

JUNE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING INCLUDING BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM

RUTH TOWN HALL

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

AGENDA ADOPTION

GUEST SPEAKERS

COMMUNITY FORUM

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review Signage information

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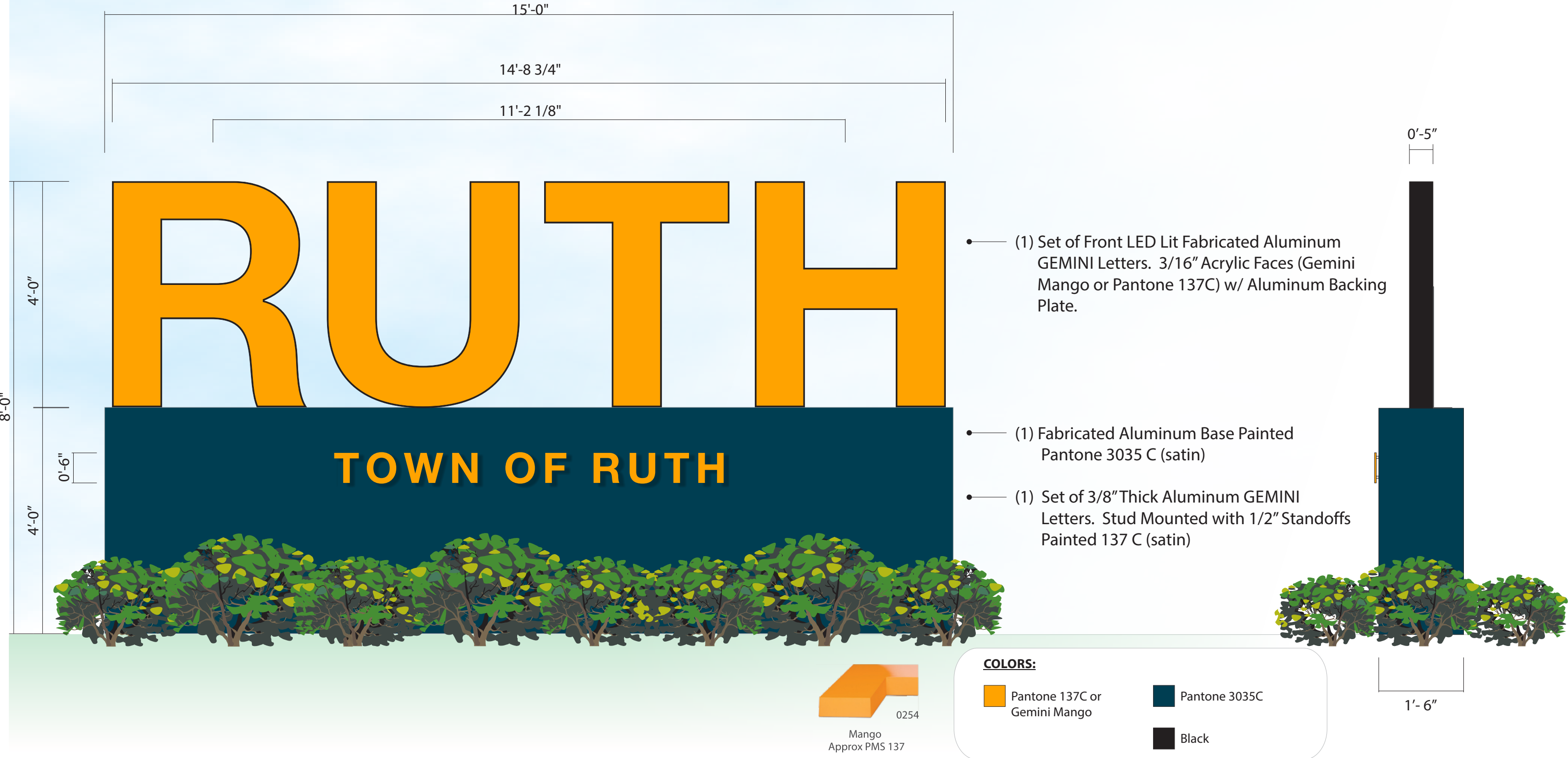
2. Monthly Financial Review information
Please see attached and we will discuss
3. Enter into Public Hearing
Hearing of Proposed 2025-2026 Budget begins
4. Exit Public Hearing

NEW BUSINESS

5. BRWA Board Seat
See attached for reappointment of Jenny Piper to BRWA Board Seat.
6. Gate Repairs for Town Hall
Discuss Gate challenges and direction board would like to take. See some examples from Nick
7. Old Towne Stop Sign damage reports
Jamie Yelton reported stop sign damage in the neighborhood. See photos from Nick. Let's discuss
8. Quotes for Town Hall and Mall area
See attached and we will discuss

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who need accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting should contact Town Hall at (828) 287-7943 within 48 hours prior to the meeting to request such assistance.



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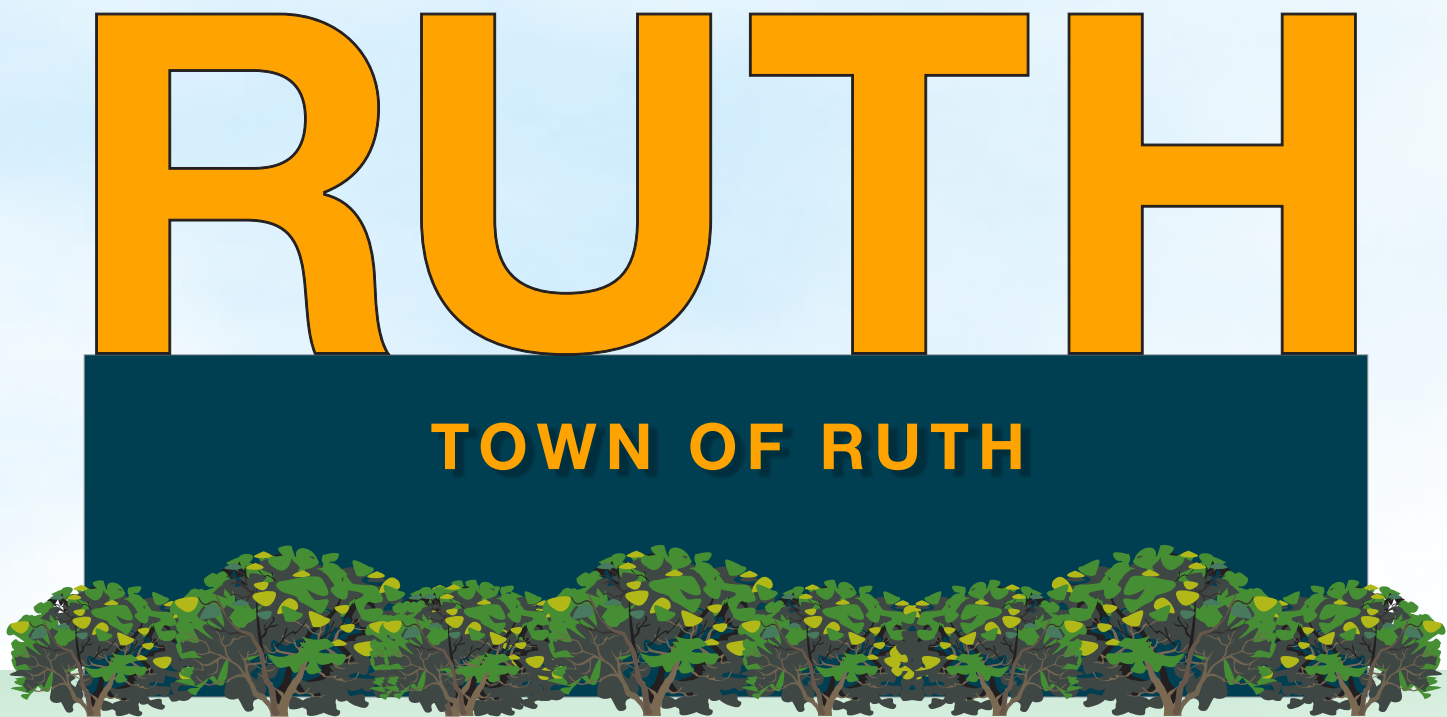
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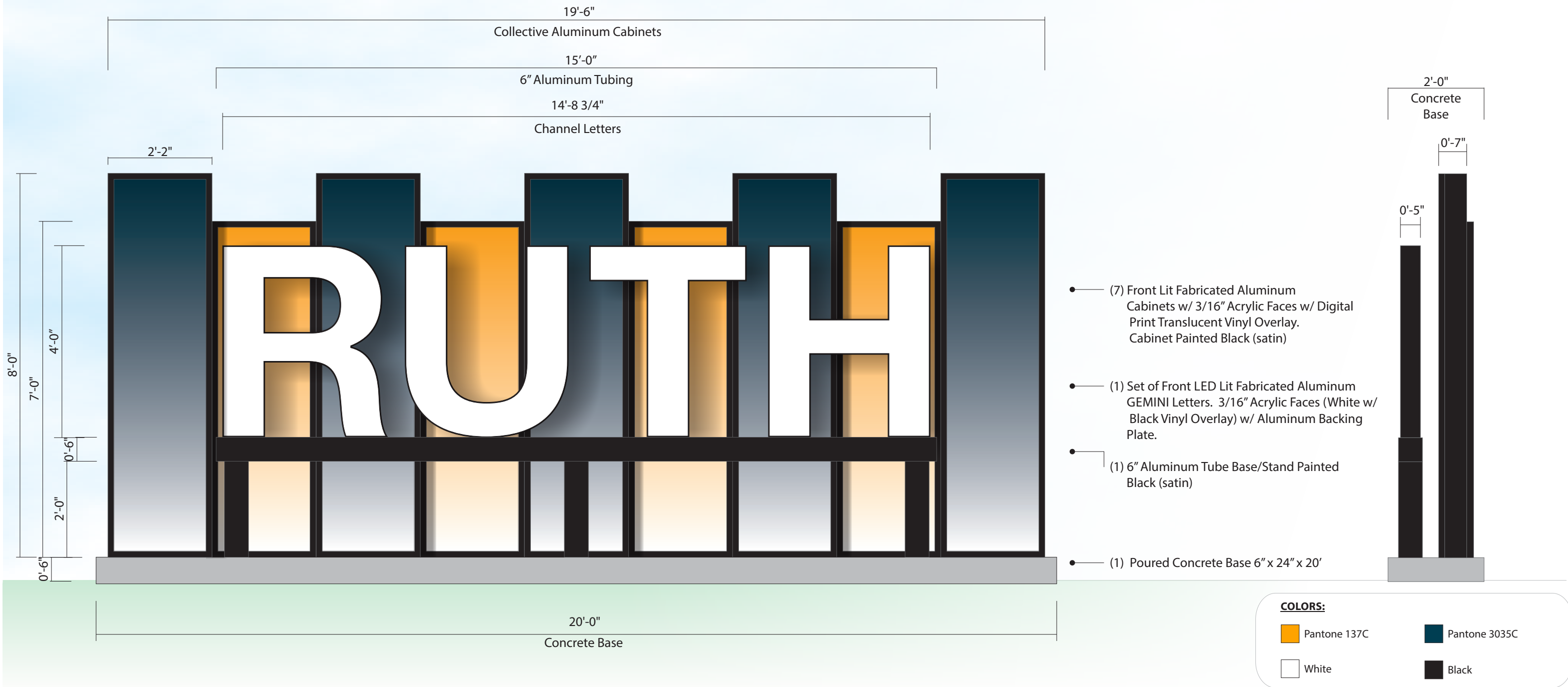
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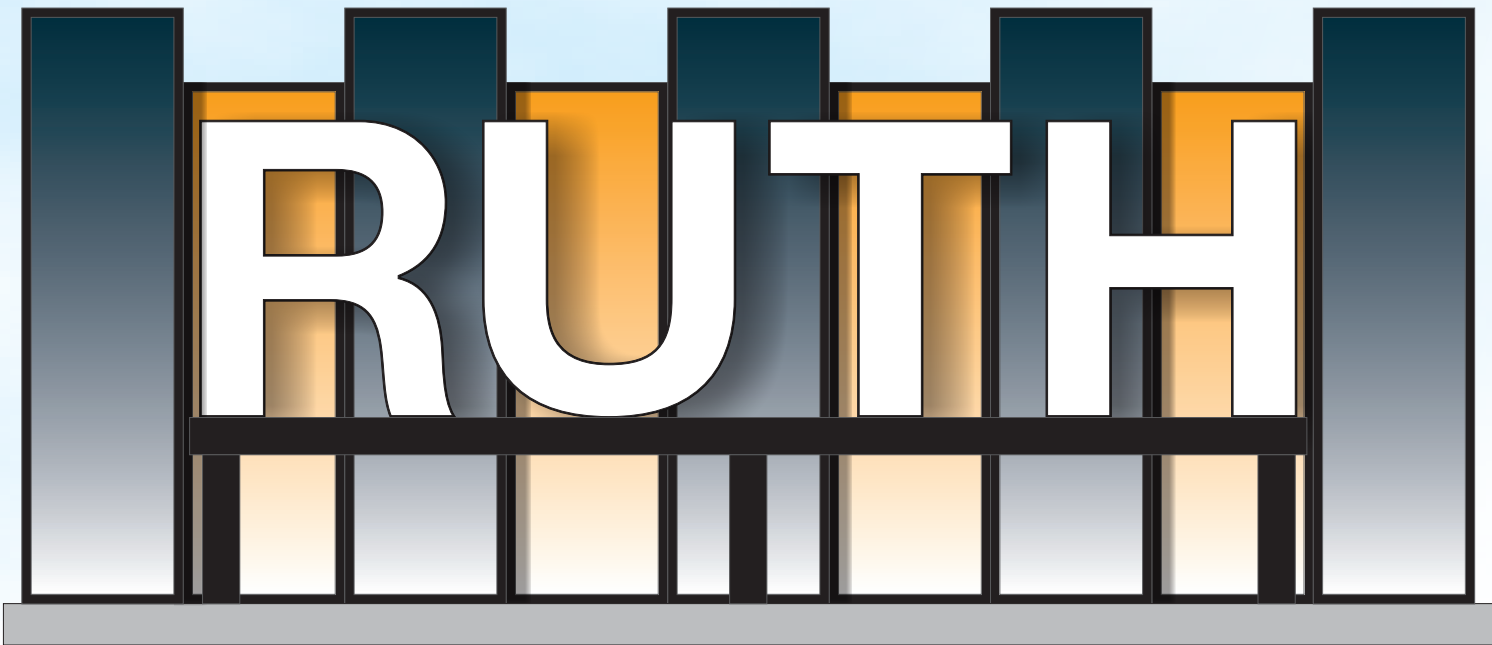
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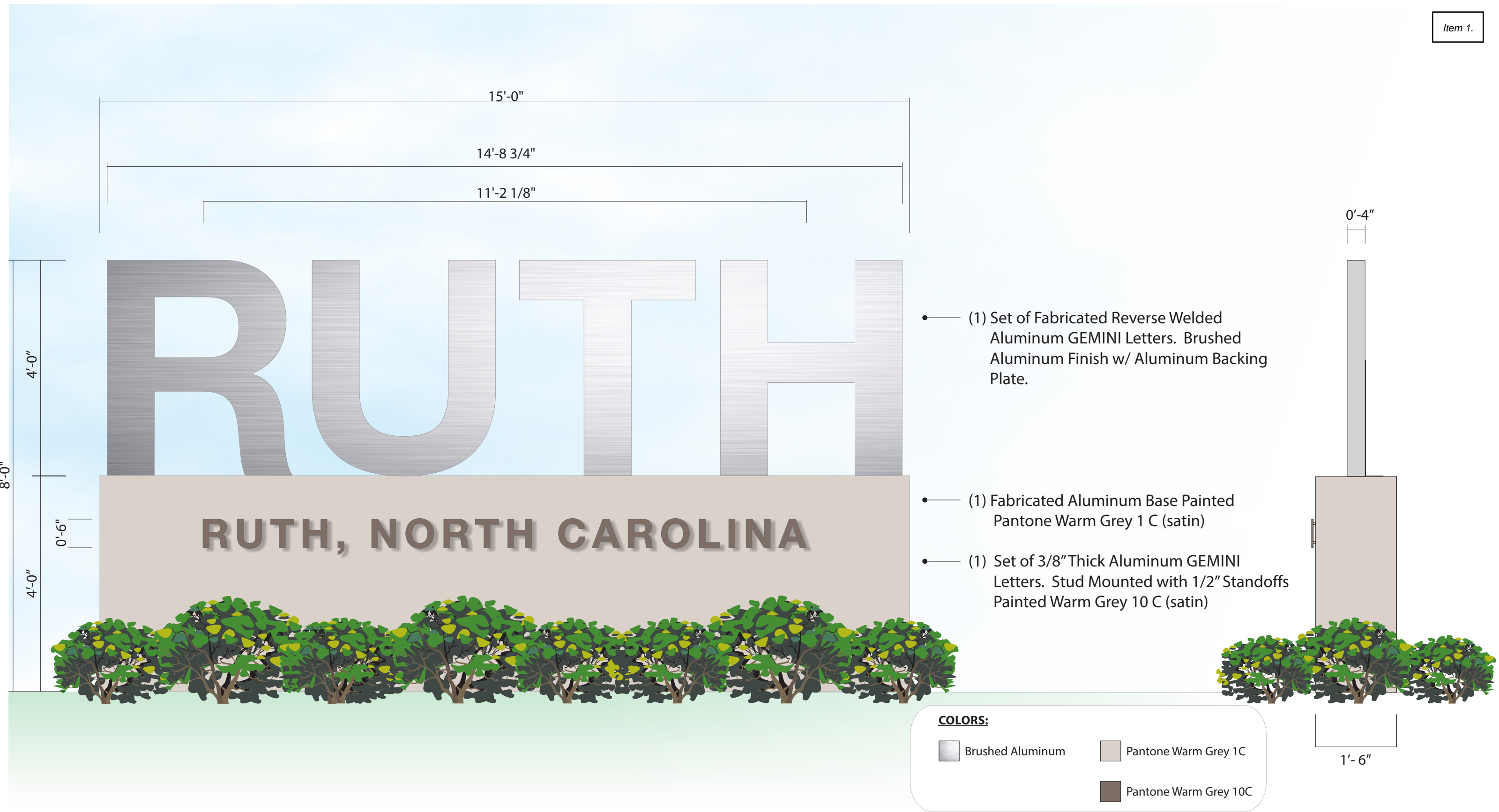
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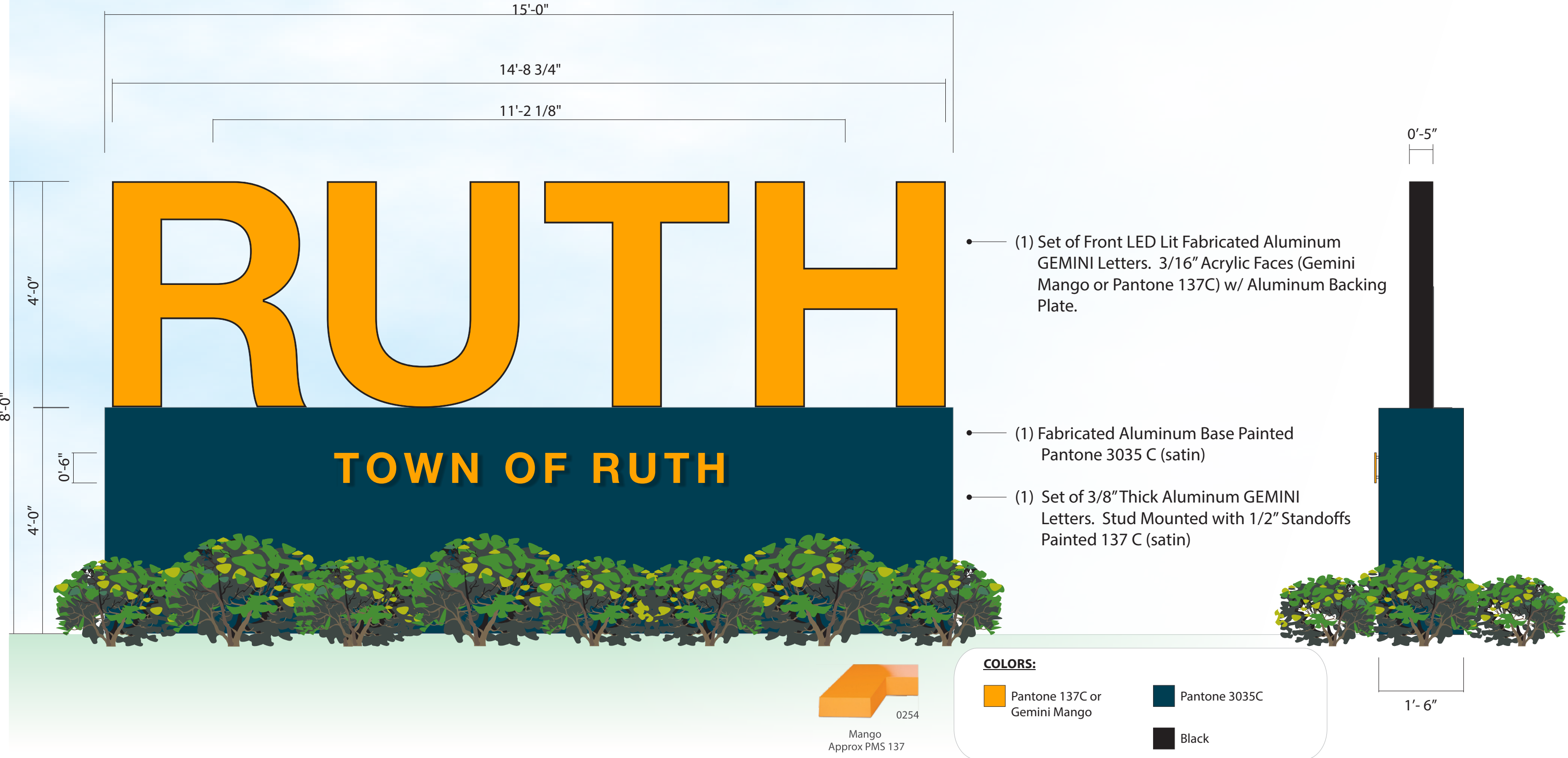
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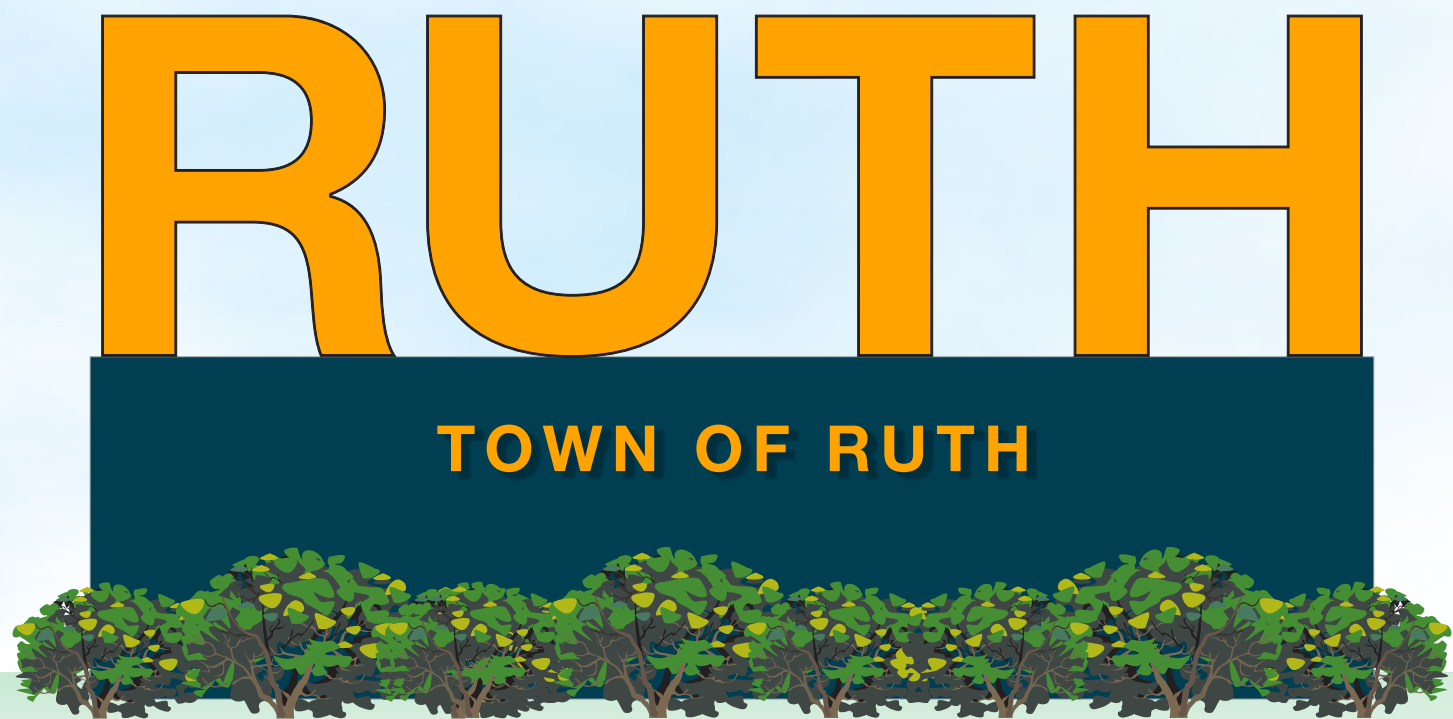
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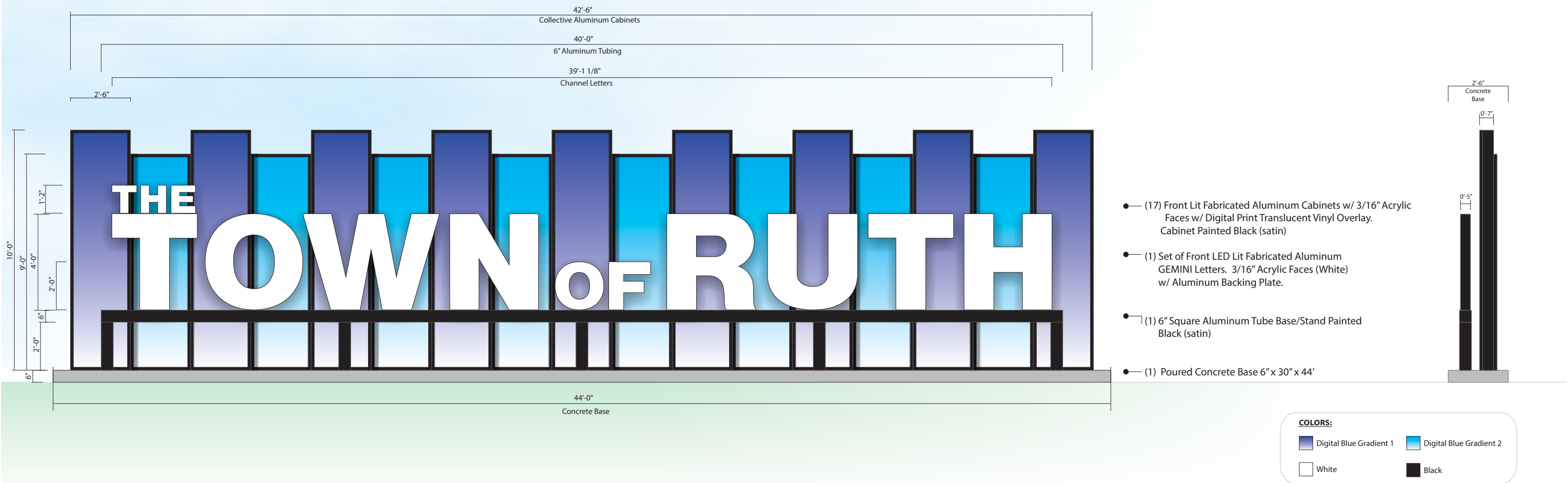
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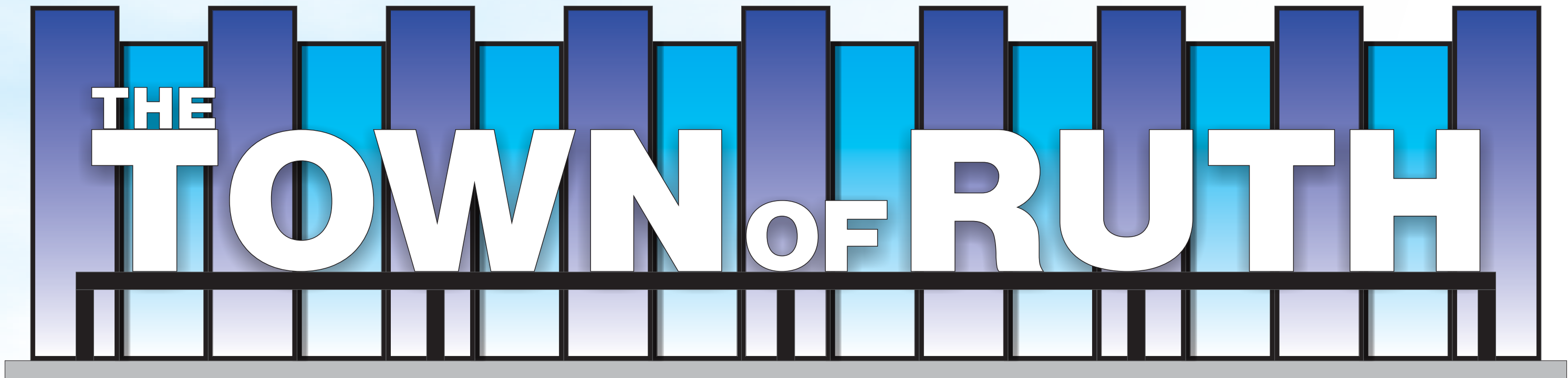
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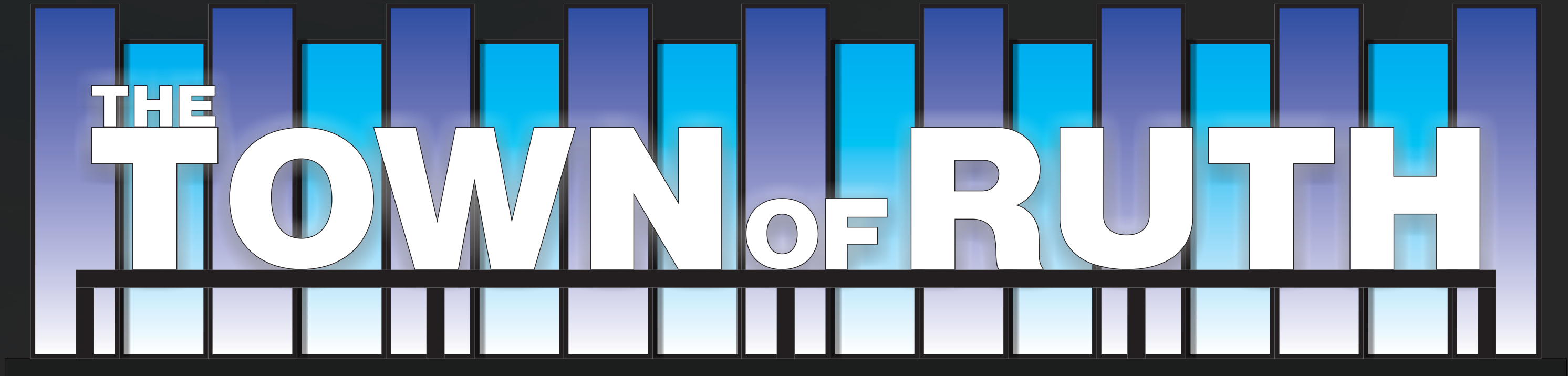
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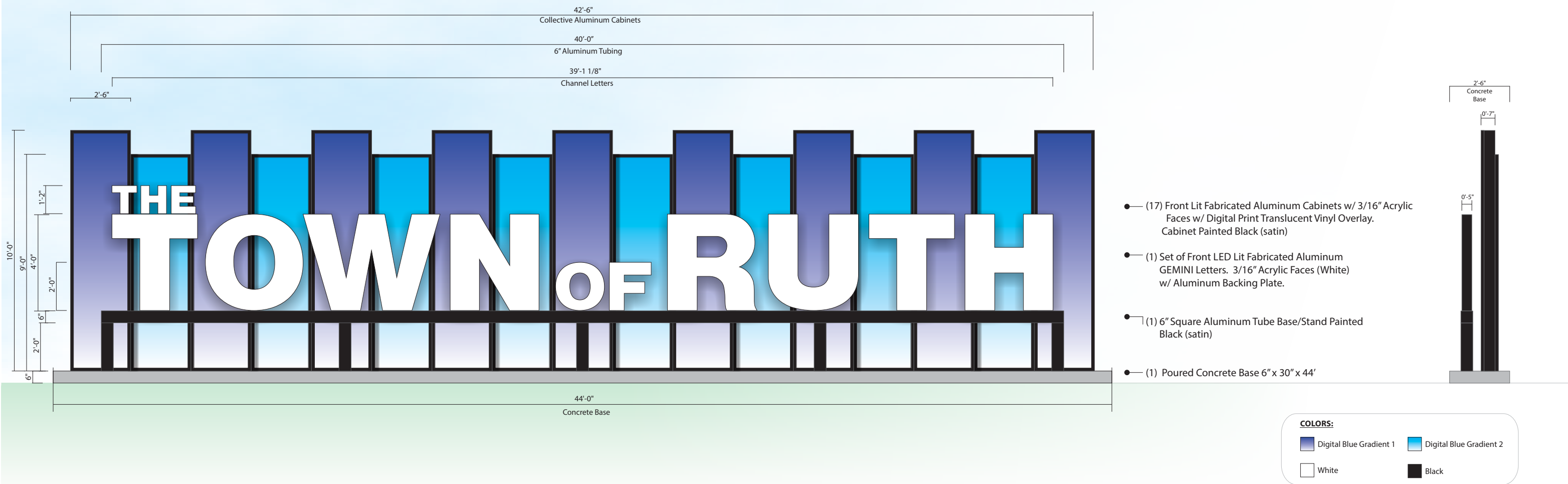
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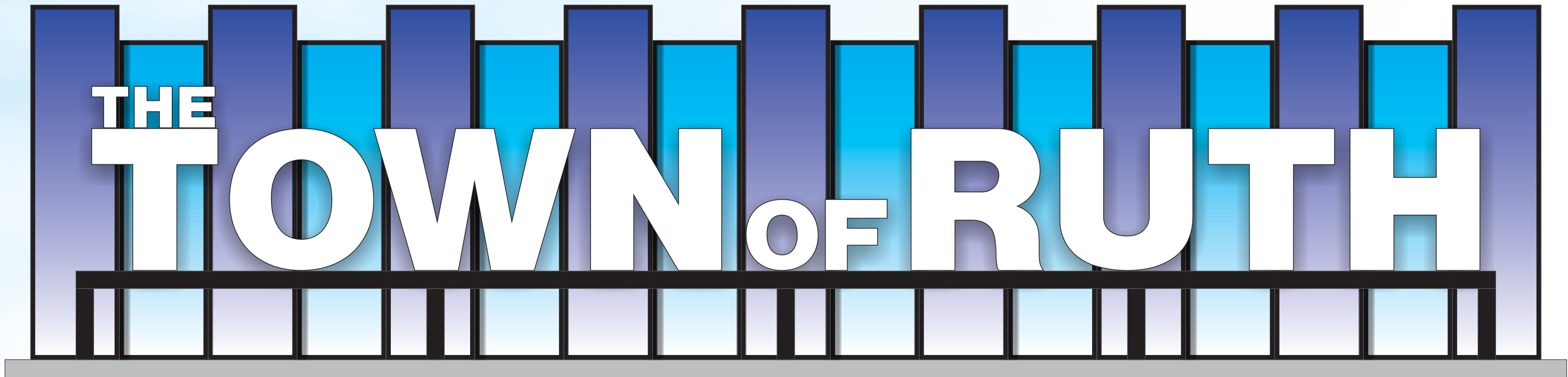
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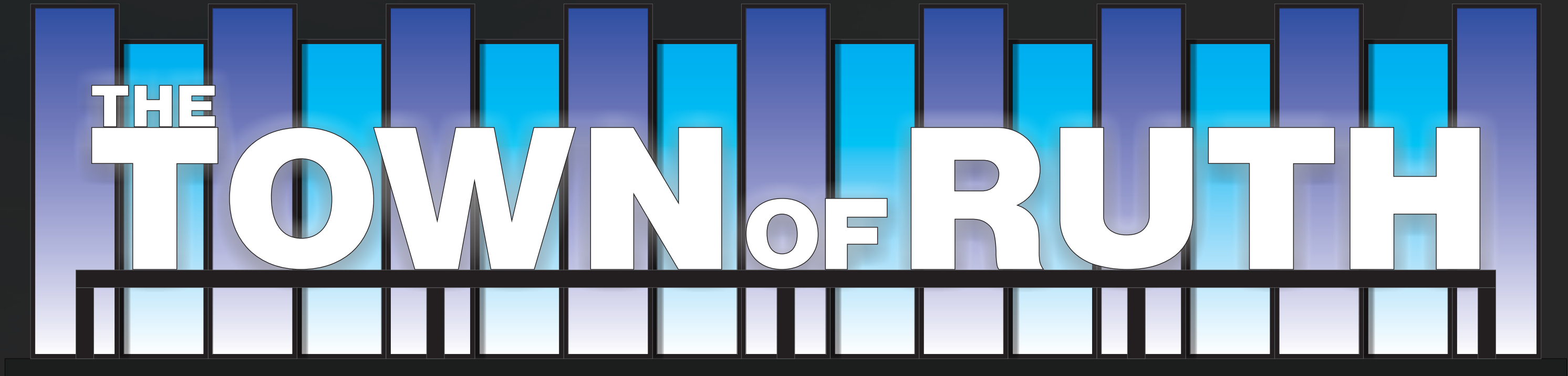
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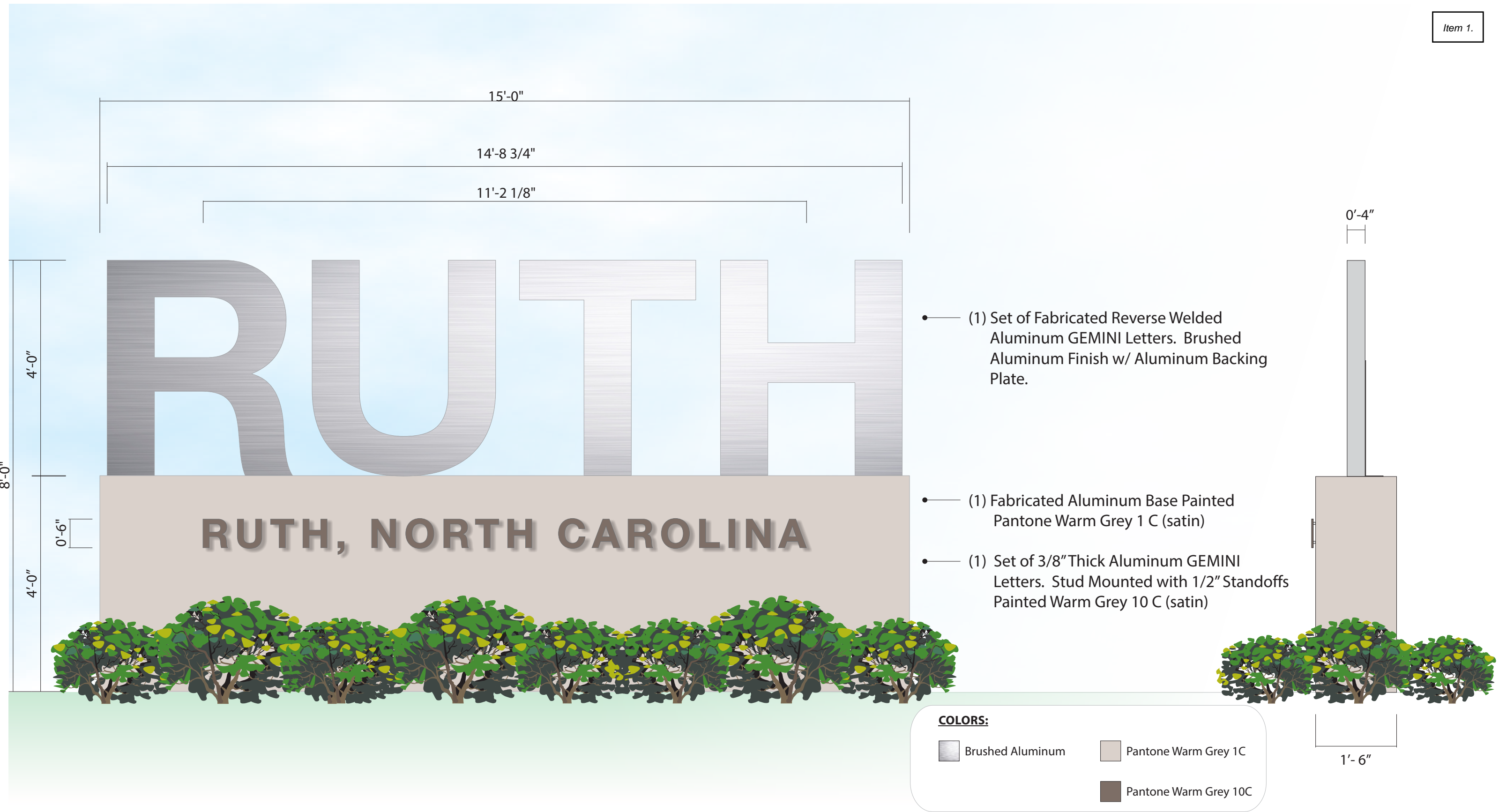
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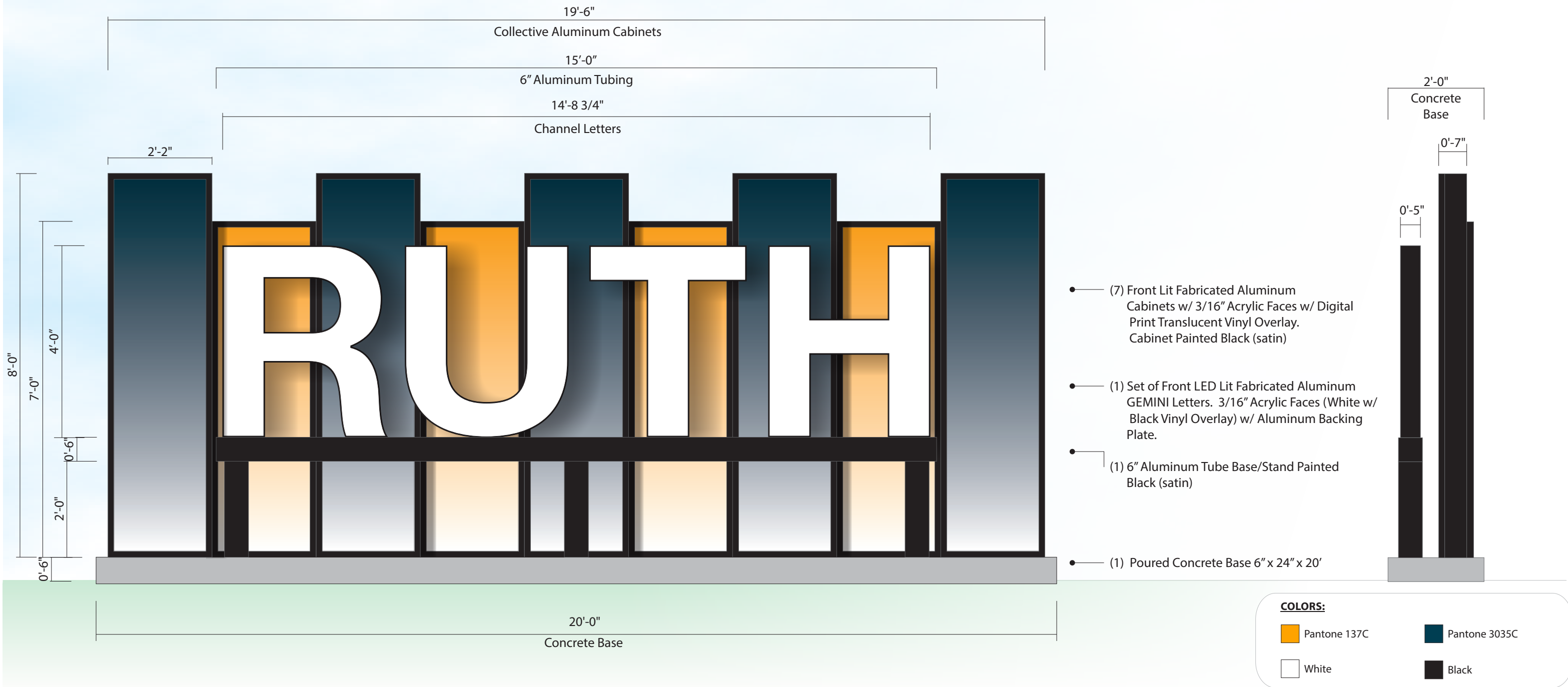
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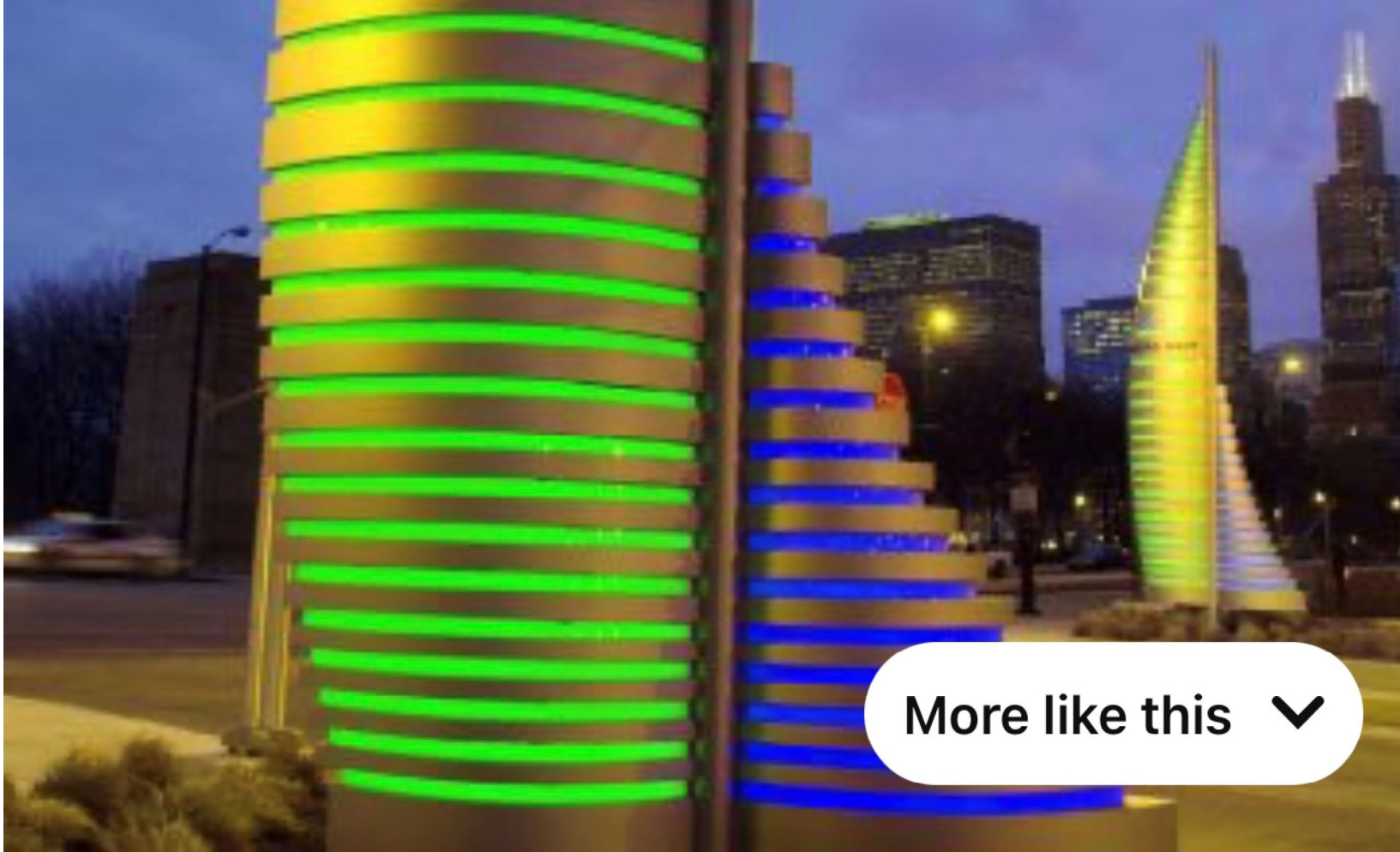


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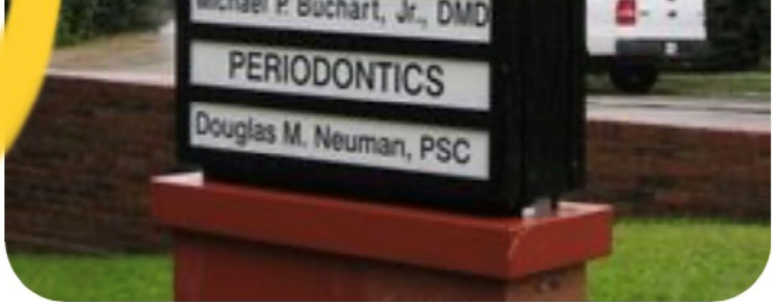
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- Halo lit, face lit, or face and halo lit

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Item 1.

Brilliant and dramatic lighting in precise CNC machined acrylic

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- Translucent acrylic and vinyl face lit options
- Elegant edge-lit solution perfect for drama in flush mount applications



Mike

Type	Disp Acct	Budget	YTD	Variance	Pr	Item 2.
Type: Revenues						
Revenues	10-250-01 Unearned Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-282-01 Late List Penalty Current	\$0.00	\$5,717.96	\$5,717.96		0.00%
Revenues	10-282-02 Late List Penalty Prior	\$0.00	\$34.09	\$34.09		0.00%
Revenues	10-300-00 Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-301-00 Current Taxes	\$170,717.43	\$163,775.31	(\$6,942.12)		95.93%
Revenues	10-301-01 Taxes - Prior Years	\$0.00	\$5,618.91	\$5,618.91		0.00%
Revenues	10-329-00 Interest Earned on Invest	\$5,200.00	\$5,233.86	\$33.86		100.65%
Revenues	10-329-01 Interest Earned Powell Bill	\$110.00	\$105.26	(\$4.74)		95.69%
Revenues	10-335-00 Miscellaneous Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-336-00 Current Personal Auto Taxes	\$10,140.18	\$9,134.53	(\$1,005.65)		90.08%
Revenues	10-336-01 Personal Auto Prior Years	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-337-00 NC Franchise Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-343-00 Powell Bill Allocation	\$15,976.58	\$15,976.58	\$0.00		100.00%
Revenues	10-367-02 Sales & Use Tax Dist	\$54,422.47	\$59,411.89	\$4,989.42		109.17%
Revenues	10-367-03 NC Franchise & Utility TD	\$13,153.65	\$13,153.65	\$0.00		100.00%
Revenues	10-367-04 Solid Waste Disposal Tax Dist.	\$285.00	\$268.27	(\$16.73)		94.13%
Revenues	10-380-01 Sign Permit Payment	\$0.00	\$485.05	\$485.05		0.00%
Revenues	10-385-01 Hall Rental Fees	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00		0.00%
Revenues	10-399-00 Appro.Fund Balance	(\$5,062.50)	\$0.00	\$5,062.50		0.00%
Revenues	10-399-01 Current Landfill Fees	\$24,150.00	\$21,175.00	(\$2,975.00)		87.68%
Revenues	10-399-02 Landfill Fees Prior	\$0.00	\$2,410.84	\$2,410.84		0.00%
Revenues	10-399-51 ARP Funding	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
		\$289,092.81	\$302,551.20	\$13,458.39		105%
Type: Expenses						
Expenses	10-400-00 Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-409-00 NC Sales Tax	\$2,730.53	\$1,714.48	\$1,016.05		62.79%
Expenses	10-409-01 Sales Tax Other	\$122.00	\$37.07	\$84.93		30.39%
Expenses	10-409-02 S/H Freight	\$470.00	\$377.15	\$92.85		80.24%
Expenses	10-410-00 Mayor's Salary	\$387.54	\$355.30	\$32.24		91.68%
Expenses	10-410-01 Commissioner's Salary	\$646.00	\$537.42	\$108.58		83.19%
Expenses	10-410-02 Tax Collection & Clerk Ex	\$23,600.04	\$21,633.37	\$1,966.67		91.67%
Expenses	10-410-03 Legal	\$5,000.00	\$160.00	\$4,840.00		3.20%
Expenses	10-410-04 Professional Services	\$10,200.00	\$13,115.06	(\$2,915.06)		128.58%
Expenses	10-410-06 FICA Expense	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-10 Election Expense	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-11 Town Employee Education	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00		0.00%

Type	Disp Acct	Budget	YTD	Variance	Pr	Item 2.
Expenses	10-410-13 Utilities/CityHall/Mall	\$3,240.78	\$3,004.38	\$236.40		92.71%
Expenses	10-410-15 Maint/Repairs-Bldg&Ground	\$17,405.00	\$17,405.00	\$0.00		100.00%
Expenses	10-410-16 Maint/Repair-Equipment	\$850.00	\$950.00	(\$100.00)		111.76%
Expenses	10-410-26 Advertising	\$271.40	\$0.00	\$271.40		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-33 Dept.Materials & Supplies	\$1,109.81	\$1,109.81	\$0.00		100.00%
Expenses	10-410-53 Dues & Subscriptions	\$21,000.00	\$23,883.19	(\$2,883.19)		113.73%
Expenses	10-410-54 Insurance & Bonds	\$7,025.39	\$7,025.39	\$0.00		100.00%
Expenses	10-410-58 Christmas Decorations	\$30,000.00	\$22,788.18	\$7,211.82		75.96%
Expenses	10-410-59 Downtown Beautification	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-60 Town Hall Furnishings	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-70 Town Grounds	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-410-76 Captial Outlay-Technology	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-420-01 CARES Expenditure account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-510-71 Capital Outlay Land	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-510-72 Capital Outlay Building	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-510-73 Capital Outlay Other Imp	\$31,500.00	\$1,152.00	\$30,348.00		3.66%
Expenses	10-510-74 Capital Outlay Equipment	\$0.00	\$660.38	(\$660.38)		0.00%
Expenses	10-510-75 Capital Outlay Technology	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$9,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-530-00 Fire Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-530-45 FireDept.Contr.Serv-Calls	\$60,285.87	\$60,190.18	\$95.69		99.84%
Expenses	10-530-46 Tree Removal	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-00 Street Department	\$0.00	\$1,450.00	(\$1,450.00)		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-13 Utilities-Street Lights	\$8,759.22	\$9,543.99	(\$784.77)		108.96%
Expenses	10-560-14 Utilities-Signal Lights	\$200.00	\$28.15	\$171.85		14.08%
Expenses	10-560-15 Maint/Rep-Existing Street	\$9,500.00	\$2,440.00	\$7,060.00		25.68%
Expenses	10-560-16 Snow & Ice Removal	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-17 Traffic Control	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-18 Drainage & Storm Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-19 Curb & Gutter	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-20 Bikeways	\$1,625.00	\$625.00	\$1,000.00		38.46%
Expenses	10-560-21 Sidewalks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-22 Greenways	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-25 Town Hall Mowing & beautification	\$675.00	\$225.00	\$450.00		33.33%
Expenses	10-560-26 Helene Storm Damage Cleanup and Recovery	\$0.00	\$5,300.00	(\$5,300.00)		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-33 Dept. Materials & Supplie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-560-45 Contr.Serv.-FireHydrants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%

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Expenses	10-580-00 Sanitation Department	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-580-33 Sanitation-Dept.Mat.&Supp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-580-44 Recycle Contracted Servic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
Expenses	10-580-45 Garbage Contracted Serciv	\$21,381.36	\$19,511.80	\$1,869.56		91.26%
Expenses	10-580-46 RCSW Landfill Fees	\$11,057.87	\$7,690.32	\$3,367.55		69.55%
Expenses	40-500-00 Depreciation Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		0.00%
		\$289,092.81	\$222,912.62	\$66,180.19		77%

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Ruth, North Carolina, the following amendment is made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025:

Section 1 & 2: Amends the General Fund Revenues & Appropriations as follows:

GL Account	Date	Description	Debit	Credit
10-329-00 Interest Earned on Invest	06/23/2025	To amend for year end	\$0.00	\$33.86
10-367-02 Sales & Use Tax Dist	06/23/2025	To amend for year end	\$0.00	\$4,989.42
10-399-00 Appro.Fund Balance	06/23/2025	To offset adjustments to revenue	\$5,023.28	\$0.00
10-410-04 Professional Services	06/23/2025	To amend for Powell Bill Maps & Town Hall Plat Survey	\$4,215.06	\$0.00
10-410-16 Maint/Repair-Equipment	06/23/2025	To amend for repairs to camera equipment	\$100.00	\$0.00
10-410-53 Dues & Subscriptions	06/23/2025	Increase to accommodate increases in subscriptions	\$2,883.19	\$0.00
10-560-13 Utilities-Street Lights	06/23/2025	Increase to allot for upgrade to LED Utility lights	\$1,584.00	\$0.00
10-399-00 Appro.Fund Balance	06/23/2025	Offset for increased expenses	\$0.00	\$8,782.25
Fund Total(s)				
Fund			Debits	Credits
10			\$13,805.53	\$13,805.53

Section 3: Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Governing Board, the Budget Officer, and the Finance Officer for their direction. Adopted this 24th day of June 2025.

Notes for Amendment to the Budget Ordinance:

1 This assumes that for budgeting purpose, the city used an estimated collection rate in line with the amount established by state law [G.S. 159-13(b)(6)] and that the unamended collection rate is equal to or less than the allowable limit.

2 Many revenues are not fully collected until June 30. To revise estimates mid-year requires careful analysis to ensure that revenue estimates will not be overestimated. Most revenue amendments are for new revenues; however, these are not new revenues.

We work fervently to analyze trends and operate in the best interest of our citizens. In preparing and planning for revenues in this proposed budget, the following considerations were made:

1. Maintain tax collection rate of 96%-This is an outstanding collection rate and the 4% uncollected often is collected in the next fiscal period.
2. We remain watchful of any potential changes to the DOT's plan. Vigilant in our awareness of new acquisitions of property, resulting in decreased income, exempting it from our collections and hence revenue.
3. We have evidence and belief what will accompany our new roadway infrastructure will be commercial businesses. Thriving, bustling opportunities for employment, dining, socialization and recreation; we are building towards this future. We are always looking for opportunities to partner with private enterprises to advance the condition of Ruth, its citizens, and the surrounding community.
4. Increase of Sales & Use, Franchise Utility, & Solid Waste tax distributions-also considered "elastic" or "flex" revenues. Although this is speculative, we feel it judicious to maintain based on the previous year's performance trends.
5. Increases in interest in investments continue to creep upward. We have chosen to maintain anticipating increased profitability.
6. While on revenue topics, we want to again highlight the utilization of our federal replacement revenue to maintain fire protection services for several years without increasing our tax rate. While this helped to buffer ourselves during difficult COVID times, we no longer have the luxury of revenue replacement; we must generate the revenue to support our limited services. We continue to plan for our future and for these ever-expanding deficits. Currently, the recommendation is to hold our tax rate at \$.33 per \$100.00 valuation. This will allow us to continue to do several things for our constituents without interruption. We will be able to continue protecting our citizens through our contracted fire-related services, as well as help support the current deficit and ongoing fees for our sanitation services.

In preparing and planning for expenditures in this proposed budget, the following are conditions included in calculations:

7. Fire protection- We no longer have federal revenue protection to ease the cost of this service. It is a vital, critical service. We know next year's fire tax estimation is a minimum \$0.02 raise per \$100 valuation. Our rate would go from \$0.11 to \$0.13 per \$100 valuation, minimum. We must plan and prepare for maintaining our fire protection as well as anticipating its rise. These services are challenged and stretched by due to road closures, developing alternate routes, fine tuning arrival times etc. When our fire tax increased from \$0.09 per \$100 valuation to \$0.11, we did not increase our levy. We then incurred reappraisal values at a higher rate from the County, further expanding our fire service expenses; again, we did not increase our tax rate. Our 2024-25 contracted service fee was \$60,190.18; our 2025-26 service fee is \$71,613.42. That is an increase of \$11,423.24.
8. Sanitation services-If you read along with us, you know waste services are a moving, mutating organism. There are many layers we must include in this calculation. Our CPI increase from Republic is estimated at 5.2% again this year for the upcoming budget. This equates to an increase of \$1,108.80 for the year. Doesn't sound like a lot, right? We will go from \$21,381.36 to \$22,490.16 for pickup and haul alone. Then there's the disposal of the hauls. Feedback from RCSW reflects an increase of \$4.00 per ton from \$76.00 per ton to \$80.00. We averaged 2.52 tons per week, the current average cost per week of \$201.05. Last week of June estimate would be 2.52 more tons at an average cost of \$201.05. For a total estimate of 140.00 tons @ a cost of \$11,200.00. We will need to increase our waste fee by \$35.00-from \$175.00 per can per year to \$210.00. This is \$17.50 a month or under \$0.34 a week. The difference between our cost of sanitation (\$33,690.16) and what we will gather from the waste fee (\$32,340.00) remains a negative deficit of (-\$1,350.16). The challenge of reconciling GDS cans in circulation with the tax bills will always be morphing and moving, however we are developing systems and relationships, combined with technology and cameras to aid in our auditing. Closing the gap on reconciliation may be closer than we think. With the support and cooperation of key individuals at GDS and the County Tax Department, we are on our way. We are more hopeful now than ever before we might get a handle on this; it would be beneficial for all our taxpayers. We do not have any in our coffers for these restricted expenditures. Waste should be a self-sustaining operation, especially for a town of our size and means. These are ongoing, recurring, operational charges.

Given all the information at our disposal at this time, based largely on the current year's activity/history, feedback/interaction with the board, proposed increases, tax value changes, in management of duties, or submitted requests, the following budget values are recommended:

Item 3.

Administration	\$ 136,583.58
Capital Outlay	\$ 70,154.11
Fire Department	\$ 72,613.42
Street Department	\$ 29,618.99
Sanitation Department	\$ 33,690.16
Total Appropriations	\$ 342,660.26

Current year's real property taxes	\$204,717.08
Current year's motor vehicle taxes	\$ 10,123.18
Powell Bill funds	\$ 16,000.00
Franchise taxes	\$ 13,300.00
Interest on investments	\$ 5,380.00
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	\$ 300.00
Sales & Use Tax	\$ 60,500.00
Landfill Taxes	\$ 32,340.00
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 0.00
Total estimated revenues	\$342,660.26

No new budget requests submitted.

Our fiscal policy continues to seek revenue streams, cultivate a community environment for the Town, encourage efforts to promote the Town's vitality. The board's approach remains constant, they wish to be resourceful, open-minded, and creative in alternative revenue pursuits. In addition to more permanent solutions, they wish to explore grants and aid. Financially the board wishes to continue its conservative perspective and guard expenditures closely.

While the new highway is a painful process, it continues to hold opportunity for us. We believe it will function as a catalyst to spur growth, positively affecting the economy and our upcoming budgets in a bright way. We continue to look for assistance from those who can support us in capitalizing on this event, working it to our favor. We believe Public Private Partnerships are the best path forward and are seeking to bolster these opportunities. Our board cares about the Town and everyone in it. They work hard to champion and shepherd projects and goals to improve conditions for all.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Ruth, North Carolina:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this Town:

Administration	\$ 136,583.58
Capital Outlay	\$ 70,154.11
Fire Department	\$ 72,613.42
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Total Appropriations	\$ 342,660.26

Section 2: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026:

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Current year's motor vehicle taxes	\$ 10,123.18
Powell Bill funds	\$ 16,000.00
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Section 3: There is hereby no change in our levy. A tax at the rate of thirty-three cents (\$0.33) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of April 28th, 2025, for the purpose of supporting the revenue listed "Current Year's Property Taxes" in the General Fund in Section 2 of this ordinance.

This rate is based on a total valuation of property for the purposes of taxation of \$65,103,110 and an estimated rate of collection of 96.0%.

Section 4: The City Mayor or a designee is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. Transfers between line-item expenditures within a department without limitation and without a report being required. These changes must not result in increases in recurring obligations such as salaries.
- b. Transfers up to \$1,000 between departments, including contingency appropriations, within the same fund. The budget officer must make an official report on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Governing Board.

c. All transfer between funds requires prior approval by the Governing Board in an amendment to the Budget Ordinance.

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Section 5: The City Mayor or a designate may make cash advances between funds for periods not to exceed 60 days without reporting to the Governing Board. Any advances that extend beyond 60 days must be approved by the Board. All advances that will be outstanding at the end of the fiscal year must be approved by the Board.

Section 6: Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board and to the Budget Officer and Finance Officer to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 24th day of June 2025.

TOWN OF RUTH PROPOSED BUDGET 2025-2026

REVENUE:

1030100	CURRENT TAXES	\$204,717.08
1032900	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	\$5,270.00
1032901	INTEREST ON POWELL BILL	\$110.00
1033600	PERSONAL AUTO TAX	\$10,123.18
1034300	POWELL BILL ALLOCATION/** <u>RESTRICTED</u>	\$16,000.00
1036702	SALES & USE TAX	\$60,500.00
1036703	NC FRANCHISE TAX	\$13,300.00
1036704	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL TAX	\$300.00
1039900	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE/** <u>RESERVES</u>	\$0.00
1039901	LANDFILL FEE/ <u>RESTRICTED</u>	\$32,340.00

Total Revenue **\$342,660.26**

EXPENSE:

ADMINISTRATION:

1040900	NC SALES TAX	\$1,800.00
1040901	SALES TAX OTHER	\$50.00
1040902	SHIPPING AND HANDLING	\$400.00
1041000	SALARY OF MAYOR	\$387.54
1041001	COMMISSIONERS	\$646.00
1041002	TAX COLLECTION & CLERK EXPENSE	\$23,600.04
1041003	LEGAL SERVICES	\$5,000.00
1041004	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$10,200.00
1041006	FICA EXPENSE	\$2,000.00
1041010	ELECTION EXPENSE	\$0.00
1041011	TOWN EDUCATION EXPENSE	\$1,000.00
1041013	UTILITIES/ CITY HALL – MALL	\$4,000.00
1041015	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$17,500.00
1041016	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR EQUIPMENT	\$1,000.00
1041026	ADVERTISING	\$300.00
1041033	DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	\$1,200.00
1041053	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$25,000.00
1041054	INSURANCE & BONDS	\$10,000.00
1041058	CHRISTMAS LIGHT EXPENSE	\$30,000.00
1041059	DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION	\$1,000.00
1041060	TOWN HALL FURNISHINGS	\$500.00
1041070	TOWN GROUNDS	\$1,000.00
		\$136,583.58

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

1051071	CAPITAL OUTLAY LAND	\$0.00
1051072	CAPITAL OUTLAY BUILDING	\$0.00
1051073	CAPITAL OUTLAY OTHER IMPROVEMENTS/SIGNAGE	\$31,500.00
1051074	CAPITAL OUTLAY OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$28,654.11
1051076	CAPITAL OUTLAY TECHNOLOGY	\$10,000.00
		\$70,154.11

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1053045	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$71,613.42
1053046	TREE REMOVAL	\$1,000.00
		\$72,613.42

STREET DEPARTMENT:

1056013	UTILITIES-STREET LIGHT	\$10,393.99
1056014	UTILITIES-SIGNAL LIGHT	\$50.00
1056015	MAINTENANCE – EXISTING STREETS	\$15,000.00
1056016	SNOW & ICE REMOVAL	\$2,000.00
1056018	DRAINAGE AND STORM SEWER	\$0.00
1056019	CURB AND GUTTER	\$0.00
1056020	BIKEWAYS	\$1,000.00
1056021	SIDEWALKS	\$0.00
1056022	GREENWAYS	\$500.00
1056025	TOWN HALL MOWING AND BEAUTIFICATION	\$675.00
		\$29,618.99

SANITATION DEPARTMENT:

1058045	GARBAGE CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$22,490.16
1058046	LANDFILL FEES	\$11,200.00
		\$33,690.16

Total Expense **\$342,660.26**



May 29, 2025

Mr. David Guy
Mayor, Town of Ruth
137 Northview Dorsey St
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Re: Board Member Appointment – BRWA
Jenny Piper

Mayor Guy:

In accordance with Article II, Section 2 of the BRWA Bylaws, the above referenced Board Member's term expires on June 30, 2025, and either a re-appointment of Jenny Piper or a successor is required to be appointed by your governing body for a three (3) year term, July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028. The appointment is not required to be an elected official. Please schedule this appointment at an appropriate Commissioners meeting so the member may be sworn in at the Annual BRWA meeting set for July 22, 2025.

Once the Appointment is official, please send notification in the form of a letter or a copy of the meeting minutes. My email is mhunnicutt@ncbrwa.com.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maria S. Hunnicutt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Maria S. Hunnicutt
Executive Director
Secretary to the Board of Directors

cc: Jenny Piper
Amy Hanaway









Item 6.



4. Vertical Pivot Gates

Vertical pivot lift gates utilize a pivot mechanism mounted on the overhead beam. These gates rotate vertically to open, offering a unique solution for spaces where traditional gate swings or slides are not feasible.

Average Cost: Vertical pivot gates can cost from \$8,000 to \$20,000, depending on their design complexity and automation system.

Pros:



What's A Security Gate?

A security gate is a critical component of a comprehensive security system, providing physical barriers that control access to residential, commercial, or industrial properties.

Depending on the application, the right security gate can range from simple manual barriers to











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285 Bridge Road
Ellenboro, NC 28040
(828) 829-6524

Estimate

Submitted on 06/15/2025

Invoice For

Town of Ruth

Contractor

Webb Creek Property
Services, LLC

Project

Fence Line

Description	Qty	Unit price	Total price
Clean off fence line at City Hall	1	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
Subtotal			\$2,100.00

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Rails to Trails Parking Lot

Description	Qty	Unit price	Total price
Rails to Trails Parking Lot – Remove stumps, regrade areas where trees were removed, sow grass seed, remove existing bushes around the Town of Ruth sign, and install new bushes with added river rock at the sign.	1	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00

Subtotal **\$4,500.00**

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