA

NOVEMBER 16, 2023 AT 7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 5th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Case # PZBA 23-14: 25005 Dequindre Road

REQUEST: The applicant, Aver Sign Company on behalf of 25005 Dequindre, LLC (property owner), requests two (2) dimensional variances from Section 10.511(IV)(C) of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to signage: One (1) variance pertaining to the maximum number of ground signs per property; and one (1) variance pertaining to the minimum ground sign setback. The subject property is located at 25005 Dequindre Road (tax parcel #44-25-24-476-043) and is zoned B-1, Local Business District.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Items not listed on agenda

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

3. Adoption of 2024 ZBA Meeting Calendar

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation through electronic means in this meeting should contact the City Clerk at (248) 583-0826 or by email: clerks@madisonheights.org at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to make reasonable accommodations.

Zoning Board of Appeals Madison Heights, Michigan October 05, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals was called to order by Chairman Kimble on Thursday, October 05, 2023 at 7:30 PM at Council Chambers – City Hall, 300 W. 13 Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Present: Chair Kimble, Vice-Chair Thompson, and members: Corbett, Holder,

Marentette, and Oglesby

Absent: Aaron, Barragan, and Loranger

23-41. Minutes

Motion by Ms. Holder, seconded by Ms. Marentette, to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals Regular Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2023.

Yeas: Corbett, Holder, Marentette, Oglesby, Thompson, and Kimble

Nays: None

Absent: Aaron, Barragan, and Loranger

Motion Carried.

23-42. Case # PZBA 23-13: 29448 John R Road

Mr. J. Reid Cooksey, Stonefield Engineering and Design, LLC representing Moschouris Management and Development, stated that hours of operation variance is a standard hours operation for the car wash; no other use within the M-1 District is held to hours of operation standards such as this; many other uses start much earlier than 7 a.m.; and by not allowing the additional hour will go against the reciprocal hours and have a negative impact on the business itself. Regarding the chain link fence around the building, no other car wash in Madison Heights is held to this standard; in an M-1 District a coin operating car wash would not be held to these same standards; and if held to the chain link fence standard it would deter business and create a negative aesthetic for the site. Outdoor vacuuming and drying for the coin operated car washes are not held to the same standards within the same district; this is a hazard for the customer because of the noise an enclosed vacuum could produce; and having the singular vacuum hub helps muffle the noise and creates a better customer and pedestrian site.

Community and Economic Development Director Tucker reviewed the staff report provided in the meeting packet, incorporated herein:

REQUEST

The petitioner, William Gershenson on behalf of Moschouris Management and Development, requests three (3) variances from Section 10.326(8) of the Zoning Ordinance, *use-specific standards for auto wash uses*, pertaining to hours of operation, fencing, and outdoor vacuuming

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stations. The subject property is located at 29448 John R Road (tax parcels # 44-25-12-304-010), zoned M-1, Light Industrial.

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (SPRC) ACTION

The SPRC discussed the variance request at their September 20th, 2023 meeting. The SPRC had no objections to the variance requests.

ZBA ACTION

Any ZBA motion, including approval and denial, should include findings of fact relating to the variance criteria listed in Sections 10.804(2) and 10.805. Template approval and denial motions are attached for the ZBA's consideration. The ZBA should act on each variance request separately. In granting a variance, the ZBA may attach conditions regarding the location, character and other features of the proposed use(s) as it may deem reasonable in furthering the purpose of the Zoning Ordinance. If the ZBA moves to approve the requested variances, staff suggests the following conditions of approval: 1. Vacuums shall be turned off no later than 10 p.m., consistent with the closure of the auto wash tunnel. 2. The Landscape Plan submitted with the site plan package shall be substantially consistent with, or exceed, the preliminary plans submitted with the Special Approval and ZBA Variance applications, except for any required modifications placed as conditions of approval. 3. Motors and mechanical equipment for the outdoor vacuums shall be enclosed within the car wash building or an external masonry enclosure. Details of such enclosure shall be provided on the formal site plan, when submitted.

Assistant City Attorney Burns recommends each variance is voted on separately and include the following criteria and conditions for approval. The vacuum should be turned off before 10 p.m. consistent with the closure of the auto wash tunnel. The landscape plan submitted with the site plan will be substantially consistent with or exceed the preliminary plans submitted with the special approval and ZBA applications. Except for any required modifications placed as conditions of approval. Motors and mechanical equipment from the outdoor vacuum shall be enclosed within the car wash building or an external masonry enclosure. Details of such enclosure shall be provided in a formal site plan when submitted to the city. The approval of the variances is contingent on the city's approval of a site plan and issuance of building permits.

Chair Kimble opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. to hear comments on application #23-13.

There being no further comments on application #23-13, Chair Kimble closed the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

VARIANCE #1 – HOURS OF OPERATION

Motion by Vice-Chair Thompson, seconded by Ms. Corbett, to APPROVE the variance application for auto wash hours of operation between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. at the subject property, 29448 John R Road, after the required public hearing, based upon the following findings:

- 1) The variance request meets the criteria for approving a variance contained in Section 10.804 of the Ordinance. In particular:
- a. The strict application of the regulations would result in an exceptional practical difficulty for the business owner; and
- b. The literal interpretation of the provisions of this ordinance deprives the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by others in the same zoning district; and
- c. Such relief may be provided without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purposes of the Zoning Ordinance.

The approval of the variances is contingent on the city's approval of a site plan and issuance of building permits, including the following:

- 1) The vacuum shall be turned off before 10 p.m. consistent with the closure of the auto wash tunnel.
- 2) The landscape plan submitted with the site plan will be substantially consistent with or exceed the preliminary plans submitted with the special approval and ZBA applications. Except for any required modifications placed as conditions of approval.
- 3) Motors and mechanical equipment from the outdoor vacuum shall be enclosed within the car wash building or an external masonry enclosure. Details of such enclosure shall be provided in a formal site plan when submitted to the city.

Yeas: Corbett, Holder, Thompson, and Kimble

Nays: Marentette and Oglesby

Absent: Aaron, Barragan, and Loranger

Motion Carried.

VARIANCE #2 – CHAIN LINK FENCE

Motion by Ms. Holder, seconded by Ms. Corbett, to APPROVE the variance application for landscaping in lieu of the required chain link fence at the subject property, 29448 John R Road after the required public hearing, based upon the following findings:

- 1) The variance request meets the criteria for approving a variance contained in Section 10.804 of the Zoning Ordinance. In particular:
 - a. The literal interpretation of the provisions of this ordinance deprives the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by others in the same zoning district; and
 - b. Such relief may be provided without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purposes of the Zoning Ordinance; and

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c. The special conditions are not the result of the applicant.

The variance is granted with the following conditions:

1) The Landscape Plan submitted with the site plan package shall be substantially consistent with, or exceed, the preliminary plans submitted with the Special Approval and ZBA Variance applications, except for any required modifications placed as conditions of approval.

The approval of the variances is contingent on the city's approval of a site plan and issuance of building permits, including the following:

- 1) The vacuum should be turned off before 10 p.m. consistent with the closure of the auto wash tunnel.
- 2) The landscape plan submitted with the site plan will be substantially consistent with or exceed the preliminary plans submitted with the special approval and ZBA applications. Except for any required modifications placed as conditions of approval.
- 3) Motors and mechanical equipment from the outdoor vacuum shall be enclosed within the car wash building or an external masonry enclosure. Details of such enclosure shall be provided in a formal site plan when submitted to the city.

Yeas: Corbett, Holder, Marentette, Oglesby, Thompson, and Kimble

Nays: None

Absent: Aaron, Barragan, and Loranger

Motion Carried.

VARIANCE #3 – OUTDOOR VACUUMING AND DRYING

Motion by Ms. Holder, seconded by Ms. Corbett, to APPROVE the variance application for outdoor vacuuming at the subject property, 29448 John R Road after the required public hearing, based upon the following findings:

- 1) The variance request meets the criteria for approving a variance contained in Section 10.804 of the Zoning Ordinance. In particular:
 - a. The strict application of the regulations would result in an exceptional practical difficulty for the business owner; and
 - b. The literal interpretation of the provisions of this ordinance deprives the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by others in the same zoning district; and
 - c. Such relief may be provided without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purposes of the Zoning Ordinance.

This variance is granted with the following conditions:

- 1) Vacuums shall be turned off no later than 10 p.m., consistent with the closure of the auto wash tunnel.
- 2) Motors and mechanical equipment for the outdoor vacuums shall be enclosed within the car wash building or an external masonry enclosure. Details of such enclosure shall be provided on the formal site plan, when submitted.

The approval of the variances is contingent on the city's approval of a site plan and issuance of building permits, including the following:

- 1) The vacuum should be turned off before 10 p.m. consistent with the closure of the auto wash tunnel.
- 2) The landscape plan submitted with the site plan will be substantially consistent with or exceed the preliminary plans submitted with the special approval and ZBA applications. Except for any required modifications placed as conditions of approval.
- 3) Motors and mechanical equipment from the outdoor vacuum shall be enclosed within the car wash building or an external masonry enclosure. Details of such enclosure shall be provided in a formal site plan when submitted to the city.

Yeas: Corbett, Holder, Marentette, Oglesby, Thompson, and Kimble

Nays: None

Absent: Aaron, Barragan, and Loranger

Motion Carried.

23-43. Excuse Member(s)

Motion by Mr. Oglesby, seconded by Mr. Holder, to excuse Councilwoman Aaron from tonight's meeting.

Yeas: Corbett, Holder, Marentette, Oglesby, Thompson, and Kimble

Nays: None

Absent: Aaron, Barragan, and Loranger

Motion Carried.

23-44. Public Comment: For items not listed on the agenda.

Seeing no one wished to comment, Chair Kimble opened public comment at 7:46 p.m. and closed the public comment at 7:47 p.m.

Chair Kimble read that the November Regular Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m. due to the Election Early Voting.

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23-45. Adjournment.

Motion by Vice-Chair Thompson, seconded by Ms. Corbett, to adjourn the meeting.

Yeas: Corbett, Holder, Marentette, Oglesby, Thompson, and Kimble

Nays: None

Absent: Aaron, Barragan, and Loranger

Motion Carried.

There being no further business, Chair Kimble, adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.



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Report Date: November 9th, 2023

To: City of Madison Heights Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Date: November 16th, 2023

From: Matt Lonnerstater, AICP – City Planner

Subject: Signage Variances

PZBA 23-14 – 25005 Dequindre Road (tax parcel # 44-25-24-476-043)

REQUEST

The applicant, Aver Sign Company on behalf of 25005 Dequindre, LLC (property owner), requests two (2) variances from the City's Zoning Ordinance relating to signage. The subject property is located at the northwest corner of the E. 10 Mile Road/Dequindre Road intersection and is zoned B-1, Local Business. The property has been approved for the development of a 9,000 square foot retail building featuring a gas station and drive-through restaurant and is currently under construction.

The applicant requests variances from the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to ground signage:

<u>Variance #1:</u> Section 10.511(IV)(C)(2)(a): One ground sign for each business development; and <u>Variance #2:</u> Section 10.511(IV)(C)(2)(a)3: The base of the sign shall not be less than 20 feet from a side lot line.

The applicant proposes to construct two (2) ground signs, as follows:

<u>Sign 1:</u> Dequindre Road (northeast corner of site): 8 ft. tall; 57 sq. ft.; illuminated with LED price displays.

Sign 2: E. 10 Mile Road (southwest corner of site): 8 ft. tall; 57 sq. ft.; illuminated wit LED price displays.

These variances are detailed individually below.

Number of Ground Signs Variance

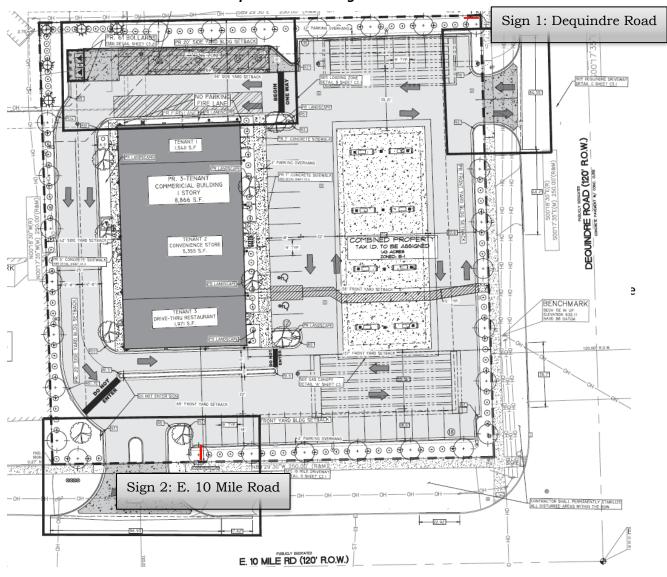
Per Section 10.511(IV)(C)(2)(a) of the Zoning Ordinance, B-1-zoned properties are afforded a total of one (1) ground sign. The property is a corner lot and has two frontages. The applicant proposes two (2) ground signs, one on each property frontage (E. 10 Mile Road and Dequindre Road). Both proposed signs are set back approximately one (1) foot from the right-of-way line.

Sign Setback Variance

Per Section Per Section 10.511(IV)(C)(2)(a)3, ground signs in B-1 zoned districts are required to be set back a minimum of twenty (20) feet from a side lot line. The proposed ground sign along Dequindre Road is set back approximately one (1) foot from the northern side property line, requiring a nineteen (19) foot setback variance.

The images below depict the approximate locations (in red) and details of the proposed ground signs:

Proposed Ground Sign Locations



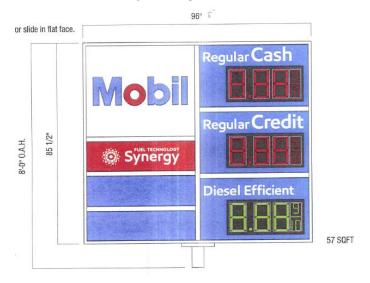
Sign 1. – Dequindre Road (northeast corner of site)



Sign 2 – E. 10 Mile Road (southwest corner of site)



Proposed Sign Dimensions



STAFF ANALYSIS

The applicant has provided written responses addressing the variance criteria of Section 10.804(2) of the Zoning Ordinance. Per their application, the applicant requests the variances primarily due to the following characteristics of the subject property:

<u>Extraordinary Conditions of Property:</u> Per the applicant, a single freestanding ground sign was originally proposed at the corner of E. 10 Mile Road and Dequindre Road (southeast corner of property). However, placement options at this corner were limited due to the required corner clearance zone and a drainage basin which did not allow for the sign foundation/footing.

<u>Strict Application Results in Practical Difficulty/Corner Lot:</u> Per the applicant, the inability to locate a sign at the corner intersection presents a practical difficulty to the property owner/business owners as they would not be able to advertise and reach potential customers on both fronting streets.

The applicant has not provided a response or justification for the requested side yard setback variance.

While staff understands the desire for two (2) ground signs in lieu of a single corner ground sign, staff has concerns about the proposed locations. The proposed placement of both ground signs appears to require the removal or relocation of required greenbelt landscaping along Dequindre and E. 10 Mile Road. The landscaping plan in the approved site plan set meets the minimum planting requirements. However, any further plant removal would potentially create a non-conforming landscape plan. Prior to administrative approval of the proposed signs, a revised landscape plan should be provided showing how landscaping will be impacted given the proposed sign locations. Further, staff recommends that both signs be constructed with a masonry base, as opposed to the exposed pole as proposed.

Staff further notes that a thinner sign, such as that pictured below, could open up more potential locations for one or both of the proposed signs, potentially eliminating the need for the side setback variance. The sign pictured below is located near the corner of 11 Mile and John R Road and is approximately 5.5 feet tall and 3.5 feet wide (compared to the proposed 8 foot tall, 8 foot wide signs).



Exxon Sign - 11 Mile/John R

VARIANCE FINDINGS

Section 10.804(2) outlines criteria for reviewing variance requests, summarized below:

Exceptional narrowness, shallowness, shape or area of a specific piece of property at the time
of enactment of the Zoning Ordinance or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions or
other extraordinary or exceptional conditions of such property.

The strict application of the regulations enacted would result in peculiar or exceptional practical
difficulties to, or exceptional undue hardship upon, the owner of such property, provided such
relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without
substantially impairing the intent and purposes of this ordinance.

Additional standards for reviewing variance cases, as required per the ZBA application, are outlined below:

- The literal interpretation of the provisions of this ordinance deprives the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by others in the same zoning district.
- The special conditions and/or circumstances are not a result of the applicant.
- The variance is the minimum variance necessary to provide relief to the applicant.
- In the absence of a variance, the property could not be used in a manner permitted by the Ordinance.

Additional variance review criteria are contained in Section 10.805, listed at the end of this report.

SITE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE (SPRC) ACTION

The SPRC discussed the variance request at their November 8th, 2023 meeting. The SPRC did not object to allowing two (2) ground signs on the property, but expressed concern regarding the potential impacts to landscaping as well as allowing a sign so close to the side property line.

ZBA ACTION

In granting a variance, the ZBA may attach conditions regarding the location, character and other features of the proposed signs as it may deem reasonable in furthering the purpose of the Zoning Ordinance. If the ZBA moves to approve the requested variances, staff suggests the following conditions of approval:

- 1. If the proposed sign locations require the relocation of greenbelt landscaping, prior to administrative approval of the sign permits, the applicant and/or property owner shall provide a revised landscape plan to the City Planner for review and approval. The revised landscape plan shall meet the minimum planting requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 2. Provide a decorative masonry base for each ground sign, with details provided to the City Planner for review and approval as part of the administrative sign permit applications.
- 3. The ground signs shall not obstruct required clear vision corners.

Any ZBA motion, including approval and denial, shall include findings of fact relating to the variance criteria listed in Sections 10.804(2) and 10.805. Template approval and denial motions are provided below for the ZBA's consideration. The ZBA should act on each variance request separately.

TEMPLATE MOTIONS

Variance #1 - Number of Ground Signs

Approval

Move to APPROVE the variance application to allow two (2) ground signs at the subject property located at 25005 Dequindre Road, Tax Map # 44-25-24-476-043, after the required public hearing, based upon the following findings:

- 1) Section 10.511(IV)(C)(2)(a) of the Zoning Ordinance permits one ground sign for each business development in the B-1 Zoning District.
- 2) Based on exceptional condition of the property as a corner property, and due to the location of underground utilities, the strict application of the regulation would result in peculiar or exceptional practical difficulties to, or exceptional undue hardship upon, the owner of such property, provided such relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purposes of this ordinance.
- 3) The literal interpretation of the provisions of this ordinance deprives the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by others in the same zoning district.
- 4) The special conditions and/or circumstances are not a result of the applicant.
- 5) The variance is the minimum variance necessary to provide relief to the applicant.

The variance is granted with the following conditions:

- 1. If the proposed sign locations require the relocation of greenbelt landscaping, prior to administrative approval of the sign permits, the applicant and/or property owner shall provide a revised landscape plan to the City Planner for review and approval. The revised landscape plan shall meet the minimum planting requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.
- 2. Provide a decorative masonry base for each ground sign, with details provided to the City Planner for review and approval as part of the administrative sign permit applications.
- 3. The ground signs shall not obstruct required clear vision corners.

DENIAL

Move to DENY the variance application to allow two (2) ground signs at the subject property located at 25005 Dequindre Road, Tax Map # 44-25-24-476-043, after the required public hearing, based upon the following findings:

- 1) Section 10.511(IV)(C)(2)(a) of the Zoning Ordinance permits one ground sign for each business development in the B-1 Zoning District.
- 2) Based on the absence of exceptional shape or area of the specific piece of property, the strict application of the regulations enacted would not result in peculiar or exceptional practical difficulties to, or exceptional undue hardship upon, the owner of such property.
- 3) The literal interpretation of the provisions of this ordinance does not deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by others in the same zoning district.
- 4) The special conditions and/or circumstances are a result of the applicant.
- 5) The variance is not the minimum variance necessary to provide relief to the applicant.

Variance #2 - Ground Sign Setback

APPROVAL

Move to APPROVE the variance application to allow one (1) new ground sign approximately one (1) foot from the northern side property line 25005 Dequindre Road, Tax Map # 44-25-24-476-043, after the required public hearing, based upon the following findings:

- 1) Section 10.511(IV)(C)(2)(a)3 of the Zoning Ordinance requires a 20-foot side yard setback for ground signs in the B-1 Zoning District.
- 1) Based on exceptional shape or area of the specific piece of property, the strict application of the regulation would result in peculiar or exceptional practical difficulties to, or exceptional undue hardship upon, the owner of such property, provided such relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purposes of this ordinance.
- 2) The literal interpretation of the provisions of this ordinance deprives the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by others in the same zoning district.
- 3) The special conditions and/or circumstances are not a result of the applicant.
- 4) The variance is the minimum variance necessary to provide relief to the applicant.

DENIAL

Move to DENY the variance application to allow one (1) new ground sign approximately one (1) foot from the northern side property line 25005 Dequindre Road, Tax Map # 44-25-24-476-043, after the required public hearing, based upon the following findings:

- 1) Section 10.511(IV)(C)(2)(a)3 of the Zoning Ordinance requires a 20-foot side yard setback for ground signs in the B-1 Zoning District.
- 1) Based on the absence of exceptional shape or area of the specific piece of property, the strict application of the regulations enacted would not result in peculiar or exceptional practical difficulties to, or exceptional undue hardship upon, the owner of such property.
- 2) The literal interpretation of the provisions of this ordinance does not deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by others in the same zoning district.
- 3) The special conditions and/or circumstances are a result of the applicant.
- 4) The variance is not the minimum variance necessary to provide relief to the applicant.

CODE REFERENCES

Sec. 10.804. - Power of zoning board of appeals.

(2) Variance. To authorize upon an appeal, a variance from the strict applications of the provisions of this Ordinance where by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness, shape or area of a specific piece of property at the time of enactment of this Ordinance or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary or exceptional conditions of such property, the strict application of the regulations enacted would result in peculiar or exceptional practical difficulties to, or exceptional undue hardship upon the owner of such property, provided such relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purposes of this Ordinance. In granting a variance the board may attach thereto such conditions regarding the location, character and other features of the proposed uses as it may deem reasonable in furtherance of the purpose of this Ordinance. In granting a variance, the board shall state the grounds upon which it justifies the granting of a variance.

Sec. 10.805. - Standards.

Each case before the city council, zoning board of appeals or plan commission shall be considered as an individual case and shall conform to the detailed application of the following standards in a manner appropriate to the particular circumstances of such case. All uses as listed in any district requiring approval for a permit shall be of such location, size and character that, in general, it will be in harmony with the appropriate and orderly development of the district in which it is situated and will not be detrimental to the orderly development of adjacent districts. Consideration shall be given to the following:

- 1) The location and size of the use.
- 2) The nature and intensity of the operations involved in or conducted in connection with it. (See section 10-319(4).)
- Its size, layout and its relation to pedestrian and vehicular traffic to and from the use.
- 4) The assembly of persons in connection with it will not be hazardous to the neighborhood or be incongruous therewith or conflict with normal traffic of the neighborhood.
- 5) Taking into account, among other things, convenient routes of pedestrian traffic, particularly of children.
- 6) Vehicular turning movements in relation to routes of traffic flow, relation to street intersections, site distance and the general character and intensity of development of the neighborhood.
- 7) The location and height of buildings, the location, the nature and height of walls, fences and the nature and extent of landscaping of the site shall be such that the use will not hinder or discourage the appropriate development and use of adjacent land and buildings or impair the value thereof.
- 8) The nature, location, size and site layout of the uses shall be such that it will be a harmonious part of the district in which it is situated taking into account, among other things, prevailing shopping habits, convenience of access by prospective patrons, the physical and economic relationship of one type of use to another and related characteristics.
- 9) The location, size, intensity and site layout of the use shall be such that its operations will not be objectionable to nearby dwellings, by reason of noise, fumes or flash of lights to a greater

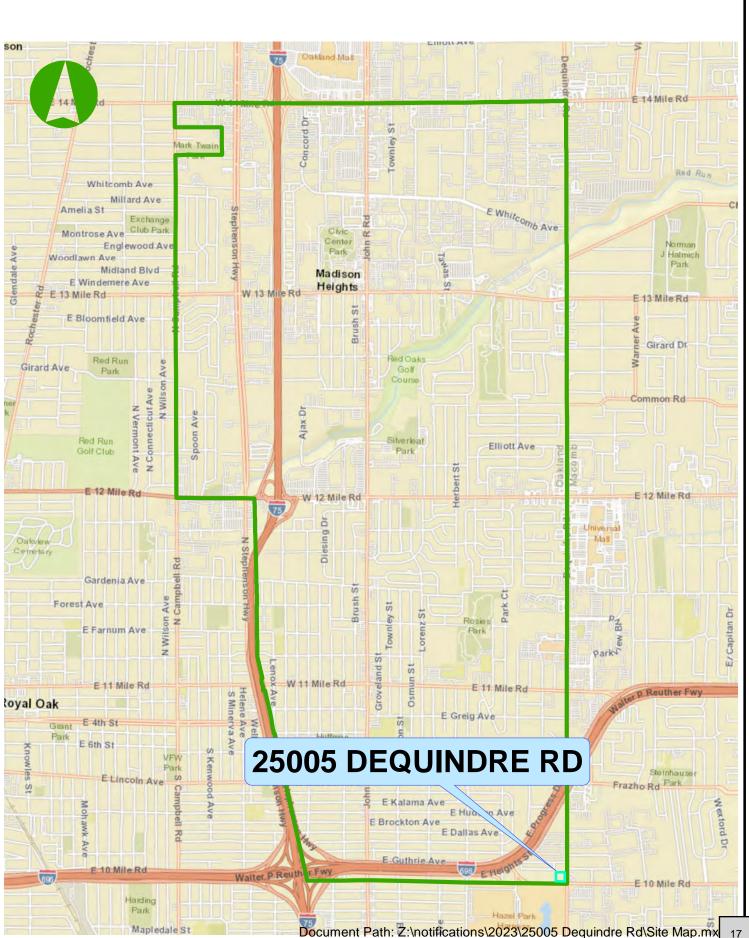
degree than is normal with respect to the proximity of commercial to residential uses, not interfere with an adequate supply of light and air, not increase the danger of fire or otherwise endanger the public safety.

Sec. 10.511(IV)(C)(2) -Signs in B-1 Zoning District

Each business development (that is, one or more uses within a building or buildings using common parking facilities) shall be permitted signs as follows:

- (a) Ground Signs: One ground sign for each business development
 - 1. Not over eight feet in height above the adjacent grade nor more than ten feet above the adjacent roadway.
 - Note: Ground signs may not obstruct visibility at driveways or intersections. The building official may require that the sign base or the height of the bottom of the sign be adjusted to protect the public safety:
 - 2. No sign shall be located closer than 90 feet to any property line of an adjacent residential district.
 - 3. The base of the sign be not less than 20 feet from a side lot line.
 - 4. A ground sign under this section shall not exceed 0.5 square foot per each lineal foot of lot frontage to a maximum 60 square feet in area.
 - 5. Individual ground signs for each business tenant within a development shall not be permitted.

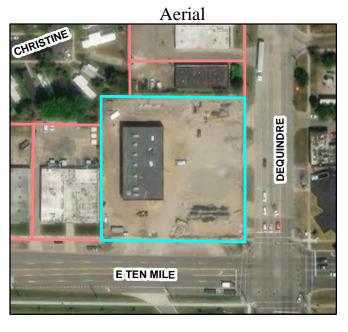
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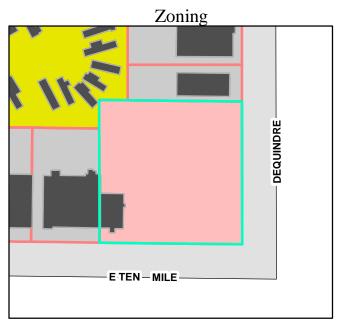
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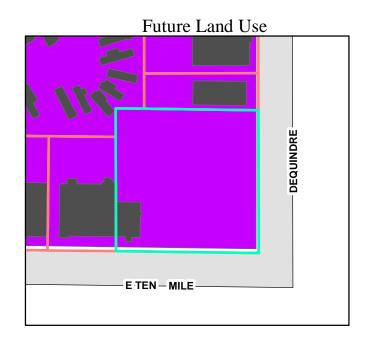






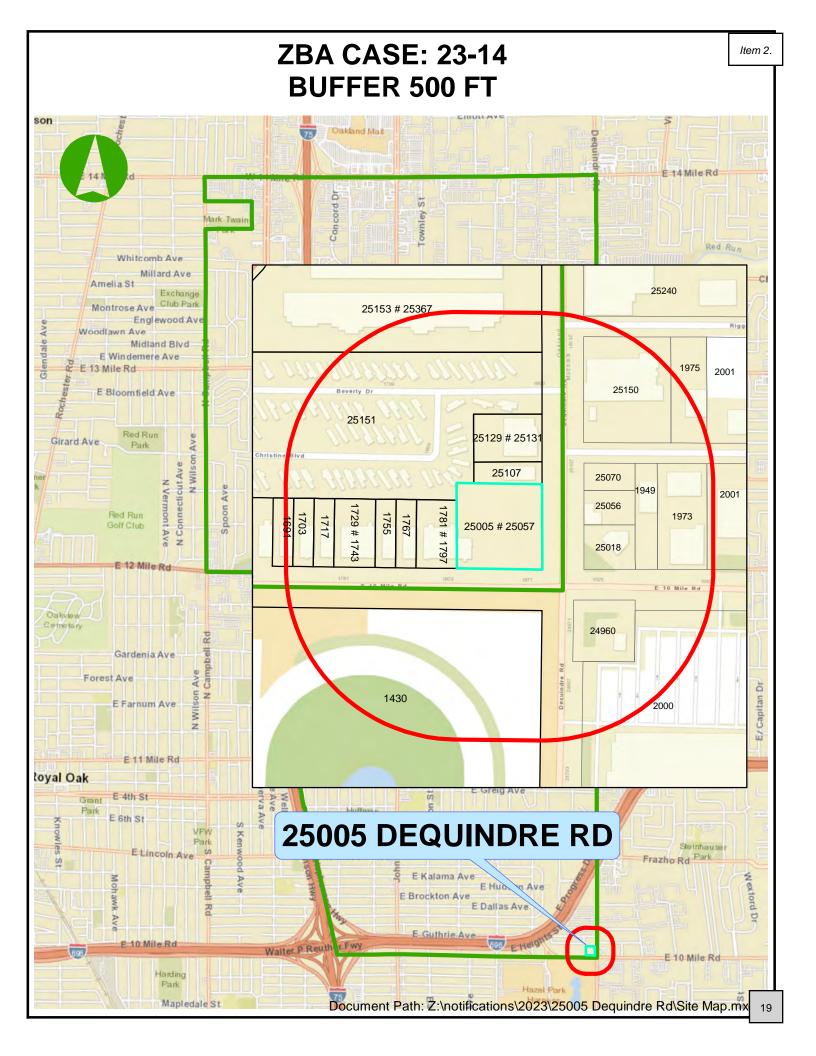








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CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

Application No.:	
Date Filed:	

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SUBMIT TWO ORIGINAL COPIES

1.	Petitioner:	Name: Aver Sign Company						
		Address: 359 Livernois St.						
		City: Ferndale State: MI Zip: 48220						
		Telephone: 2485420678 Fax:						
		Email: jennifer@aversign.com						
2.	Petitioner's Interest in	n Property: Sign Erector						
3.	Property Owner:	(Attach list if more than one owner) Name: Mobil						
		Address (Street): 25005 Dequindre						
		City: Madison Heights State: MI Zip: 48071						
		Telephone: 3134023070						
		Email:						
١.	Property Description:	: Address: 25005 Dequindre						
		Tax Parcel #: 44 - 25 - 24 - 476 - 029 .						
		Legal Description - Attach if metes and bounds description. Attached						
		If in a subdivision: Lot #:						
		Subdivision name:						
		Lot size:						
		Size of proposed building or addition: 57sqft						
i .	Present Zoning of Pro	perty: B1 Present Use: Gas Station						
	Action Requested:	(Check the appropriate section and attach response on separate sheets)						
	APPEAL OF AN ADM	MINISTRATIVE DECISION (Administrative Review)						
	The applicant requests t	he Board of Appeals to reverse/modify the						
	decision/interpretation or reversed/modified becar reason for the request an	of Article, Section The decision should be use: (On a separate sheet describe in detail the nature of the problem, the nd the desired remedy)						

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

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		F.	Will grantii	ng the variance	change the essent	tial charact	ter of the are	ea?		
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7.		Have y	ere been any	nied a permit f previous app	for a building, si eal involving the rand disposition	ese premi	ses? Yes	□ No ■]No ■	

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T1N, R11E, SEC 24 NORTHERN HEIGHTS SUB OUTLOT B 5-23-21 FR 028 & 029



September 20, 2023

City of Madison Heights Community Development Department 300 W. Thirteen Mile Road Madison Heights, MI 48170

Re: ZBA answers for 25005 Dequindre Road Hardship

- A. We would like relief to allow a second freestanding gas product and price sign along the secondary road throughfare.
- B. This is zoned a B-1 property which does allow a freestanding sign at the corner with a corner clearance of 15' (negotiated with the city reviewer to allow) but because of a drain basin located at that corner of the property no footing can be dug to allow supporting of the freestanding sign. The only locations that can accommodate the freestanding sign is one area along Dequindre Road and one area along 10 mile road.
- C. Within this corner of 10 mile and Dequindre there are multiple signs that sit right at the corner which allows the retailers to advertise their business. To give this new gas station the same competitive edge they should be allowed to advertise their products and prices as well. Any other gas station within a B-1 zone within the City of Madison Heights can display their products and prices for all traffic in every direction. This gas station should be allowed the same.
- D. The circumstances result form the sign ordinance of Madison Heights changing over the years and there are many underground factors that result in the decisions made on where the safest placement of the signage should be. Such as but not limited to, drain basins, underground utilities, and public safety.
- E. Without the variance the customer base is that of 1 roadway when they are clearly on a corner and should be able to utilize traffic coming from any direction to see the products and prices.
- F. This is a busy city intersection with many retailers and other commercial type buildings with signs. Adding a sign along Dequindre will not change the aesthetics or character of the area.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

Application No.:	

Applicant(s) and property owner(s) hereby access the property for purposes of evaluating FOR THE OWNER: Signature Printed Name Date Note: A notarized letter of authority or of the owner. Notices are to be sent to the Applie	a power	te for the requested ar FOR TH OWNER Signature Printed N Date r of attorney may be	ection(s). THE APPLICANT IF NOT THE Service Glover 9-20-23
ATTACHED HERETO, AND MA FOLLOWING: (All required items	DE PA	ART OF THIS A	PPLICATION, ARE THE this application)
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APPROVALS	OFFI	CE USE ONLY	
Approved for hearing by City Attorney Approved for hearing by C.D.D. Reviewed by Site Plan Committee			
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL NOTIFICAT Community Development Department	CION		
Fire Department			
Department of Public Services			
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	FEE:	\$	_
APPROVED:	PAID:		
DENIED:	-	RECEIPT NO	

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City of Madison Heights Community Development Department 300 W Thirteen Mile Road Madison Heights, MI 48170

Re: Permits/ZBA

To Whom it May Concern-

Please let this letter serve as authorization for Aver Sign Company (Jennifer Glover) to apply and obtain the necessary permits and/or ZBA relief for my property located at 25005 Dequindre.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Date

Signature Steven Haddad

JOHN SOARD Notary Public - State of Michigan County of Oakland My Commission Expires Feb 27, 202 Acting in the County of Children



CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

FOR OFFICE USE ONL	Item 2.
PERMIT #:	
DATE ISSUED:	
BY:	

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JOB ADDRESS:	25005 Dequir	dre		_
	:Steven Haddlad		PHONE: 31240	23070_fax:
OWNER'S ADDE	RESS: 25005 Dequi	inare	CITY: Madiso	17 17 19: 400 11
APPLICANT:	ver Sign Co.		PHONE: 248 54	12.0678 FAX:
	DDRESS: 359 Liver			de ZIP: 48220
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No of Signs	Type of Sign	Fee	Cost (No x Fee)	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
REQUIRED	Administrative Fee	\$30.00	\$30.00	<u>FEES</u> <u>PAID</u>
	New Permanent Signs:			Permit:
	Ground Sign to 60 Sq. Ft.	\$200.00		
	Wall Sign up to 100 Sq. Ft.	\$200.00		Registration:
	Wall Sign over 100 Sq. Ft.	\$280.00		Investigative Fee:
	Refacing:			Other:
	Ground Sign up to 60 Sq.Ft.	\$185.00		Other.
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	Other			Code Official Approval:
	TOTAL FEES:			Date approved for issue:
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HAVE PLANS	BEEN SUBMITTED WITH	H THIS APPL	ICATION?	✓ YES □ NO
I HAVE READ AN	ND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE		<u> </u>	9-24-69

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER

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CANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

DATE OF BIRTH



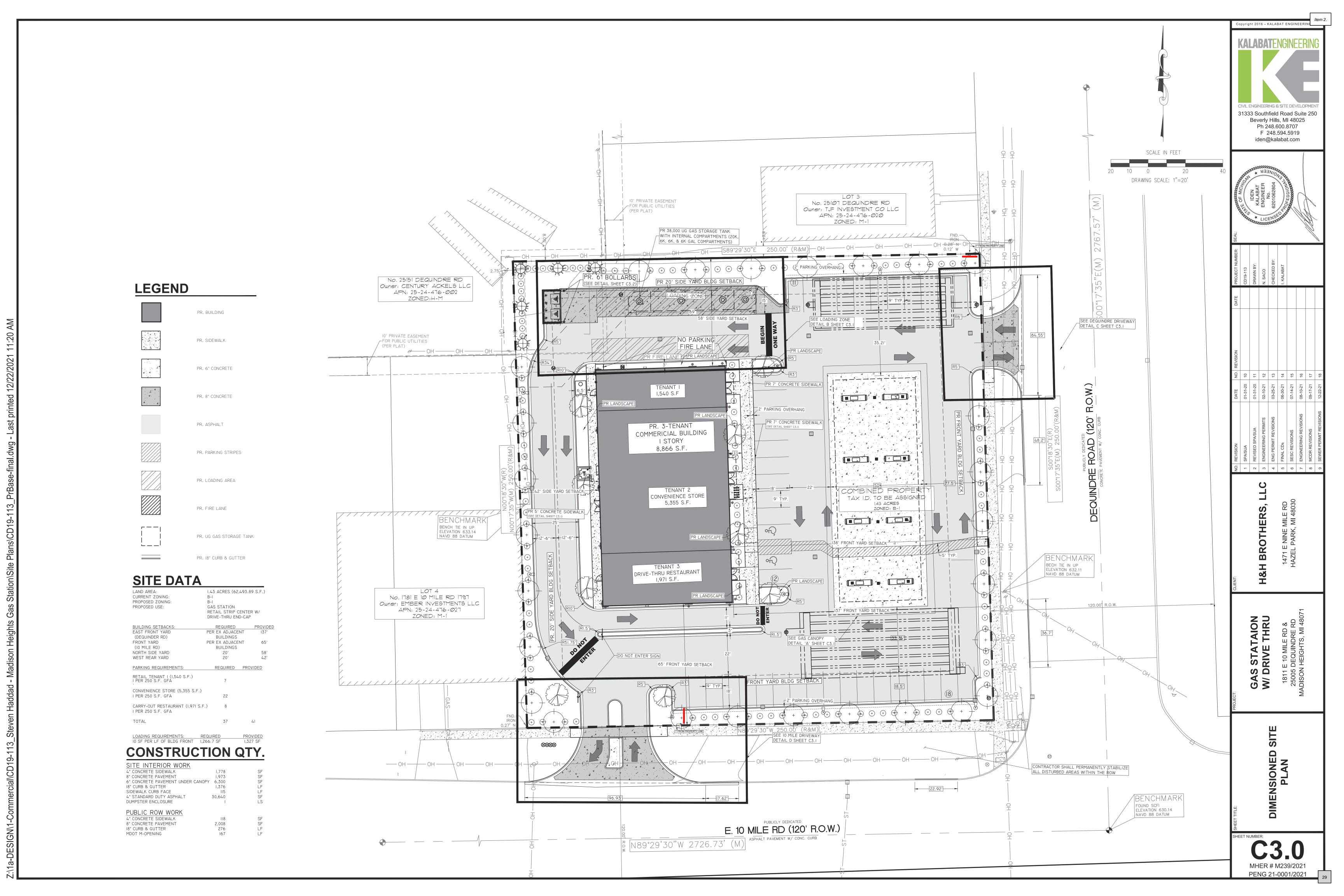
BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

| Item 2.

CITY OF MADISON HEIGHTS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
300 WEST THIRTEEN MILE ROAD
MADISON HEIGHTS, MI 48071
(248) 583-0831 FAX (248) 588-4143
www.madison-heights.org

JOB LOCATION
STREET ADDRESS:
PROPERTY TAX ID # 44 - 25 - 24 - 476- 029 ZONING: BI
PROPERTY OWNER
NAME: Steven Haddad
ADDRESS: 25005 Dequindre PHONE # 3134023070
DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER: D.O.B.
APPLICANT INFORMATION
INDICATE WHO THE APPLICANT IS: X CONTRACTOR HOME OWNER ARCHITECT
NAME OF APPLICANT: Aver Sign Co.
DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER: 4420 789189 739 D.O.B. 9-24-69
ADDRESS: (STREET NO. & NAME) 359 Livernas St.
CITY: Fernolale STATE: MI ZIP: 48220
TELEPHONE (INCLUDE AREA CODE) 248 542-0678 CELL PHONE (INCLUDE AREA CODE) 248-388-7719
FAX (INCLUDE AREA CODE) NA
EMAIL ADDRESS: Jennifer aversign. Com (REQUIRED TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF REPAIR)
STATE LICENSE NUMBER 5404581 EXPIRATION DATE: 12-31-24
NAME OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COMPANY: Accident Fund
MESC # 1349950 FEDERAL ID # 38 3438745
TYPE OF JOB
NEW CONSTRUCTION ADDITION DEMOLITION FOUNDATION ONLY GARAGE ALTERATION REPAIR
TYPE OF STRUCTURE
RESIDENTIAL – SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL – MULTI FAMILY NO. OF UNITS GARAGE COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL OTHER
SCOPE OF PROJECT
STRIP AND RE-ROOF RE-ROOF ONLY (2 LAYERS MAX) WINDOWS - # X STRIP AND RE-ROOF DORCH SIDING/TRIM GUTTERS ABOVE GROUND POOL OTHER X Sign's (2) w Feetings

Dig 2 footings I along 10 mile Cate 1	plan) + 1 along Dogum
DRAWING SUBMITTED: X YES NO DRAWINGS REQUIRED:	Y YES NO
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SPECIFIC USE (S) OF STRUCTURE: Display as products &	prices
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HAS KNOX BOX BEEN ORDERED? YES NO IS SPECIAL INSPECTION LIS	T ATTACHED? YES NO
RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION: NEW/REMODEL/ADDITIONS	
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WATER/SEWER UTILITIES: NEW EXISTING	
FINISH FLOOR ELEVATION: FINSIH GRADE ELE	VATION:
ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE TWO (2) COPIES OF THE CONSTRUCTION FULL SIZE COPY (24 X 36 MAXIMUM) TO SCALE AND THE OTHER MUST BE REDUCED COPIES MUST BE FULLY LEGIBLE. REVERSED TEXT DRAWINGS W [1] Construction documents, including site plans, shall be of sufficient clarity to indicate location, reduced by the provisions of the code and local ordinances. [2] Construction shall not commence until a building permit has been issued. [3] Applications must be accompanied by a signed owner contract and/or scope of work.	NO LARGER THAN 11 X 17 INCHES. ALL VILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
APPLICANT SIGNATURE	
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PERMITS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE AS TO PERSON AND ARE NOT REFUNDABLE. ISSUANCE OF A PERM BUILDING OR OTHER CODE. HOMEOWNERS MUST COMPLETE WORK THEMSELVES OR HIRE A LICENS INSPECTED IMMEDIATELY. THE APPLICANT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING PERMITS, INSPECTIONAL APPLICANT SIGNATURE: I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE CONDITIONS LISTED ABOVE.	SED CONTRACTOR. COMPLETED WORK MUST BE
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE
COMMENTS:	
APPROVED BY:	DATE:



Custom 7' 1" x 8' Mobil CP Monument Sign - Option 2

Mobil - Flat embossed face 40-3/8" x 47-1/2"

Synergy - Flat Face

White blank with removable blue digital print 14-1/2" x 47-1/2" - Flat Face

White blank with removable blue digital print 14-1/2" x 47-1/2" - Flat Face

1P Price - Flat Face

Regular Cash - 12" Red Able 7-Segment LEDs

1P Price - Flat Face

Regular Credit - 12" Red Able 7-Segment LEDs

1P Price - Flat Face

Diesel Efficient - 12" Green Able 7-Segment LEDs

Note: For State of MI

Note: EMprint Semibold font style

Note: Sign to be Pinnacle LED illuminated

Note: Sign is 85-1/2" x 96" with 12" depth for slide in flat face.

Note: FH to provide pole and match plate

Regular Cash Mobil Regular **Credit** Synergy **Diesel Efficient**

96" 8

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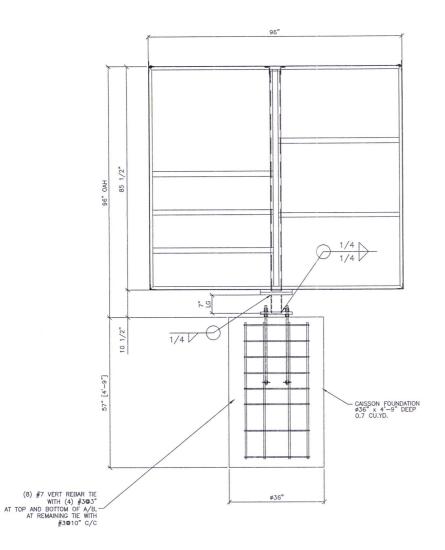
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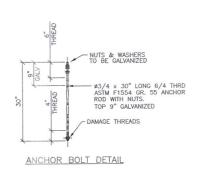
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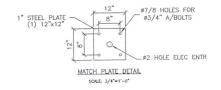
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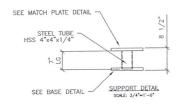
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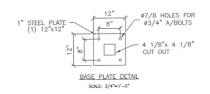
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Madison Heights **Zoning Board of Appeals** will be held in the **City Council Chambers** of the Municipal Building at **300 W. 13 Mile Road**, Madison Heights, Oakland County, Michigan 48071 on **Thursday**, **November 16th**, **2023 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider the following requests:

1. Case # PZBA 23-14: 25005 Dequindre Road

REQUEST: The applicant, Aver Sign Company on behalf of 25005 Dequindre, LLC (property owner), requests two (2) dimensional variances from Section 10.511(IV)(C) of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to signage: One (1) variance pertaining to the maximum number of ground signs per property; and one (1) variance pertaining to the minimum ground sign setback.

The subject property is located at 25005 Dequindre Road (tax parcel #44-25-24-476-043) and is zoned B-1, Local Business District.

The applications and any supporting documents can be viewed during regular business hours at the Community & Economic Development Department. In addition, the agenda item can be viewed online at www.madison-heights.org in the Agenda Center after 4:00 p.m. on Friday before the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can send your comments via email to: MattLonnerstater@madison-heights.org and your comment will be read into the record at the meeting. Written comments may also be mailed prior to the meeting to 300 West Thirteen Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan, 48071. All comments will be heard at the meeting.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE (248) 583-0826

Madison Park News: October 25th, 2023

MADISON HEIGHTS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE [DRAFT FOR ADOPTION]

First Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise noted or canceled)

Council Chambers – 300 W. 13 Mile Road (unless otherwise noted)
Madison Heights, MI 48071

MEETING DATE	APPLICATION DEADLINE (By close of business)	NOTICES PUBLISHED
JANUARY – NO MEETING		
February 1 st	January 2 nd	January 10 th
March 7 th	February 12 th	February 21st
April 4 th	March 11 th	March 20 th
May 2 nd	April 8 th	April 17 th
June 6 th	May 13 th	May 22 nd
July 11 ^{th*}	June 10 th	June 19 th
August 15 ^{th**}	July 22 nd	July 31st
September 5 th	August 5 th	August 14 th
October 3 rd	September 3 rd	September 11 th
NOVEMBER – NO MEETING		
December 5 th	November 4 th	November 13 th

^{*} Second Thursday of July due to Independence Day

^{**} Third Thursday of August due to Primary Election