

**To:** Members of the Board of Zoning Appeals

From: Tom Vander Woude, Planning Director

**Date:** June 4, 2020

**Re:** Preliminary Hearing

BZA Docket No. 20-007. Doyle Signs, Inc. on behalf of Jewel Osco requesting variances from Table 26-6.701.B of the Munster zoning ordinance to permit an additional sign on

the front elevation of the building at 716 Ridge Road.

**Applicant:** Doyle Signs, Inc. on behalf of Jewel Osco

**Property Owner:** Jetco Prop Inc.

**Property Address:** 9445 Calumet Avenue

Current Zoning: CD-5

Adjacent Zoning: North: CD-5

South: CD-3.R-2

East: CD-5 West: CD-5

**Action Requested:** Schedule public hearing

**Additional Actions Required:** Approve variances

Approve findings of fact

**Attachments:** Rendering of proposed sign dated 03.16.2020

# **Background**

Doyle Signs Inc. on behalf of Jewel Osco, has applied for a sign permit to install a "Drive Up & Go" sign on the front elevation of the store located at 716 Ridge Road.

#### **Discussion**

Table 26-6.701.B of the Munster zoning ordinance lists the standards for band signs:

STANDARD PROPOSED	
Quantity: 1 per Facade	3 (2 existing plus 1 new sign proposed)
Height: Max 3 feet	5 feet

Materials:	Vinyl on white plex
any background panel shall be made of metal or painted or	_
stained wood	

#### **Variance Standards**

The variance process is established to provide relief to a property owner when, due to unique circumstances, compliance with the zoning code imposes a hardship or practical difficulty on a property owner. The BZA is under no obligation to grant a variance. It is the petitioner's responsibility to prove a hardship or practical difficulty. The BZA should ask the petition to address the criteria listed below.

Sec. 26-6.804.I of the Munster Zoning Code states that the basis for a variance is as follows:

### g. General Standards.

A Variance may be granted only if the Decision- Making Authority has made the following determinations for such Variance:

- i. the practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships that would be incurred by strict application of the Use or Development standard, as applicable, are unique and not shared by all properties in the vicinity and are not self-imposed;
- ii. such Variance is the minimum Variance that will relieve such practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships, as applicable;
- iii. such Variance is in the spirit of the general purposes and intent of this Article as stated in Division 1: and
- iv. such Variance is so designed as to provide reasonable consideration to, among other things, the character of the neighborhood, District, or Civic Zone, the conservation of property values in the vicinity, and the guidance of Development in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan.

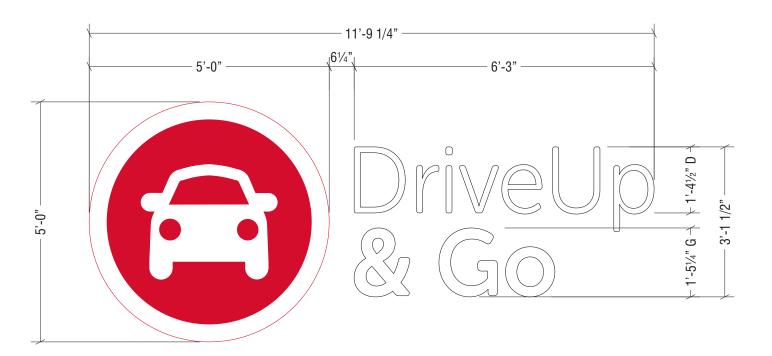
## h. Specific to Development standards Variances:

A Variance from Development Standards may be approved or approved with conditions only if:

- i. It will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community;
- ii. The use and value of the area Adjacent to the property included in the Variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner; and
- iii. The strict application of the Development standards will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property.

#### Recommendation

Motion to schedule a public hearing for BZA Docket No. 20-007.





# PLEX-FACE, INDIVIDUALLY MOUNTED CHANNEL LETTERS w/ LED ILLUMINATION

SCALE: ½"=1'

FACE: #7329 WHITE PLEX

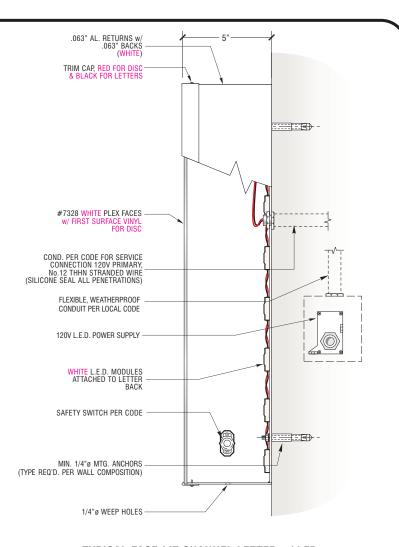
VINYL: 3M #3630-53 CARDINAL RED ON LOGO DISC ONLY 1" RED FOR DISC & 1" BLACK FOR LETTERS TRIMCAP:

**RETURNS:** 5" PRE FINISHED WHITE

LED:

**MOUNTING:** INDIVIDUALLY MOUNTED FLUSH TO BLDG. FASCIA





TYPICAL FACE-LIT CHANNEL LETTER w/ LED



SCALE: 1/16"=1"



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