

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A WAIVER TO ALLOW VARIANCES FOR A GROUND MOUNTED SIGN ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7000 JFK BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, a request has been made by Fr. John Wakube, Pastor, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 7000 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, North Little Rock, AR 72116, seeking certain variances for a ground mounted sign on the herein described land (*see* letter request of Fr. Wakube and verification of Ms. Carmen Sellinger, Business Coordinator, attached hereto, respectively, as Exhibits “A” and “B”); and

WHEREAS, the request has not gone before the Planning Commission, but proper notice has been given to property owners within 200 feet of the subject location; and

WHEREAS, the request seeks a waiver to allow variances of Zoning Ordinance requirements pursuant to Sections 14.19 (Electronic Changeable Copy Signs) and 14.23 (Signs permitted in R-4 and R-5 zones) as follows:

Section 14.19.A – Electronic changeable copy signs are prohibited except as specifically authorized within specified sign overlay districts.

Section 14.23.D – All permitted ground mounted signs shall not exceed 24 square feet in sign area. Ground mounted signs shall have a maximum height limit of 6 feet and shall have a setback of 5 feet from any public right-of-way, measured from the closest edge of the sign.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That a waiver to allow variances of Sections 14.19.A and 14.23.D of the North Little Rock Zoning Ordinance for a changeable copy ground mounted sign on property located at 7000 JFK Boulevard in the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas is hereby approved as follows:

- (a) The prohibition for an electronic changeable copy ground mounted sign is waived, and a 3’x 8’ changeable copy sign is permitted.
- (b) The 6-foot maximum height limitation is waived to allow the sign to be 8’ tall.
- (c) That the 24 square foot limitation is waived to allow the sign to have 96 square feet of signage.

See Exhibits “D”, “E”, and “F” (drawing of sign and site maps) attached hereto.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that variances for a ground mounted changeable copy sign in the JFK Boulevard corridor is compatible with other signage in the immediate area and will not detract from the aesthetic appearance of the locale, and that the immediate passage of this Ordinance is necessary in order to ensure the proper and orderly growth and development of this land and the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

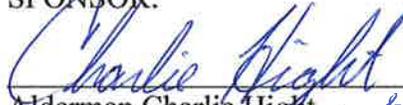
PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:


Alderman Charlie Hight *49C*

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk


Alderman Maurice Taylor *49C*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b

FILED <u>11:36</u> A.M. _____ P.M.
By <u>City Atty Jason Carter</u>
DATE <u>4-5-16</u>
Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas
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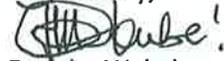
March 11, 2016

To: North Little Rock City Council Members
Re: Request for Electronic Changeable Sign

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church respectfully requests that we be permitted to install and operate an Electronic Changeable Copy sign at our facility at 7000 JFK in North Little Rock.

We need this sign to announce the various functions that our church provides to its 3,000 plus members. Currently, we have relied on a myriad of signs, small yard signs and banners, which often end up down or blown onto JFK. The use of an ECC sign would significantly reduce the need for these other signs and make for a more aesthetical area.

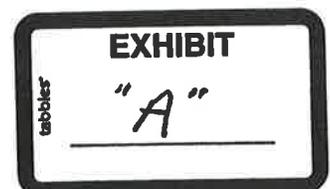
Respectfully,



Fr. John Wakube

Pastor

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To: The City of North Little Rock Office of Community Planning
Re: Statement from sign owner regarding operational rules for an ECC sign

I, Carmen Sellinger, hereby state that I have a copy of the rules and regulations of North Little Rock for operating an ECC sign. I have read those rules and am familiar with them.

I will be the person who will be charged with the responsibility of compliance with those rules. I will train an additional person, whom, in my absence, will be familiar with said rules.

Respectfully,



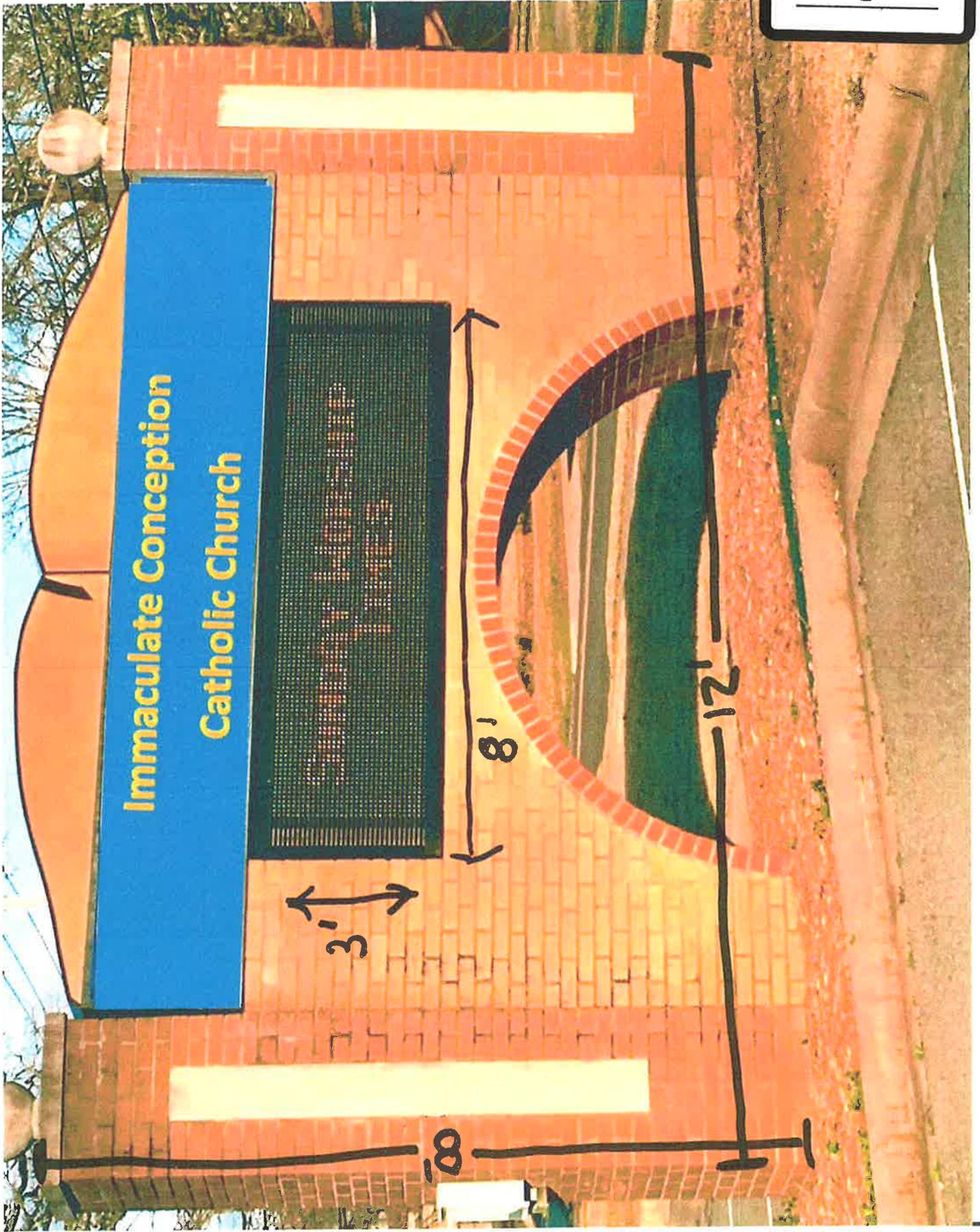
Carmen Sellinger

Business Coordinator

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



EXHIBIT
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EXHIBIT
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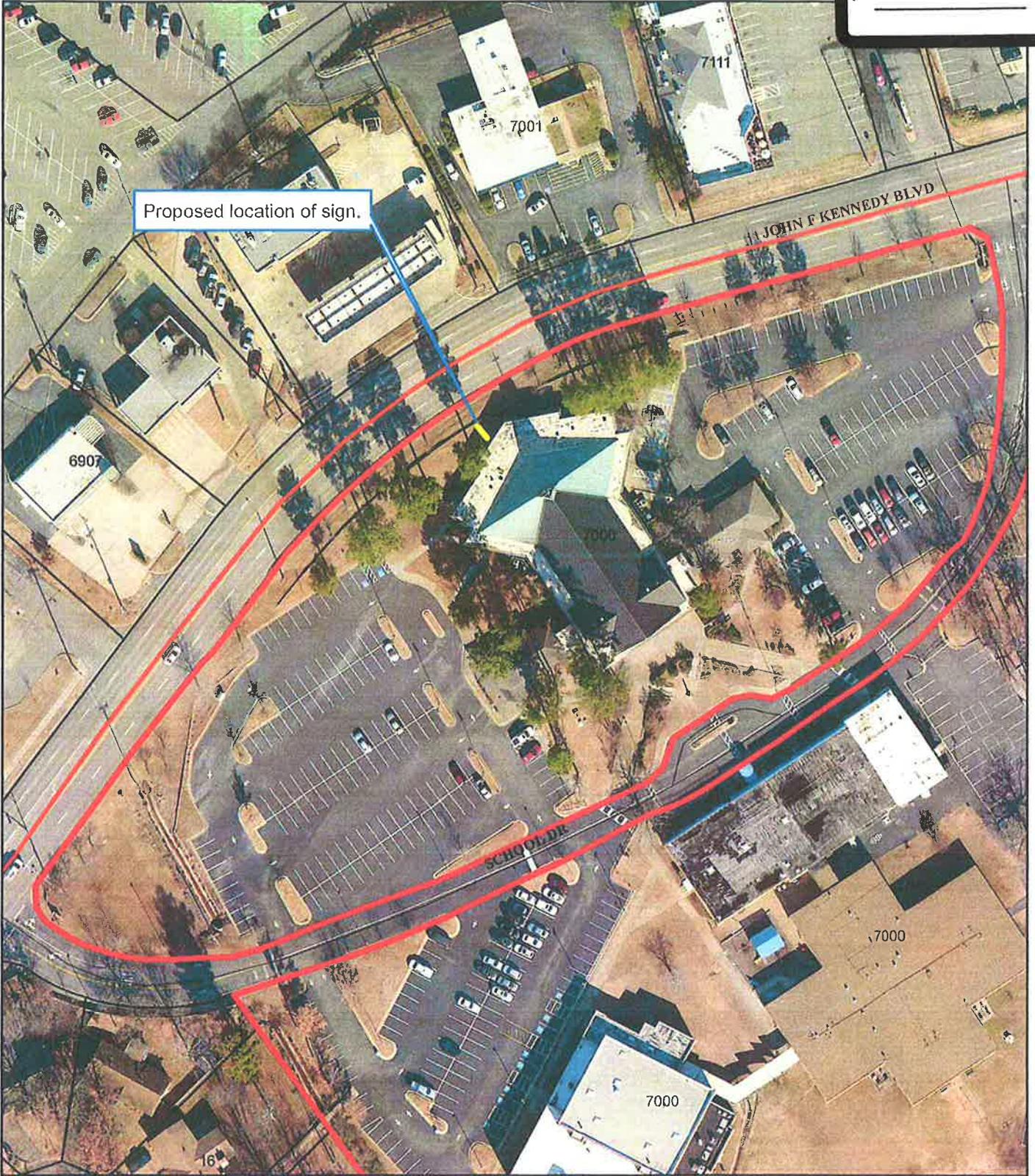
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Date: 3/17/2016

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EXHIBIT
"E"



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1 inch = 100 feet



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