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Planning Commission City of Chesterfield 690 Chesterfield Parkway West Chesterfield, MO 63017

The Planning Commission agenda for **March 23, 2009** will include the following item for your consideration:

Four Seasons Plaza (Dierbergs Sign): Free-standing sign for an eight (8) acre tract of land zoned "C-2" Shopping District at the southwest corner of Woodsmill Road and Olive Boulevard.

Planning Commission:

Warren Sign Company, on behalf of Caplaco Seven Inc and Dierbergs Four Seasons Inc., have submitted a request for a free-standing sign for the above referenced project, which exceeds the sign requirements established in the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance. The Department of Planning and Public Works has reviewed this request and submits the following report.

BACKGROUND

- 1. Four Seasons Shopping Center was zoned "C-2" Shopping District by St. Louis County in 1965.
- 2. On February 22, 1994, the City of Chesterfield issued Conditional Use Permit No. 14 for a 4,200 square foot. veterinary clinic located within an 11,327 square foot tenant space at 60 Four Seasons Shopping Center.
- 3. On August 17, 1995, Capital-Dierbergs Properties Six was granted a variance by the Board of Adjustment to allow for a proposed expansion of the Dierbergs Market to 45,000 square feet.

- 4. On January 17, 1996, the City Council approved a Boundary Adjustment Plat for Lot 1, Four Seasons Plat 6 (Dierbergs) and Lot 2, Four Seasons Plat 6 (The new Four Seasons Shopping Center).
- 5. On February 12, 1996, the City of Chesterfield Planning Commission approved a Site Plan, Landscape Plan and Architectural Elevations for the site. The site plan showed the location of a proposed pylon sign.
- 6. On July 18, 1996 the City of Chesterfield Board of Adjustment granted a variance to allow a freestanding business sign to be placed within one (1) foot of the right-of-way, in lieu of the required 15 feet.
- 7. On July 22, 1996 the City of Chesterfield Planning Commission approved a freestanding business sign with an overall height of twelve (12) feet. with a maximum sign area of forty (40) square feet.

SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

Four Seasons Plaza is zoned "C-2" Shopping District and is eight (8) acres. The petitioner is proposing to replace the cabinet and renovate the base of an existing free-standing sign at the entrance to the development. The free standing sign is being brought forward to the Commission due to a request to dimensional requirements. The existing sign was built at fourteen (14) feet in height with a sign area of forty-eight (48) square feet

Developments requesting attached and/or detached signage are reviewed and approved by the Department of Planning and Public Works unless modifications to the design requirements are being requested. This request is before the Planning Commission before review because the Petitioner is requesting modifications to the Sign Requirements found in Section 1003.168.C.2(2) of the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance.

The modifications being requested to section 1003.168C.2(2) are as follows:

1. The height of any freestanding sign shall not exceed six (6) feet. The height may be increased to twenty (20) feet subject to Planning Commission approval

The Petitioners are requesting a sign height of fourteen (14) feet. measured from the finished grade at the base of the sign. This is equal to the height of the existing sign.

2. The bottom of the sign face shall not exceed a height of three (3) feet above the average existing finished grade at the base of the sign. The sign base height may be taller than three (3) feet subject to Planning Commission approval

The Petitioners are requesting a sign base of ten (10) feet in height, equal to the height of the existing sign base. The supports will be enclosed with aluminum pole covers with decorative crown caps.

The outline area for the proposed sign is 48 square feet, which is within the dimensions required by the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance. Therefore, no approval of sign square footage is necessary by the Commission. The petitioner is keeping the existing landscaping at the base of the sign per the attached letter from the petitioner.

DEPARTMENTAL INPUT

The submittal is in compliance with all applicable City of Chesterfield ordinances. The Department of Planning and Public Works requests action on the free standing sign.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charlie Campo, AICP Project Planner

- Cc: City Administrator City Attorney Department of Public Works
- Attachments: Sign Elevation Survey Showing Sign Location Letter from Petitioner

Respectfully submitted,

Mara M. Perry, AICP Senior Planner



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Attn: Planning Dept. The City of Chesterfield 690 Chesterfield Parkway West Chesterfield, MO. 63017 RE: Dierbergs Four Seasons #8 Four Seasons Center Sign Permit Application

Mr. Campo,

Please be advised that the landscaping that surrounds the existing pylon sign will remain the same.

The new identification cabinet portion of the sign will be only element that is affected.

Respectfully,

Sue Winter Permit Department 636-282-1300





