Bastrop Zoning Board of Adjustments Agenda

Bastrop City Hall City Council Chambers 1311 Chestnut Street Bastrop, TX 78602 (512) 332-8800



October 26, 2022

Agenda - Zoning Board of Adjustments at 6:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

At this time, three (3) minute comments will be taken from the audience on any topic. Anyone in attendance wishing to address the Board/Commission must complete a citizen comment form and give the completed form to the Board/Commission Secretary prior to the start of the Board/Commission meeting. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, if a citizen discusses any item not on the agenda, the Board/Commission cannot discuss issues raised or make any decision at this time. Instead, the Board/Commission is limited to making a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry. Issues may be referred to City Manager for research and possible future action.

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3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- <u>3A.</u> Consider action to approve the meeting minutes from August 3, 2022 Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting.
- <u>3B.</u> Public Hearing and consider action to deny variances from the Bastrop Building Block (B³) Code, Chapter 8 Sign, Signs, Section 8.1009 (3) Large Freestanding Sign types and Article 8.3 (L) Pole Signs to allow digital price numbers on an existing sign, on

Nancy Blakey Survey, Abstract 98, Acres 0.380, located at 521 W SH 71, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas.

4. ADJOURNMENT

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting as posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place of convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, <u>www.cityofbastrop.org</u> and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

<u>/s/ Jennifer C. Bills</u> Jennifer C. Bills, Director of Planning & Development



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 26, 2022

TITLE:

Consider action to approve meeting minutes from the August 3, 2022 Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Nicole Peterson, Planning Technician

ATTACHMENTS: Meeting Minutes



Zoning Board of Adjustment August 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The City of Bastrop Zoning Board of Adjustment met Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas 78602.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Scot Robichaud called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members:

Scot Robichaud	Present
Gary Moss	Present
Jeffery Haladyna	Present
Richard Smarzik	Present
Scott Long	Present

Staff Present:

Jennifer C. Bills, Director of Planning and Development Nicole Peterson, Planning Technician

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments from citizens.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

3A. Consider action to approve meeting minutes from the June 1, 2022, Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting.

Gary Moss made a motion to approve the June 1, 2022, Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting. Jeffrey Haladyna seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

3B. Public Hearing and consider action to deny a variance from the Bastrop Building Block(B³) Code, Chapter 8 – Signs, Article 8.3 (b) Band Signs for the number of signs allowed per building, on Main and Spring Subdivision, Lot 2, Acres 0.588, located at 712 Spring Street, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas.

The Director of Planning, Jennifer Bills, presented the variance request from the Bastrop Building Block(B³) Code, Chapter 8 – Signs, Article 8.3 (b) Band Signs for the number of signs allowed per building, on Main and Spring Subdivision, Lot 2, Acres 0.588, located at 712 Spring Street to the Board Members.

David Lapp, Senior Project Manager with Level 5 LLC, spoke with the board members about the sign variances that were approved in the past. He stated that he believes they have a special occasion given the sign ordinance does not have a specific description for the proposed sign type.

Discussion commenced between the Board Members and David Lapp over the following topics:

- 1. Does the parking lot belong to the City?
 - Yes, it is a city-owned parking lot.

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- 2. How large is the parking lot?
 - It has about 30 parking spaces.
- 3. Are the lights that are currently on the building for this sign?
 - Yes, the applicant had it listed on the plans but there was a misunderstanding that we were not allowed to have both signs.

Reid Sharp, spoke on behalf of First National Bank and read a letter out loud stating the First National Bank stating the history of the bank, its contributions to the community, and why the sign should be approved.

Discussion commenced between Board Members and Reid Sharp over the following topics:

- 1. How much money did it cost to build this new building?
- It was roughly \$44.00 per square foot so about 2.3 million dollars.
- Did the amount also include the cost for the land?
 - No, the land was already paid for.

Discussion commenced between Board Members and Staff over the following topics:

- 1. When will signs be an item for discussion with the Planning and Zoning Commission?
 - It depends on City Council; at this time, we would have to outsource to re-write the code and make sure there are funds allocated in the budget.
- 2. Would this be considered a corner lot if they gas station was not there?
 - Yes, if the ATM gas station was not there it would be considered a corner lot.
- 3. If Vibe Tribe and Body Toners were to be sold, could other businesses go in there?
 - Yes, they could put other businesses in there.

Scot Robichaud opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

There were no comments or questions from citizens.

Scot Robichaud closed the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Scot Robichaud made a motion to approve the variance from the Bastrop Building Block(B³) Code, Chapter 8 – Signs, Article 8.3 (b) Band Signs for the number of signs allowed per building, on Main and Spring Subdivision, Lot 2, Acres 0.588, located at 712 Spring Street, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas. Richard Smarzik seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-1 with Scott Long opposed to the motion.

3C. Public Hearing and consider action to deny variances from the Bastrop Building Block (B³) Code, Chapter 8 – Sign, Signs, Section 8.1009 (3) Large Freestanding Sign types and Article 8.3 (L) Pole Signs to allow digital price numbers on an existing sign, on Nancy Blakey Survey, Abstract 98, Acres 0.380, located at 521 W SH 71, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas.

The Director of Planning, Jennifer Bills, presented the variance request from the Bastrop Building Block (B³) Code, Chapter 8 – Sign, Signs, Section 8.1009 (3) Large Freestanding Sign types and Article 8.3 (L) Pole Signs to allow digital price numbers on an existing sign, on Nancy Blakey Survey, Abstract 98, Acres 0.380, located at 521 W SH 71, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop to the Board Members.

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She stated the applicant is requesting a digital sign, but the current code does not allow for digital signage.

Discussion commenced between the Board Members and Staff over the following topics:

- 1. Is the current sign in compliance with the code?
 - Yes, the current sign is in compliance with the code.
- 2. The applicant is asking for the same size sign, and they would just like to have it be a digital sign?
 - Yes, it would be a blinking sign that would change with the different gas prices.
 - The current digital signs they have on the canopy now are considered a legal non-conforming sign.
- 3. The Board asked if the applicant is stating the hardship is due to the visibility of the sign, and is the applicant would be allowed to bring the sign closer to the street and further to the west?
 - Staff responded further research would need to be conducted because there is a possibility that a detention pond is on the other corner of this lot.
- 4. Would the city consider relocating the currently illuminated signs on their canopy?
 - Yes, the city could consider moving the signs on the canopy.
- 5. Would it take re-writing the sign code for this type of sign to be considered?
 - Yes, currently there is a dark sky ordinance in place which restricts outdoor lighting from shining up or out. The city also has color temperature requirements and a maximum lumen output per site.

Scot Robichaud opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

There were no comments or questions from citizens.

Scot Robichaud closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Richard Smarzik made a motion to deny the variance as stated for the Bastrop Building Block (B³) Code, Chapter 8 – Sign, Signs, Section 8.1009 (3) Large Freestanding Sign types and Article 8.3 (L) Pole Signs to allow digital price numbers on an existing sign, on Nancy Blakey Survey, Abstract 98, Acres 0.380, located at 521 W SH 71, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas. Gary Moss seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Richard Smarzik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 pm. Gary Moss seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair

Vice-Chair

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Item 3A.



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 26, 2022

TITLE:

Public Hearing and consider action to deny variances from the Bastrop Building Block (B³) Code, Chapter 8 – Sign, Signs, Section 8.1009 (3) Large Freestanding Sign types and Article 8.3 (L) Pole Signs to allow digital price numbers on an existing sign, on Nancy Blakey Survey, Abstract 98, Acres 0.380, located at 521 W SH 71, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:

Jennifer C. Bills, AICP, LEED AP, Director of Planning & Development

ITEM DETAILS:	Δ.
Site Address:	521 State Highway 71 (Attachment 1)
Total Acreage:	0.38 acres
Legal Description:	Nancy Blakey Survey, Abstract 98
Property Owner:	Startex First Equipment LP
Agent Contact:	Lee Simmons/Husch Blackwell
Existing Use:	Gas Station/Convenience Store
Existing Place Type Zoning:	P-5 Core
Character District:	District 71
Future Land Use:	General Commercial

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The applicant is requesting a variance to allow a sign type that is not permitted under the adopted Chapter 8 – Signs.

The Bastrop Building Block (B³) Code was adopted on November 12, 2019. Under the prior code, digital signage was allowed as a sign type with specific standards. Nine months after the adoption, the property owner applied for a new pylon sign with static price signage that conforms to the adopted Code. The property owner is now requesting a digital sign. The property owners failed to file for a permit to obtain a digital sign before the code was revised to disallow digital signs, which is not an eligible criterion for requesting a variance. The applicant has stated that competitors such as HEB and Buc-ee's have digital signs that put them at a disadvantage. While HEB does have legal non-conforming digital signs, Buc-ee's does not have any digital signs or any signs advertising gas prices. The other primary reason for the variance stated by the applicant is that an off-site tree obscures the sign but changing the sign type does not remedy that situation. Similarly, the Shell station east of this property at 513 W SH 71, is also obscured by a tree, which has not provided better visibility (Attachment 5).

The sign in which the variance is being applied for is the same pylon sign that the property owners submitted and received a permit for a sign that met the code in 2020 (Attachment 4).

Per Section 2.4.003 Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA) (d) Limitations of Authority of the ZBA: (1) The ZBA cannot grant a variance authorizing a use or a building type other than those permitted in the Place Type Zoning district, unless it is a nonconforming use or structure. In this case, the sign is not a nonconforming structure, and a digital sign is not a sign type allowed in the P5 Core Place Type Zoning District.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

A newspaper notice was placed on October 14, 2022. Notifications were mailed to 5 adjacent property owners on October 3, 2022. At the time of this report, two comments have opposed to the variance have been received (Attachment 7).

POLICY EXPLANATION:

The Bastrop Building Block (B³) Code was adopted on November 12, 2019 and include Chapter 8 Signs. The applicant is asking for a variance to allow a sign face type which is not allowed in the two following standards:

Section 8.1.009 Signs Requiring a Permit (b) Freestanding Signs

- (3) Large Freestanding Sign Types:
 - A. Monument Sign
 - B. Pylon/Pole Sign
- (4) General Requirements:

A. Size: Cannot have a ratio of less than 4:1 sign width to narrowest width of support structure. Must follow standards in Article 8.3.

B. Number. One Sign per street frontage of a lot.

- C. Illumination: Large Freestanding Signs may only be externally illuminated unless approved by Warrant or located within the SH 71/SH 95/Loop 150 Corridors.
 - i. External lighting shall be directly directed down toward the Sign and shielded so that it does not shine directly into a public right-of- way and does not interfere with the safe vision of motorists or people passing by. All Standards must meet the City's Code.
 - ii. Internal illumination shall not operate at brightness levels of more than 0.2 footcandles above ambient light conditions at the property line, as measured using a foot-candle meter. The total lumen output of all signs cannot exceed 10% of the total lumen allowance in Section 6.6 – Outdoor Lighting.

Article 8.3 L) Pylon/Pole Sign

- d. Quantity: 1 max per Frontage
- e. Height: 35 ft max in P5 on SH71
- f. Max Height to width ratio: 4:1

Description: A Sign permanently affixed to the ground at its base by a single- or doublepoles, that are enclosed by a base of natural stone, stucco, brick, or wood and not mounted to a part of a Building. Only allowed in State Highway 71 & SH 95

i. How to Measure:

(1) Maximum total Height is measured from the finished grade at the center of the Sign. If the finished grade at the center of the Sign is higher than the finished grade of the closest paved surface, then the Height shall be measured from the finished grade of the closest paved surface.

(2) The pylon/pole base shall be a maximum of 2 feet in Height and shall be included in the calculation of total Height.

ii. The max Height allowed along SH 71 is 35 feet.

iii. The max Height allowed along Loop 150 and SH 95 is 20 feet.

iv. Signs along SH 71, SH 95 and Loop 150 can be internally illuminated.

v. Only allowed in a Sign Corridor and not allowed if Band Sign exceeds 4 feet in height.

vi. Cannot be located within a Sight Triangle.

Section 8.2.003 Variances

(d) The ZBA may decide, subject to appropriate conditions, and only after a finding based on the evidence presented that strict compliance with the requirements of this Code will result in substantial undue hardship, sufficient mitigation, or inequity to the applicant without sufficient corresponding benefit to the City and its citizens in accomplishing the objectives of this Chapter.

The Sign Administrator and ZBA shall consider:

- (1) Special or unique hardship because of the size or shape of the property on which the Sign is to be located, or the visibility of the property from public roads. Other sites along SH 71 have trees that obscure signage at points along the frontage road.
- (2) Hardship claim based on the exceptional topographic conditions or physical features uniquely affecting the property on which a Sign is to be located. The applicant is claiming a hardship from an offsite tree that is obscuring the view of the sign for west bound traffic on the frontage road. Changing the sign face type would not change this condition.
- Proposed Sign location, configuration, design, materials and colors are harmonious.
 The sign code does not allow digital signage of any kind and the Outdoor Lighting code requires shielding of all outdoor lighting so that there is no
- (4) The Sign and its supporting structure are in architectural harmony with the surrounding Structures.

exposed light elements. Digital signs increase unshielded lighting.

The existing sign is conforming and in architectural harmony with the existing building.

(5) Mitigation measures related to the Sign in question or other Signs on the same Premises.

The applicant has proposed removing the existing digital sign on the west side of the canopy, but the installation of digital signs on both sides of the pole sign would double the amount of not allowed digital signs.

- (6) Demonstrated and documented correlation between the Variance and protecting the public health and safety. Granting a variance does not provide any additional protection to public health or safety.
- (7) Whether the Sign could have been included in a Master Sign Plan. Master Sign plans are highly encouraged. The City will be more inclined to favorably consider a Variance request when the Variance is part of a Master Sign Plan. There will be a presumption against granting variances piecemeal, ad hoc, on a case-by-case basis when the Sign for which a Variance is sought could have been included in a Master Sign Plan and considered in the course of a comprehensive review of the entire Project's signage.

This is a single business site. A Master Sign Plan would not be appropriate in this instance.

(8) The Sign Administrator may authorize the remodeling, renovation, or alteration of a Sign when some nonconforming aspect of the Sign is thereby reduced. The existing pole sign is currently conforming and was permitted under the currently adopted sign code.

Per Texas Local Government Section 211.009 the board may consider the following grounds as a hardship:

(1) the financial cost of compliance is greater than 50 percent of the appraised value of the structure as shown on the most recent appraisal roll certified to the assessor for the municipality under Section 26.01, Tax Code; The applicant has not provided any data that meets this criterion. The applicant has provided data since 2016 that show varying sales. In this time frame, additional gas

stations (Buc-ee's and Quiktrip) have been constructed (neither of which have digital signs).

- (2) compliance would result in a loss to the lot on which the structure is located of at least 25 percent of the area on which development may physically occur; *Not applicable.*
- (3) compliance would result in the structure not being in compliance with a requirement of a municipal ordinance, building code, or other requirement; *Not applicable.*
- (4) compliance would result in the unreasonable encroachment on an adjacent property or easement; or *Not applicable.*
- (5) the municipality considers the structure to be a nonconforming structure. The current pole sign is conforming structure that was permitted after the B³ Code adoption.

A blank findings form has been included if the Board would like to make their own findings for approval (Attachment 8).

RECOMMENDATION:

Public Hearing and consider action to deny variances from the Bastrop Building Block (B³) Code, Chapter 8 – Sign, Signs, Section 8.1009 (3) Large Freestanding Sign types and Article 8.3 (L) Pole Signs to allow digital price numbers on an existing sign, on Nancy Blakey Survey, Abstract 98, Acres 0.380, located at 521 W SH 71, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Location Map
- Attachment 2: Letter from Applicant
- Attachment 3: Applicant Submittal
- Attachment 4: Permitted Pylon Sign 2020
- Attachment 5: 513 W SH 71 Shell Station Sign
- Attachment 6: Notice to Property Owners
- Attachment 7: Bastrop Building Block (B³) Code Band Sign Requirement
- Attachment 8: Blank Findings for Sec 8.2.003 Variances





Date: 7/22/2022



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521 W. State Highway 71 Sign Variance

1 inch = 125 feet

Date: //22/2022 The accuracy and precision of this cartographic data is limited and should be used for information /planning purposes only. This data does not replace surveys conducted by registered Texas land surveyors nor does it constitute an "official" verification of zoning, land use classification, or other classification set forth in local, state, or federal regulatory processes. The City of Bastrop, nor any of its employees, do not make any warranty of merchantability and fitness for particular purpose, or assumes any legal liability or responsibility accuracy, completeness or usefulness in not infringe upon privately owned right

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August 29, 2022

VIA MyGOV

Bastrop Board of Adjustment 1311 Chestnut Street Bastrop, TX 78602

Re: Sign Variance Application

Dear Chair and Board Members:

I write on behalf of the applicant, V&S Enterprises, to inform you of a new sign variance application for 521 West SH 71 we intend to submit for consideration by the Board of Adjustment.

We request a variance allowing digital signage on an existing sign for the following reasons:

(1) Special or unique hardship because of the size or shape of the property on which the Sign is to be located, or the visibility of the property from public roads.

The visibility of the sign is impaired by its close proximity to nearby competitors that have digital signs, including HEB and Buc-ee's.

(2) Hardship claim based on the exceptional topographic conditions or physical features uniquely affecting the property on which a Sign is to be located.

The sign is partially blocked to oncoming traffic by an existing tree. While the applicant does not wish to relocate the sign, they believe digital price numbers would help alleviate this challenge.

(3) Proposed Sign location, configuration, design, materials and colors are harmonious.

The applicant proposes only to add digital pricing to the sign, and has no intention of relocating or reconfiguring the sign (see Exhibit 1).

(4) The Sign and its supporting structure is in architectural harmony with the surrounding Structures.

The sign and supporting structure remain architecturally harmonious with surrounding structures. Adding digital pricing would not render the sign out of harmony with surrounding structures, since the gas station's canopy includes digital price numbers and surrounding competitors include digital price numbers.

(5) Mitigation measures related to the Sign in question or other Signs on the same Premises.

The applicant is willing to remove the digital price numbers from the gas station's canopy in return for a variance allowing digital price numbers on the sign.

(6) Demonstrated and documented correlation between the Variance and protecting the public health and safety.

An approved variance would cause no risk to public health and safety since the sign would not be relocated or enlarged.

(7) Whether the Sign could have been included in a Master Sign Plan. Master Sign plans are highly encouraged. The City will be more inclined to favorably consider a Variance request when the Variance is part of a Master Sign Plan. There will be a presumption against granting variances piecemeal, ad hoc, on a case-by-case basis when the Sign for which a Variance is sought could have been included in a Master Sign Plan and considered in the course of a comprehensive review of the entire Project's signage.

The sign is the only sign on the gas station site and therefore is not part of a master sign plan.

(8) The Sign Administrator may authorize the remodeling, renovation, or alteration of a Sign when some nonconforming aspect of the Sign is thereby reduced having an interest in the property.

The applicant proposes to restore the sign to pre-2019 code change compliance that would have allowed for digital price numbers. The alteration would furthermore bring the sign to better architectural harmony with surrounding competition, many of which have existing digital signs.

Bastrop's new sign code impairs the applicant's ability to market the gas station at a commercially reasonable level, due to the nature of the adjacent roadways impairing the view of the station's signage. We believe this variance request is reasonable because nearby gas stations have similar digital signs, and granting the variance would not alter the area character since this is a highly commercial area next to a major divided roadway.

Finally, recent changes to state law allow the Board of Adjustment to consider economic loss as a hardship. I believe such a consideration would be appropriate in this case, as the applicant can demonstrate year-over-year fuel volume sales declines and resulting rental deferrals (see Exhibit 2). The previous code would have allowed the sign permit the applicant

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seeks; however, the contractor unfortunately failed to apply for the permit before the code was changed. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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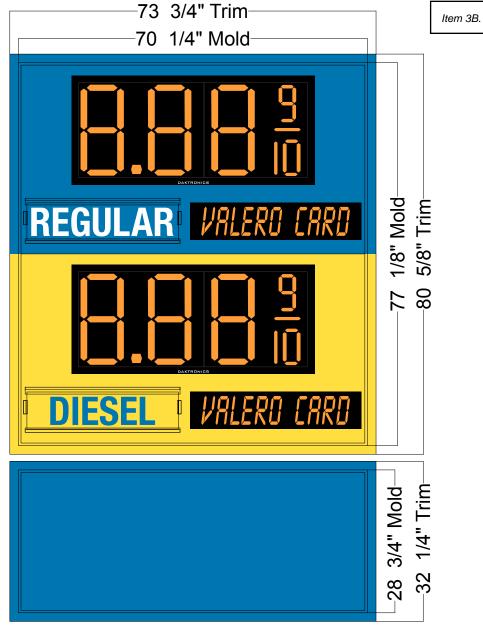
Lee Simmons Associate

Exhibit 1



Scope of Work - Before





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Per Valero standards, all 3 options for Cash/Credit/Debit must be programmed and initiated in the price sign postings.

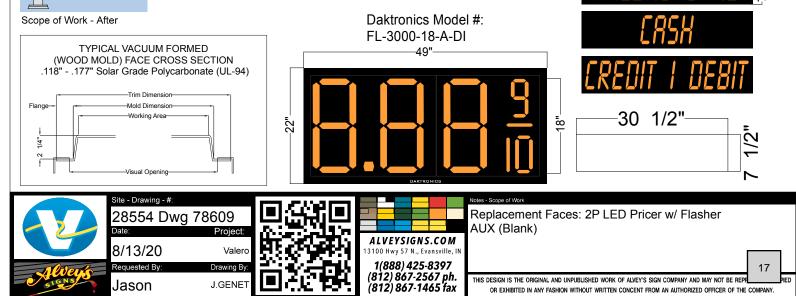
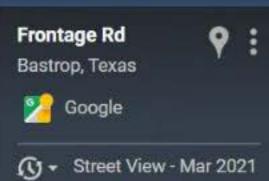


Exhibit 2

521 Hwy 71, Bastrop Texas		
Year	Fuel Volume (gallons)	YOY Change
2016	860,514	
2017	746,676	-13.23%
2018	771,203	3.28%
2019	572,372	-25.78%
2020	611,333	6.81%
2021	512,732	-16.13%



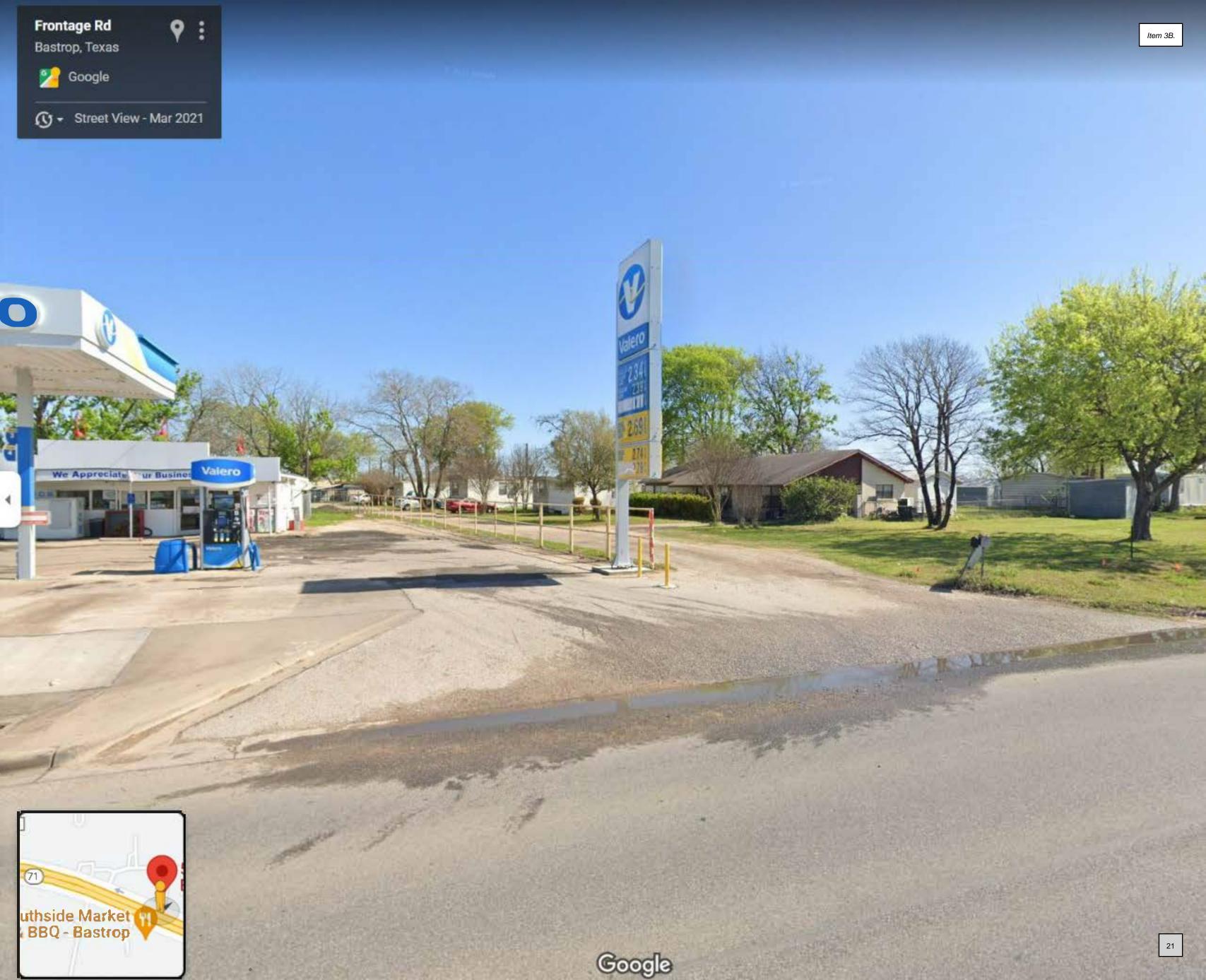
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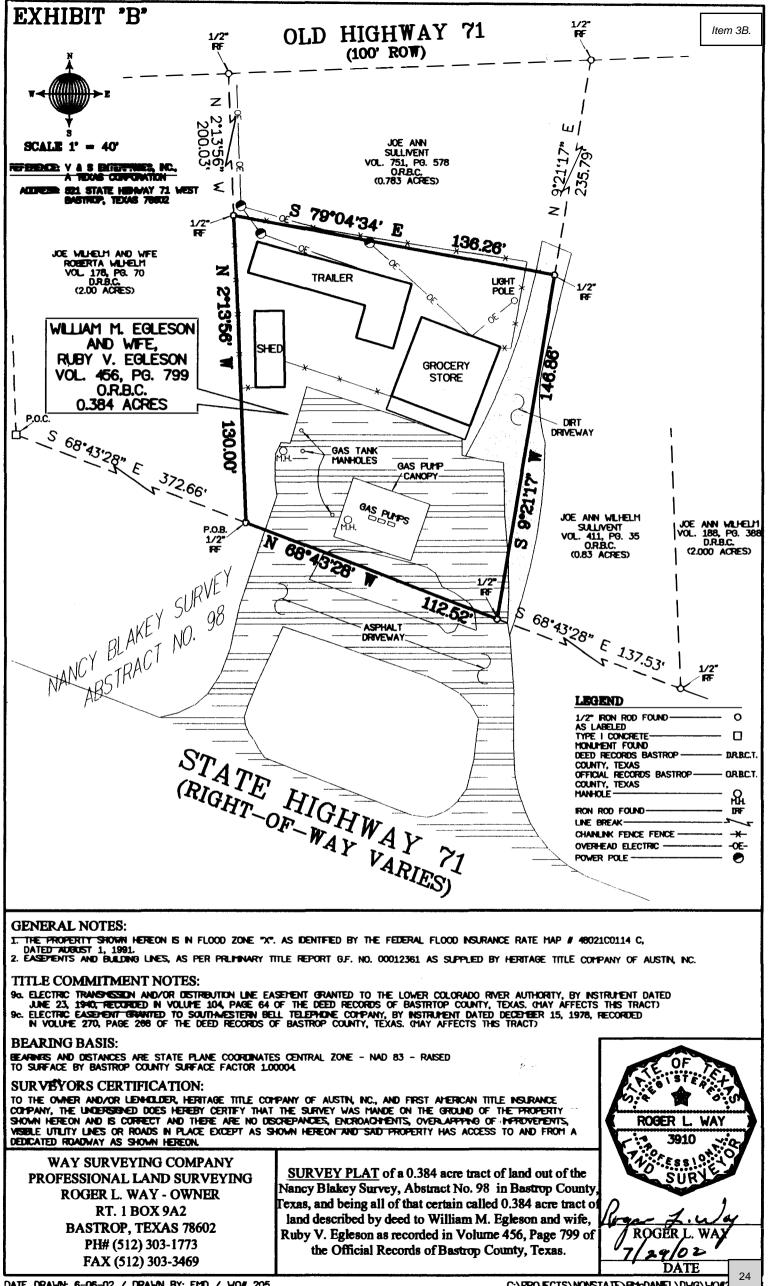






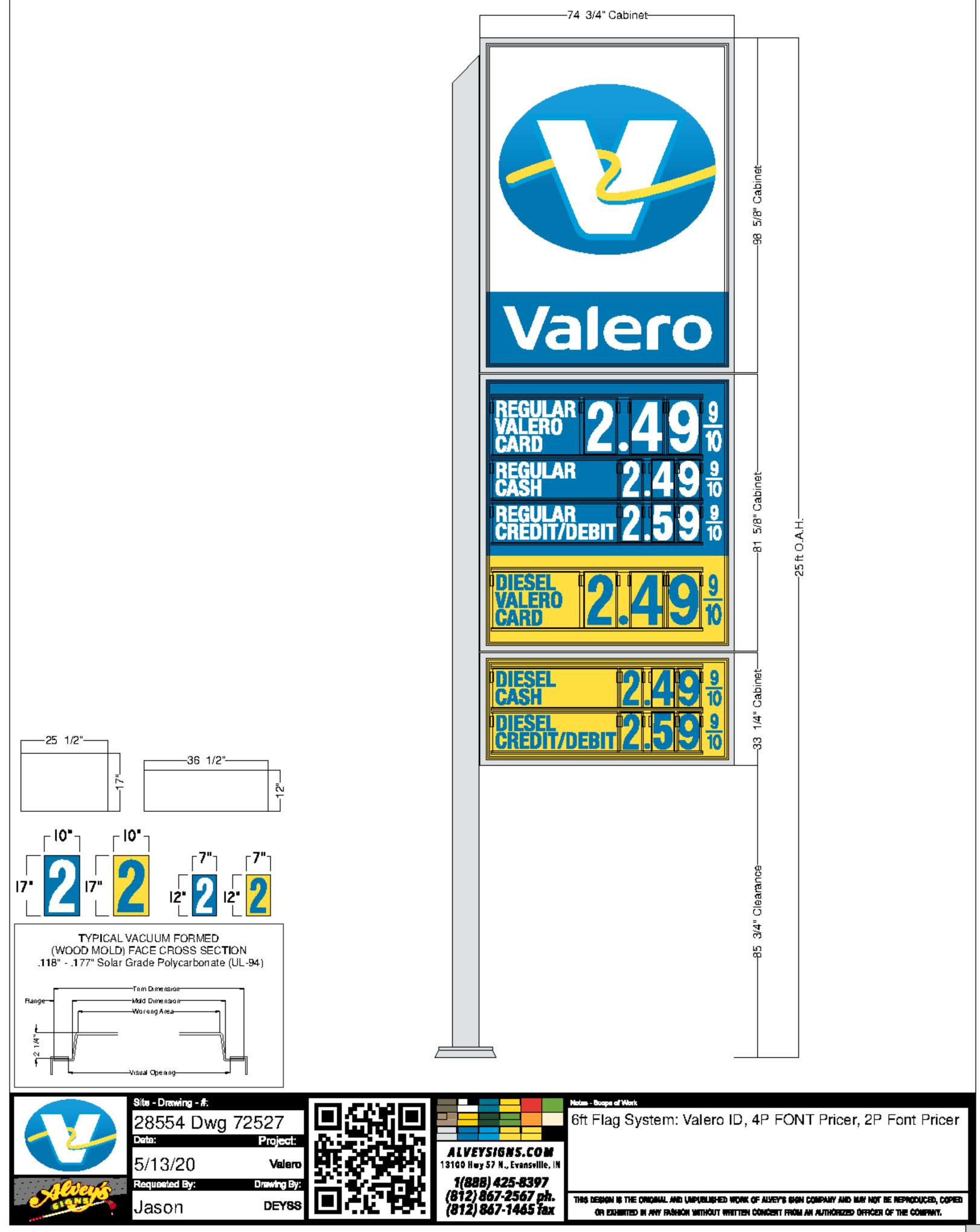






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Property Owner's Signature: Jo Conni Sul Clivient	
Additional Comments (Optional):	
Re: Sign Variance – Valero Gas Station	
PLANNING DEPARTMENT	
1311 Chestnut Street ● Bastrop, Texas 78602 ● 512.332.8840 ● www.cityofbastrop.org	*
PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSE As a property owner within 200 feet: (please check one) I am in favor of the request. I am opposed to the request. I have no objection to the request.	-
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Re: Sign Variance – Valero Gas Station	

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Item 3B. Heart of the Lost Pines

Notice of Public Hearing City of Bastrop **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Dear Property Owner:

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 1311 Chestnut Street. Bastrop, Texas on the following request:

Public Hearing and consider action on a variance from the Bastrop Building Block (B³) Code, Chapter 8 -Signs, Section 8.1009 (3) Large Freestanding Sign types and Article 8.3 (L) Pole Signs to allow digital price numbers on an existing sign, on Nancy Blakey Survey, Abstract 98, Acres 0.380, located at 521 W SH 71, within the City Limits of the City of Bastrop, Texas.

Applicant:	Lee Simmons
Owner:	Startex First Equipment LP
Address:	521 W SH 71
Legal Description:	Nancy Blakey Survey, Abstract 98, 0.380 acres

The site location map is attached for reference.

As a property owner within 200 feet of the above referenced property, you are being notified of the upcoming meetings per the Bastrop Code of Ordinances. For more information or to provide comments on this project, you may contact the Planning & Development Department at (512) 332-8840, plan@cityofbastrop.org, visit the office or mail the response card below to 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas, 78602. The agenda will be posted 72 hours in advance at: https://www.cityofbastrop.org/page/cs.board agendas.

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PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSE

As a property owner within 200 feet: (please check one)

- I am in favor of the request.
- I am opposed to the request.
- I have no objection to the request.

Property Owner Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different than property address:

Phone (optional): Email (optional):

Property Owner's Signature:

Additional Comments (Optional):

Re: 22-000691 Sign Variance

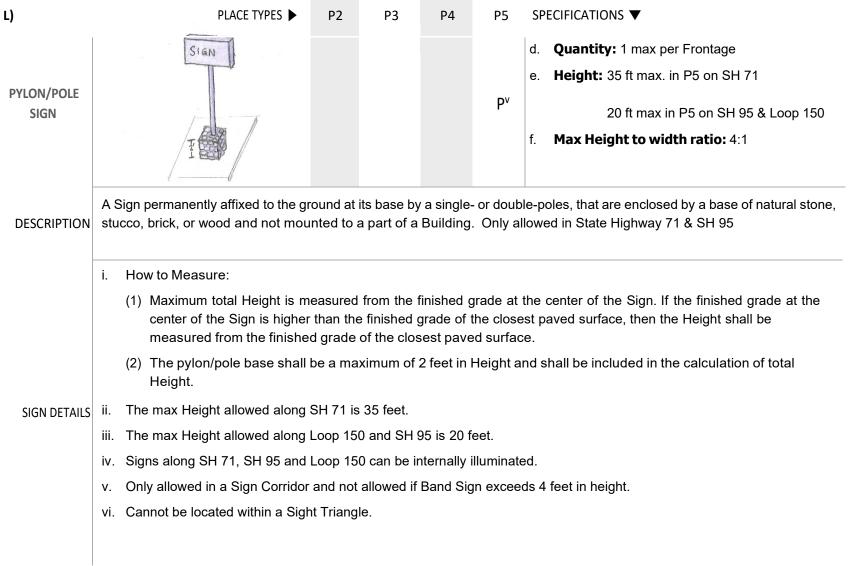
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Attachment 7

motorists or people passing by. All Standards must meet the City's Code.

- D. Sight Triangle. Signs cannot be located within the Sight Triangle, as defined in the B³ Technical Manual Section 2.0.011.
- (3) Large Freestanding Sign Types:
 - A. Monument Sign
 - B. Pylon/Pole Sign
- (4) General Requirements:
 - A. Size: Cannot have a ratio of less than 4:1 sign width to narrowest width of support structure. Must follow standards in Article 8.3.
 - B. Number. One Sign per street frontage of a lot.
 - C. Illumination: Large Freestanding Signs may only be externally illuminated unless approved by Warrant or located within the SH 71/SH 95/Loop 150 Corridors.
 - i. External lighting shall be directlydirected down toward the Sign and shielded so that it does not shine directly into a public right-of-way and does not interfere with the safe vision of motorists or people passing by. All Standards must meet the City's Code.

- ii. Internal illumination shall not operate at brightness levels of more than 0.2 foot-candles above ambient light conditions at the property line, as measured using a foot-candle meter. The total lumen output of all signs cannot exceed 10% of the total lumen allowance in Section 6.6 Outdoor Lighting.
- D. Locations for Sign Corridors:
- SH 71 Corridor. The area located 720 feet from the centerline of the adjacent main lane of State Highway 71.
- ii. SH 95 Corridor. The area located 330 feet from the centerline of the lane of State Highway 95.
- iii. Loop 150 Corridor. The area located 330 feet from the centerline of Loop 150, south of the Colorado River.
- iv. All Signs must be located within 25 feet of the property line.
- E. Sight Triangle. Signs cannot be located within the Sight Triangle, as defined in the B³ Technical Manual Section 2.0.011.



Section 8.2.003 Variances

(d) The ZBA may decide, subject to appropriate conditions, and only after a finding based on the evidence presented that strict compliance with the requirements of this Code will result in substantial undue hardship, sufficient mitigation, or inequity to the applicant without sufficient corresponding benefit to the City and its citizens in accomplishing the objectives of this Chapter.

The Sign Administrator and ZBA shall consider:

- (1) Special or unique hardship because of the size or shape of the property on which the Sign is to be located, or the visibility of the property from public roads.
- (2) Hardship claim based on the exceptional topographic conditions or physical features uniquely affecting the property on which a Sign is to be located.
- (3) Proposed Sign location, configuration, design, materials and colors are harmonious.
- (4) The Sign and its supporting structure is in architectural harmony with the surrounding Structures.
- (5) Mitigation measures related to the Sign in question or other Signs on the same Premises.
- (6) Demonstrated and documented correlation between the Variance and protecting the public health and safety.
- (7) Whether the Sign could have been included in a Master Sign Plan. Master Sign plans are highly encouraged. The City will be more inclined to favorably consider a Variance request when the Variance is part of a Master Sign Plan. There will be a presumption against granting variances piecemeal, ad hoc, on a case-by-case basis when the Sign for which a Variance is sought could have

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been included in a Master Sign Plan and considered in the course of a comprehensive review of the entire Project's signage.

(8) The Sign Administrator may authorize the remodeling, renovation, or alteration of a Sign when some nonconforming aspect of the Sign is thereby reduced.