#### St. Charles Zoning Board of Appeals

**VARIATION #:** V-3-2015

**LOCATION:** 1625 E. MAIN ST.

**Requested Action:** Zoning variation to reduce the right-of-way setback requirement for a freestanding

sign from 10 ft. to 0 ft.

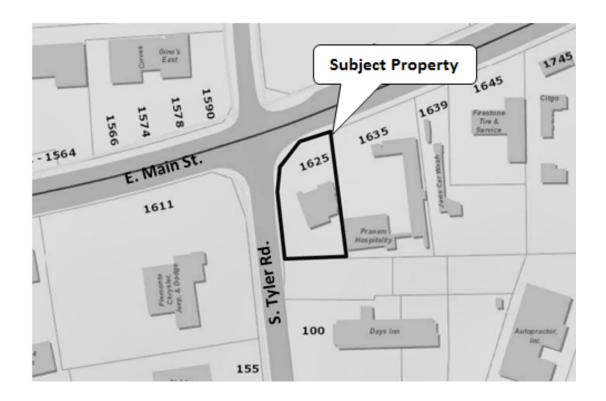
**Purpose and Scope:** 

The existing freestanding sign located on the property does not meet the right-of-way setback requirement, and is therefore a non-conforming sign. The St. Charles Zoning Ordinance requires all non-conforming signs to be brought into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance sign standards by June 16, 2015, or 15 years after the sign is erected, whichever is later.

The applicant is requesting the variation due to concern that if the sign is relocated to comply with the 10 ft. setback requirement, the sign will be blocked from view by the nearby traffic signal pole. Therefore, the applicant is requesting this variation to allow the sign to remain in its current location after the June 16, 2015 compliance deadline.

**Existing Land Use:** Commercial

**Existing Zoning:** BC Community Business District



## **Zoning Board of Appeals**

CITY OF ST. CHARLES TWO EAST MAIN STREET ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS 60174-1984



FOR OFFICE USE Received 4/35/15  File # 1/- 3 - 2015							
Fee Paid \$ 300.00	APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION						
Receipt							
PLEASE PRINT AND PROVIDE	ALL INFORMATION AS REQUESTED.						
APPLICANT & OWNER:							
Name of Applicant* Thomas S. Anderson ACPESC, CLC Phone 630-247-9592 Email Address Tom. Anderson @ Address/City/State/Zip 333, N. Panday Pd Stc 60174 Colonial Cafe, com Applicant's interest in the property owner Name and Phone of Owner(s) of Record* (as above)							
Applicant is (check one) Owner acquired the property on (december of the property of the property of the property of (december of the property of the property of the property of the property of (december of the property of (december of the property of the	Attorney Agent _y Owner Other:						
ADDRESS, USE & ZONING OF	PROPERTY:						
Zoning District BC	escription) 1625 2. Main St.  1, residential, etc.) Commercial						
property?O  If YES, provide relevant information	ous applications for variations been filed in connection with this						
ACTION BY APPLICANT ON I	PROPERTY:						
Permit applied for and denied? (yes							
An Appeal was made with respect to Appeal Application File Number	to this property? (yes or no) NO						
Appeal approved? (yes or no)							

Appeal Application accompanies this request for variation? (yes or no)

<sup>\*</sup>In the event that the applicant or owner is a trustee of a land trust or beneficiary of a land trust, a statement identifying each beneficiary by name and address of such land trust and defining his/her interest therein must be attached hereto. Such statement shall be verified by the trustee of such trust.

A.	Variation requested (state specific measurements): <u>Set backs of Exty Sign</u> afty IDOT property purchase is Ofeet.
В.	Reason for request: (see a Hached Statement)
C.	Purpose for which property will be used: Ext g Commercal USE as
CR	ITERIA FOR VARIATION:
to e cor or p	e Board of Zoning Appeals may approve a Variation only when it makes written findings with respect each requested Variation, based upon the evidence presented at the public hearing, that strict inpliance with the regulations and standards of the Zoning Ordinance would create practical difficulties particular hardships for the subject property, and the requested Variation is consistent with the stated poses and intent of the Zoning Ordinance.
Zo	making its determination of whether practical difficulties or particular hardships exist, the Board of ning Appeals must take into consideration the extent to which evidence has been submitted stantiating the criteria have been met.
Pro	ovide a response under each item to substantiate that the requested variation meets the criteria:
1.	Do the particular physical surroundings, shape or topographical condition of the specific property involved result in a practical difficulty or particular hardship to the property owner, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience, if the strict letter of the regulations were carried out? (Explain)
	The center line of Rt. 64 on the curve has not changed. Due to the Rt. 64 improvement projects, all signs along Rt. 64 at 10 feet set gtack are the same distance from the center line as the current location of the Colonial sign. The Colonial sign would be set back further than other signs on the south side of Rt. 64 if move
2.	Are the conditions upon which the petition for a Variation is based applicable, generally, to other property within the same zoning classification? (Explain)
	Yes, for the properties along Rt. 64 that have been impacted due to the Rt. 64 improvement projects (see about the Rt. 64 improvement projects).
3.	Is the purpose of the Variation based exclusively upon a desire to make more money out of the
	property? (Explain)

4.	Has the alleged practical difficulty or particular hardship been created by any person presently having an interest in the property? (Explain)					
	No, the sign was in compliance until IDOT took property for the radius of the right turn lane from Tyler					
	Road. Property was also taken on two different Route 64 improvement projects (see survey).					
5.	Will the Variation, if granted, alter the essential character of the neighborhood? (Explain)					
	No. In 1959, the design of the property put the sign centered in a unique curved parking lot. The sign was					
	located over 10 feet from the R.O.W. (see survey).					
6.	Will granting of the Variation be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property or improvements in the neighborhood in which the property is located? (Explain)					
	No, a sign has been in existing location since 1959.					
7.	Will the proposed Variation impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property, or substantially increase the congestion in the public streets, or increase the danger of fire, or endanger the public safety, or substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood? (Explain)					
	No, a sign has been in existing location since 1959; no change.					

#### ATTACHMENTS REQUIRED:

A <u>PLAT OF SURVEY:</u> One (1) copy of a plat of survey (to scale) of the property showing dimensions of all lot lines, existing and proposed structures and distances from lot lines, easements and adjoining streets or uses.

- B. MAILING LIST: A written certified list (form attached) containing the registered owners, their mailing and tax parcel numbers as recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in the county in which the property is located and as appears from the authentic tax records of such county, of all property within 250 feet in each direction of the location for which the variation is requested, provided all the number of feet occupied by all public roads, streets, alleys and other public ways shall be excluded in computing the 250 feet requirement. Registered owner information may be obtained at the St Charles Township Assessor's office, 1725 Dean St., St. Charles, (630) 584-2040. The Kane County Recorder of Deeds is located in the Kane County Government Center, 719 Batavia Ave., Geneva, and (630) 232-5935. The DuPage County Recorder of Deeds is located in the DuPage County Government Center, 421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, and (630) 682-7200.
- C. <u>FILING FEE</u>: Filing fee in the amount of \$300.00 must be rendered at the time the application is submitted. If payment is made by check, it should be made payable to the City of St. Charles. (NOTE: After the public hearing, you will be billed for the City's fees incurred during review of the application, including the cost of the certified mailing, newspaper notice publication, and Court Reporter at the hearing. This payment is in addition to the filing fee.)

D. <u>LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION:</u> Letter of authorization from the property owner as to the request for the zoning variation must be included, if the applicant is not the property owner.

E. <u>DISCLOSURE:</u> Disclosure of beneficiaries of a land trust must be included, if the applicant or owner is a land trust.

I (we) certify that all of the above statements and the statements contained in any documents submitted herewith are true to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant or ager	Print name of applicant/agent	Date
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Signature of owner Print name of owner Date

Reasons for request: Allow sign to remain in current location and not set back 10 feet. Sign will be lowered and reduced in size.

- 1. In 1959, the design of the property put the sign centered in a unique curved parking lot. The sign was located over 10 feet from the R.O.W. (see survey).
- 2. The sign was in compliance until IDOT took property for the radius of the right turn lane from Tyler Road. Property was also taken on two different Route 64 improvement projects (see survey).
- 3. The center line of Route 64 on the curve has not changed. Now all signs along Route 64 at 10 feet set back are the same from the center line as the current location of the Colonial sign.

### If moved:

- a. The Colonial sign would be set back further than other signs on the south side of Route 64 (see photo).
- b. From the west, the set back of 10 feet from its current location would place the sign behind the traffic signal pole and limit visibility. The traffic signal pole is 18 inches in diameter and only 25 feet west of the sign (see photo). (The sign is 10 feet wide. If moved 10 feet, the pole would be in front and restrict viewing from all angles at a distance.)

# OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (L.L.C.)

STATE OF ILLINOIS )	SS.			
Kane County )	33.			
I, Tom S. An	bevsey, being	first duly swor	n on oath depose and s	ay that I am
Manager of ACP	ESC, LL	<u></u>	, an Illinois Lin	nited Liability
Company (L.L.C.), and	that the following p	ersons are all	of the members of the	said L.L.C.:
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Subscribed and Sworn	before me this	13	day of	
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