

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CITY OF NOVI

Community Development Department (248) 347-0415

Case No. 12-020 28125 Cabot Drive

Location: 28125 Cabot Drive

Zoning District: OST, Office Service Technology District

The applicant is requesting an exception from Section 28-5(3)f. of the Novi Sign Ordinance to allow an additional 40.0 sq. ft. wall sign for a business within a multi-tenant office building. The property is located north of Twelve Mile Road and west of Haggerty Road.

Ordinance Sections:

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Section 28-5(3) f. allows a maximum of 1 sign for a multi-tenant business building unless a business has a separate entrance. The allowable second sign permitted under 28-5 (i) for buildings over 40,000 square feet, has already been utilized by another tenant.

City of Novi Staff Comments:

The applicant is requesting approval for an additional wall sign for a tenant within an existing office building. As the tenants share a common entrance, a single sign for the building is allowed by right with a second sign allowed if the building exceeds 40,000 square feet. The building already has (2) wall signs and a 3rd is proposed. Staff does not support the request as the failure to grant relief will not unreasonably prevent or limit the use of the property and will not result in substantially more than mere inconvenience or inability to attain a higher economic or financial return.

Standards for Granting a Sign Variance

- The request is based upon circumstances or features that are exceptional
 and unique to the property and do not result from conditions that exist
 generally in the City or that are self-created.
- The failure to grant relief will unreasonably prevent or limit the use of the property and will result in substantially more than mere inconvenience or inability to attain a higher economic or financial return.
- The grant of relief will not result in a use of structure that is incompatible with
 or unreasonably interferes with adjacent or surrounding properties, will result in
 substantial justice being done to both the applicant and adjacent or
 surrounding properties, and is not inconsistent with the spirit of the ordinance.



April 19, 2012

Townsend Sign Company 31550 Gossett Drive Rockwood, Michigan 48173

RE: TIMKEN - 28125 CABOT DRIVE

The sign permit for the above location has been reviewed and DENIED.

Sign Code Section 28-5 (3)f. allows separately owned and operated businesses that occupy a building on a single parcel of land, each having a separate exterior entrance, a single identification wall sign.

This tenant does not have a separate exterior entrance.

Additional signage permitted under Section 28-5 (3) is which allows a second sign for buildings over 40,000 square feet, has already been utilized by another tenant.

Should you wish to request consideration of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals, you may do so by contacting the board secretary, Angie Pawlowski, at 248-347-0459.

Please feel free to contact me at 248-347-0438 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

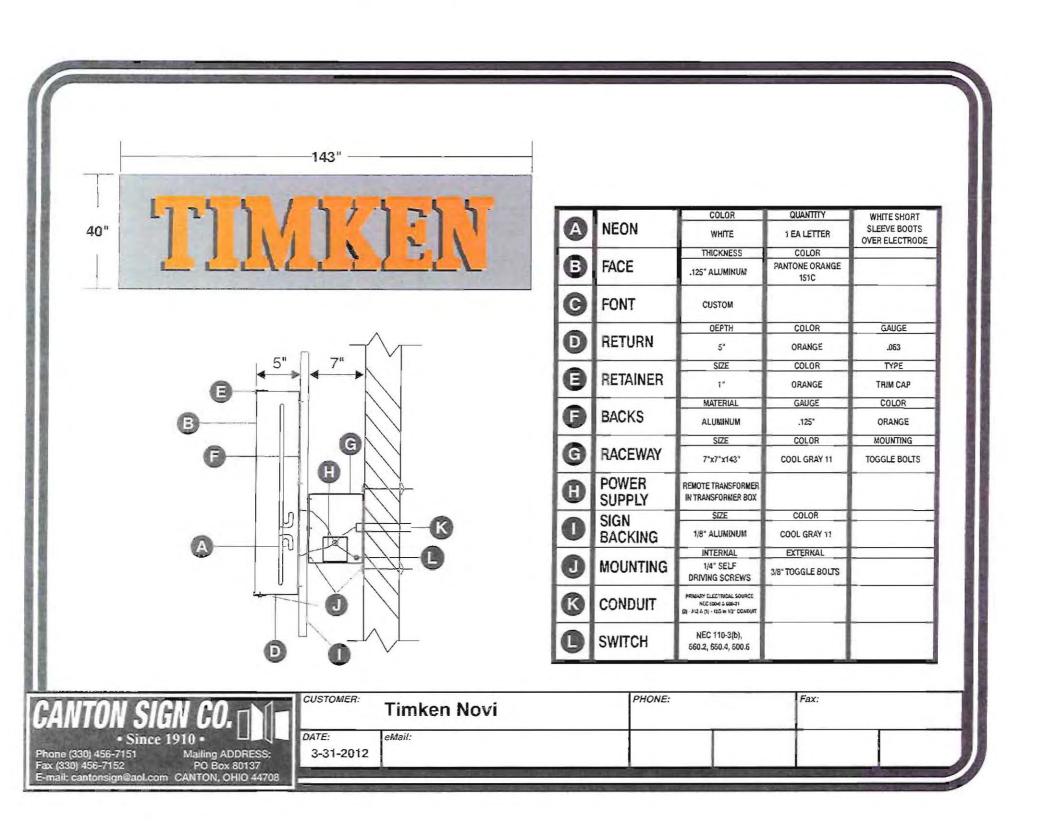
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