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DECISION ON AN AMENDMENT TO A SPECIAL PERMIT Mina Property Group LLC and New England Auto Max, Inc.

DECISION ON AN AMENDMENT TO A SPECIAL PERMIT ORDER NO. 17/21-1006800K

The City Council of the City of Marlborough hereby **GRANTS** the Application for Special Permit to Mina Property Group LLC (the "Applicant") and New England Auto Max, Inc d/b/a AutoMax Service Center (the "Tenant") to amend an existing special permit to conduct a business owned and operated by Tenant for the service, repair, and minor refinishing of automotive cars and trucks on land owned by the Applicant at 408 Maple Street, Marlborough, Massachusetts, as provided in this Decision and subject to the following Findings of Fact and Conditions.

PROCEDURAL FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Mina Property Group is a Limited Liability Company organized, existing and in good standing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having a principal place of business at 1199 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01701 hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant".
- 2. New England AutoMax, Inc. d/b/a Automax Service Center is a corporation organized, existing and in good standing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts having a usual place of business at 1199 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01701 hereinafter referred to as the "Tenant".
- 3. The Applicant is the owner of land in Marlborough, MA shown as Lots #7 and #8 in Plan Book #56, Plan #20, dated November 23, 1887 and recorded in the Middlesex South Distric. Registry of Deeds said land owned being owned by the Applicant described in said Registry of Deeds in Book 44518 Page 294. Said Lots #7 and #8 are further known as 408 Maple Street, Marlborough, MA, as shown on the City of Marlborough Assessors Maps as a portion of Map 93, Parcel 65 (hereinafter referred to as the "Site").
- 4. On December 4, 2017, the City Council of the City of Marlborough voted to grant a special permit authorizing the Applicant to build and operate an automobile service station at the Site (the "Use") in accordance with Article V, § 650-17, and § 650-18(A)(25) of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Marlborough, as further described in a document recorded at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 70535, Page 186 (the "Original Special Permit.").

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5. The Applicant, on or about April 15, 2021 filed with the City Clerk of the City of Marlborough, an application to amend Condition No. 20 of the Original Special Permit in order to increase the allowed signage, under the provisions of MGL Chapter. 40A § 9 and the Marlborough Zoning Ordinance (the "Application").

- 6. In connection with the Application, the Applicant submitted a certified list of abutters, filing fees, a copy of the existing special permit dated December 4, 2017, and revised site plans for the Site in accordance with the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the City Council for the issuance of a Special Permit attached hereto as "Attachment A".
- 7. The Application was certified by the Building Commissioner of the City of Marlborough acting on behalf of the City Planner for the City of Marlborough, as having complied with the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the City Council for the issuance of a Special Permit.
- 8. Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the City Council and applicable statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the City Council established a date for a public hearing on the Application and the City Clerk for the City of Marlborough caused notice of the same to be advertised and determined that notice of the same was provided to abutters entitled thereto in accordance with applicable regulations and law.
- 9. The Marlborough City Council, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, opened a public hearing on the Application on May 24, 2021. The public hearing was held at Marlborough City Hall, 140 Main Street, and by remote access in accordance with Section 17(d) of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020 and "An Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, MGL Chapter 30A § 20" issued by Governor Charles D. Baker on March 12, 2020. The public hearing was conducted by remote participation, allowing the City Council, members of the public, and the Applicant to participate in the hearing through real-time audio and video conferencing, telephone access, and live internet streaming. The hearing was closed on May 24, 2021.
- 10. The Applicant, through its representatives, presented testimony at the public hearing detailing the Use and the requested additional signage to be placed on the building and such issues with the City Council and members of the public.
- 11. At the public hearing, no members of the public spoke about the Use or submitted written comments about the use.
- 12. On June 17, 2021, the Applicant provided written and oral documentation and testimony to the City Council and the City Council's Urban Affairs and Housing Committee ("Urban Affairs") regarding the building and proposed signage changes.

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13. Tenant AutoMax Service Center currently conducts its business at 408 Maple Street, Marlborough, MA.

BASED UPON THE ABOVE, THE CITY COUNCIL MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS AND TAKES THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS

- A. The Applicant has complied with the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the City Council for the issuance of a Special Permit.
- B. The City Council finds that the proposed Use of the Site, with the increased signage set forth in the conditions below, is an appropriate use and in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Marlborough when subject to the appropriate terms and conditions as provided in this Decision and in the Original Special Permit. The City Council makes these findings subject to the completion and adherence by the Applicant, its successors and/or assigns to the conditions more fully set forth in this Decision and in the Original Special Permit.
- C. The City Council incorporates by reference Finding C in the Original Special Permit.
- D. The City Council incorporates by reference Finding D in the Original Special Permit.
- E. The City Council, pursuant to its authority under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Marlborough hereby **GRANTS** the Applicant an amendment to amend Conditions 1, 20, and 27 of the Original Special Permit, as follows:

By amending Condition No. 1 by inserting the following sentence at the end of the original condition:

1. Incorporated into this amended special permit are plans as amended. See "Attachment A".

By amending Condition No. 20 by inserting the following paragraphs at the end of the original condition:

20. <u>Existing Signage</u>. Existing street signage currently erected on the subject property is a monument-type sign that is consistent in size, lay-out and design, as is other existing signage on Route 85. The existing sign on Route 85 shall be replaced with the name Meineke. The additional existing Automax signage shall also be merely replaced with the name Meineke Service Center on the front of the building and shall meet the lighting criteria as set forth in the Special Permit.

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<u>New Signage</u>. Upon granting of this Amendment there will be new additional signage of similar construction consistent with the existing signage currently on the building on the side of the front left corner of the building facing Route 85 and 5 new signs over the 5 service bays.

All signage at the subject location shall comply with the existing City of Marlborough sign ordinance, without variance, and shall be as shown on the Building Plan.

By amending Condition No. 27 by inserting the following paragraph at the end of the original condition:

27. All plans, renderings and other documentation provided by the Applicant as part of this Amendment of a Special Permit Application and as amended during the application/hearing process before the City Council and/or the City Council's Urban Affairs Committee are herein incorporated into and become a part of this Amendment of Special Permit and become conditions and requirements of the same, unless otherwise altered by the City Council.

All other conditions of the Original Special Permit shall continue in full force and effect and are incorporated by reference as part of this Decision.

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, §11, the Applicant, its successors and/or assigns, at its expense shall record this Special Permit in the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds after the City Clerk has certified that the twenty-day period for appealing this Special Permit has elapsed with no appeal having been filed, and before a Building Permit is issued. Upon recording, the Applicant shall forthwith provide a copy of the recorded Special Permit to the City Council's office, the Building Department, and City Solicitor's Office.

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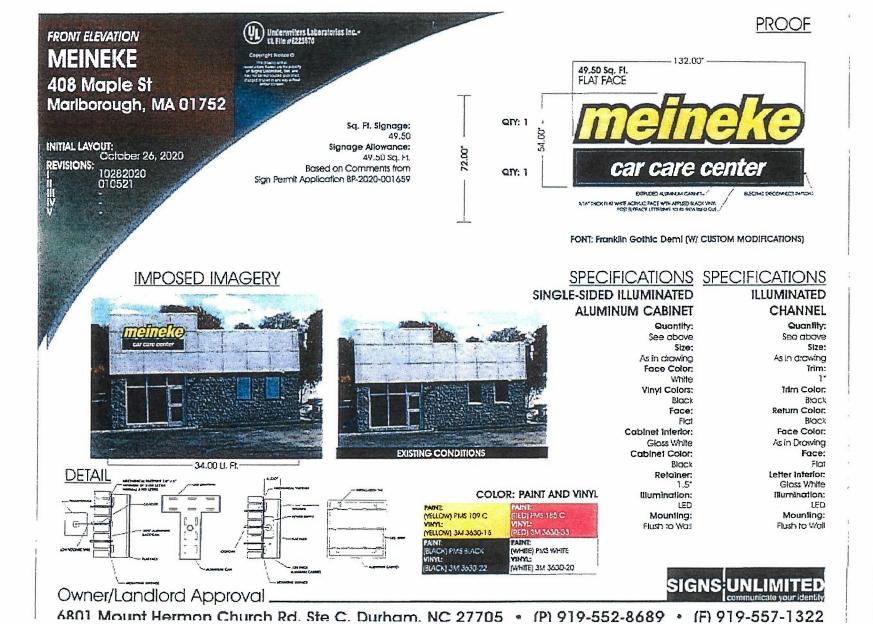
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Signed by City Council President

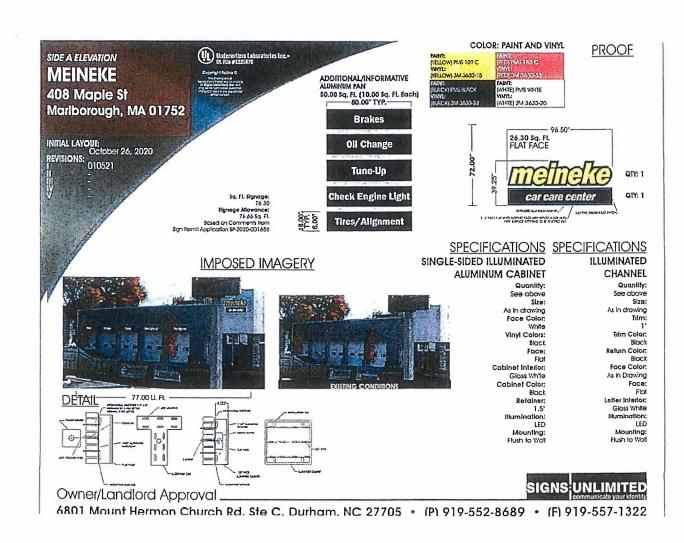
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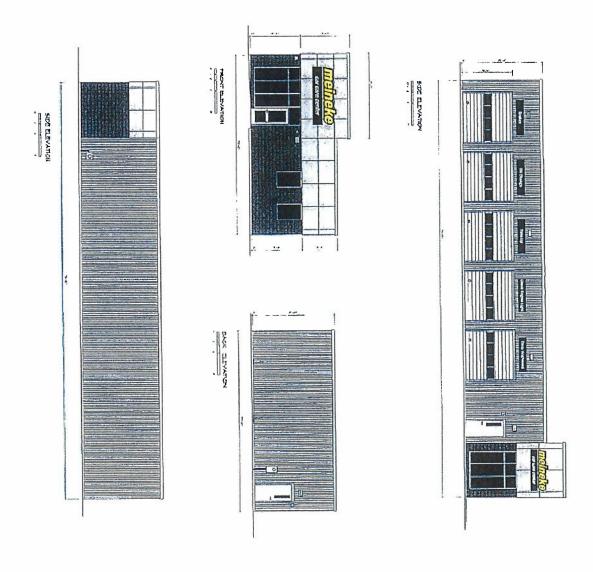
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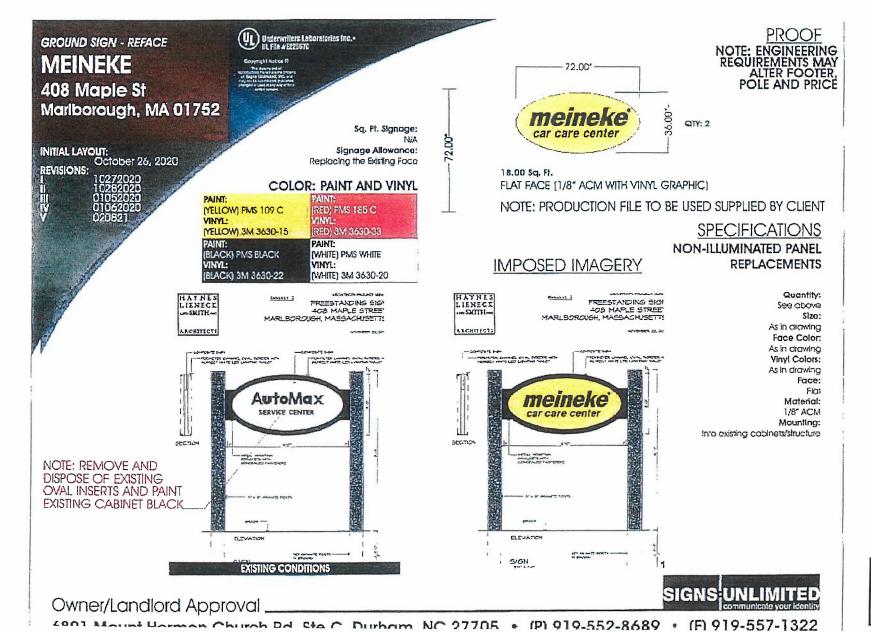
ATTACHMENT A













REMOVAL AND LEAVE WITH OWNER PLAN

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408 Maple St
Marlborough, MA 01752

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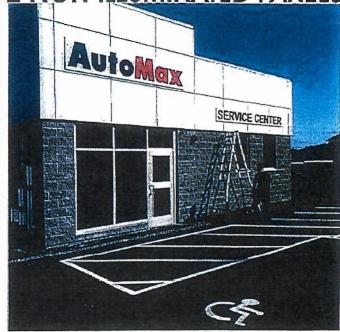
GROUND:

UL) Underwriters Laboratories Inc.-

FRONT ELEVATION:

2 NON-ILLUMINATED PANELS 2 NON-ILLUMINATED PANELS





Owner/Landlord Approval _____

SIGNS UNLIMITED