



City of
Lawrence
Indiana

Address: 6202 Sunnyside Rd
Parcel #: 4000665
Docket #: 25 LSV 12
Hearing Date: November 18, 2025
Council District #: 3 ~ Sherron Freeman

Petitioner: Terry W. Long Sr.
317-370-2202
lacpastorlong@gmail.com

Owner: Lawrence Apostolic Church
6202 Sunnyside Rd
Lawrence, IN 46236

Application:

Variance of the City of Indianapolis Consolidated Zoning / Subdivision Ordinance Table 744-906-12 (G)

Analysis:

The BZA has consistently required the following commitments on all previously approved petitions for electronic variable message signs (EVMS). The petitioner has agreed to the commitments. Therefore we are recommending approval.



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Lawrence Apostolic Inc. EVMS Commitments

Date: 10/2/25

1. The EVMS will be turned off between midnight and six am each day.
2. The EVMS will not flash or have scrolling messages; it will change instantaneously from one static message to another.
3. The EVMS screen will change messages no faster than every six seconds.
4. The EVMS screen will be on consistent status image during rush hours of seven thirty a.m. to nine a.m. and four p.m. to six p.m. during the weekdays (Monday - Friday).
5. The EVMS screen shall not have monochromatic messages or message with a dominant color of red, yellow, or green due to the potential interference with signalized intersection.
6. The EVMS shall utilize a system in which shall automatically regulate brightness and dim the message when appropriate.
7. No advertising banners shall be located in the windows on the same side of the building as the EVMS.
8. The variance would be granted to Lawrence Apostolic Inc only, and should the tenant move out, the variance and the commitments are null and void.

We, Lawrence Apostolic Inc., fully accept and affirm these commitments as outlined above. We acknowledge that these conditions are binding and will be upheld at all times as part of our responsibility to the community, to public safety, and to the integrity of this variance. Should circumstances change or should Lawrence Apostolic Inc. no longer occupy the premises, we understand that this variance and its commitments will immediately become null and void.

We appreciate the opportunity to operate under this variance and assure you of our complete cooperation in maintaining compliance with all terms and conditions.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Apostolic Inc.

Church Board Trustees: _____



Summary of the Subject Property Zoning Standards

Current Zoning Designation:	SU1
Surrounding Property Zoning	
North:	D3
South:	D3 & SU1
East:	SU6
West:	D3
Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation:	
Current Land Use:	Exempt ~ Church
Compact Context Area:	Metro
Relevant Code Sections:	Table 744-906-12 (G)

Table 744-906-12. Continued
Primary Freestanding Signs in Special Districts

F. Illumination

- Halo, External and Internal illumination permitted
 - No illumination permitted on signs within 50 feet of a protected district
- Exceptions: The provision prohibiting illumination of signs within 50 feet of a protected district shall not apply if it can be determined that:
- A commercial or industrial use, legally established by permanent variance or lawful nonconforming use, exists upon adjoining property or abutting frontage property, although zoned as a protected district; or
- The sign is visibly obstructed from the Dwelling District and must meet additional standards of Section 744-907.A

All SU, HD, PK, SZ and UQ

G. Digital Displays

- Not permitted

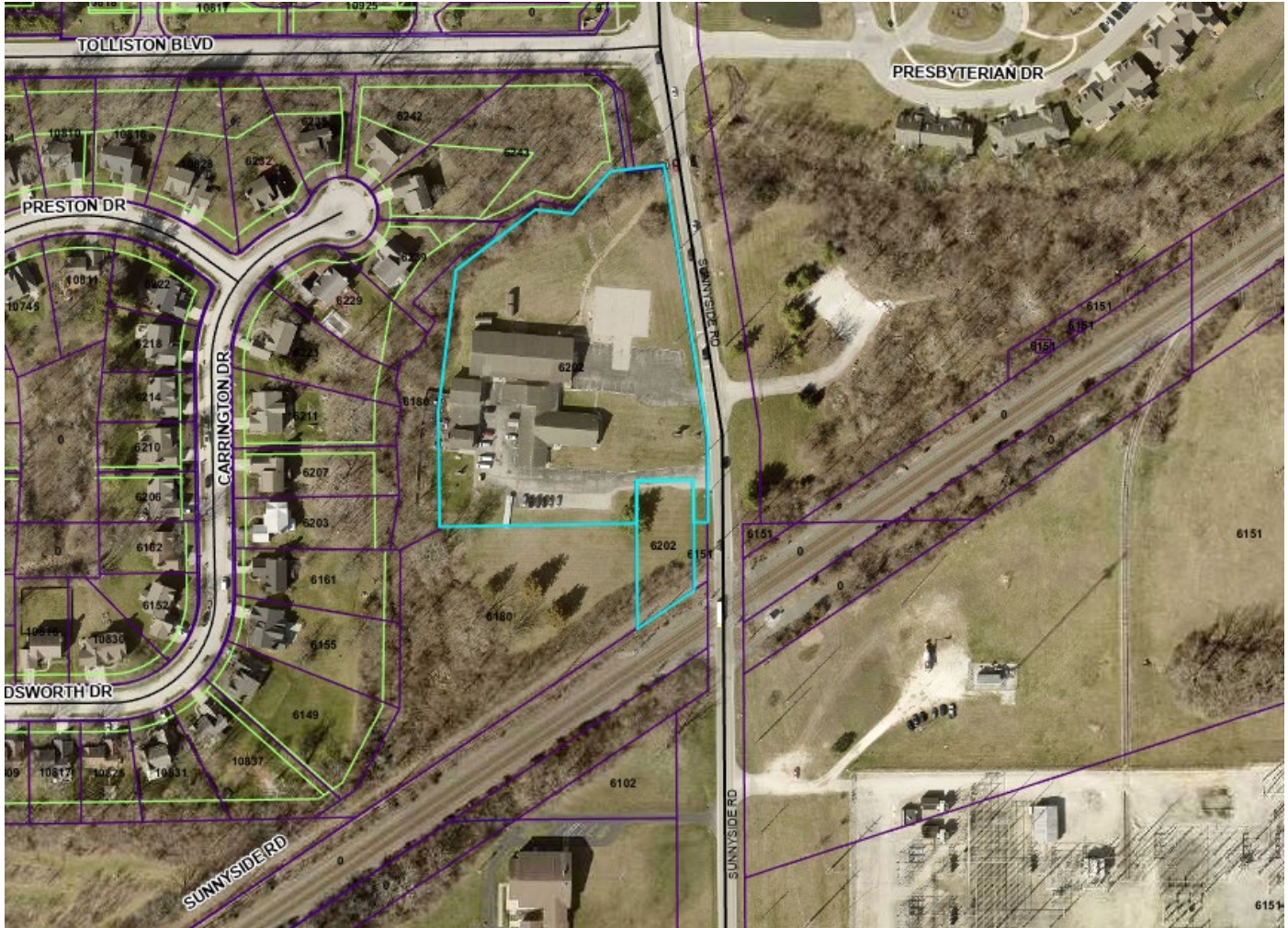
H. Additional Standards

- No sign may be located in a proposed right-of-way as identified in the Marion County Thoroughfare Plan unless the sign's owner provides a written commitment to the city to relocate the sign at the owner's expense upon the acquisition of the property by the City and shall waive all claims to damages or compensation by reason of the existence or relocation of the sign.



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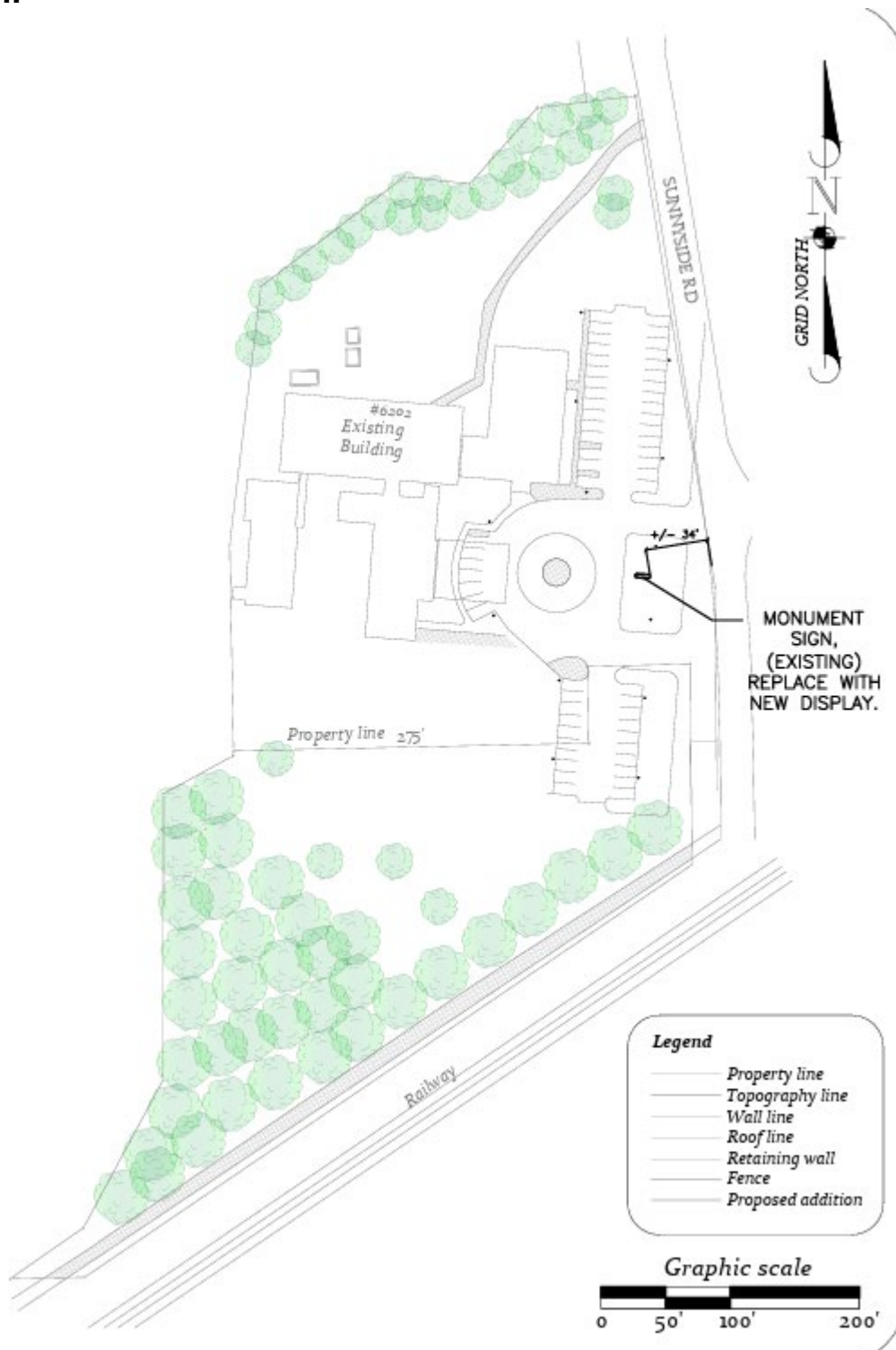


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Site Plan:





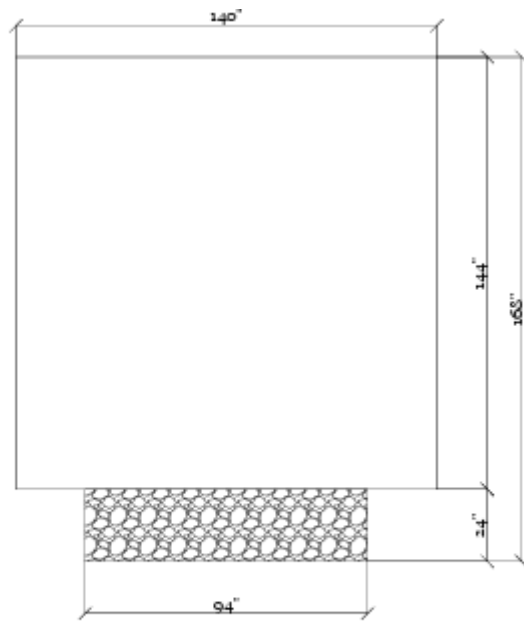
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Elevation:





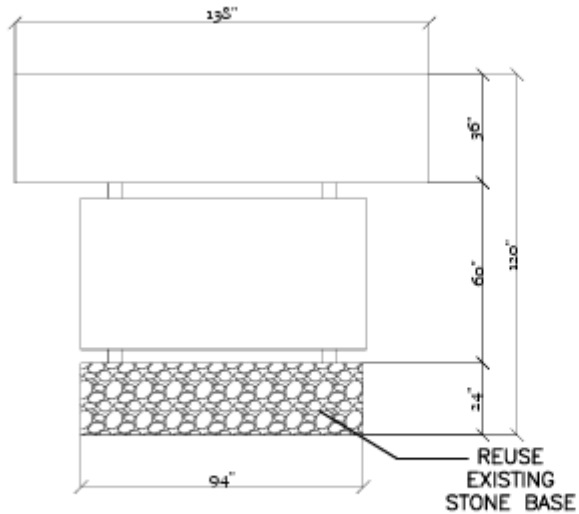
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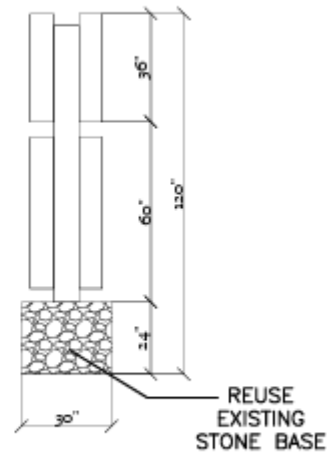
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FRONT
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EXISTING SIGN
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NEW SIGN
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Findings of Fact (as provided by applicant):

LAWRENCE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA
VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS
FINDINGS OF FACT

1. THE GRANT WILL NOT BE INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, MORALS AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE:

THE PETITIONER'S SIGN IS/WAS IN THE SAME SPOT.
THE PETITIONER'S NEW SIGN HAS AN OVERALL SMALLER FOOT PRINT.

2. THE USE OR VALUE OF THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY INCLUDED IN THE VARIANCE WILL NOT BE AFFECTED IN A SUBSTANTIALLY ADVERSE MANNER BECAUSE:

THE PETITIONER ALREADY HAS A LIGHTED SIGN IN THE SAME SPOT. THE NEW SIGN WILL BE LOWER IN OVERALL HEIGHT AND GIVE BETTER LINE OF SIGHT.

3. THE STRICT APPLICATION OF THE TERMS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE WILL RESULT IN PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE USE OF THE PROPERTY BECAUSE

PETITIONER HAS SUBMITTED A PLAN INTENDED FOR IMPLEMENTATION TO ALLOW THIS TYPE OF SIGN USAGE. PETITIONER WILL ADHERE TO THE COMMITMENTS OUTLINED IN THE PROPOSAL.