



CITY OF BERKLEY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3338 COOLIDGE HWY, BERKLEY, MICHIGAN 48072

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meets the second Monday of the month. The meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 3338 Coolidge Highway, Berkley, Michigan 48072.

The ZBA shall hear requests for use and dimensional variances, appeals of administrative decisions, interpretation of zoning map and text, and interpretations of commercial message for proposed murals.

****Please be advised:** The ZBA may grant a variance where undue hardship or practical difficulty for the property exist. A want or desire (bigger structure, more profit, etc.) is not sufficient grounds for a variance. The ZBA does not have the power to legislate or create new regulations. The Board's purpose is to provide some relief from the Zoning Ordinance depending on the unique circumstances of the property.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Acistelle Zadin Phone: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Ave Berkley

Email: [REDACTED]

Relationship to Property (current tenant, representative, future tenant, current owner, future owner):

Owner

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (if different from Applicant)

Name: // Phone: //

Address: //

Email: //

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Address: 3442 12 Mile

Parcel #: 25-07-385-037 d 2507-385-036 Zoning Classification: Gateway

Current Use of Property: Former retail / Service use, currently vacant

NATURE OF REQUEST

Check which applies:

- ☒ Variance from Zoning Ordinance (Section I)
- ☐ Interpretation of Zoning Ordinance (Section II)
- ☐ Administrative Review / Appeal of Decision (Section III)
- ☐ Determination of Commercial Message of Mural / Work of Art (Section IV)

Description of Request:

Request for a dimensional variance to permit
an 13 ft parking stall length where 20 ft is required

Has the City denied a permit related to the proposed work?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please fill out ONLY the section below that applies to your request.

I. VARIANCE FROM ZONING ORDINANCE

Please provide a written response to each question below that relates to the variance that is being requested. **DO NOT COMPLETE BOTH SECTIONS.**

A. Use Variance

The Zoning Board of Appeals may grant a use variance (i.e. use of the land not permitted in a particular district) upon finding that an undue hardship exists.

Current Use of Property: _____

Requested Use of Property: _____

1. Explain how the building or land cannot be reasonably used for any of the uses permitted by right or by special land use permit in the current zoning district.

2. Explain how the need for the variance is due to unique circumstances or physical conditions of the property.

3. Explain how the proposed use will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood.

4. Explain how the need for the variance is not the result of actions of the property owner or previous property owners.

B. Dimensional Variance (Non-Use Variance)

The Zoning Board of Appeals may grant a dimensional variance (i.e. height, setback, lot coverage, etc) upon finding that undue hardship or practical difficulty exists.

1. Explain how the need for the variance is due to unique circumstances or physical conditions of the property.

Request for a dimensional variance to permit an 18ft parking stall length where 20 ft is required. The request is necessitated by the unique existing conditions of the property. Including the configuration of the long-standing commercial site & the combination of the property into one parcel.

2. Explain how the need for the variance is not the result of actions of the property owner or previous property owners.

The variance is needed because of the existing size and unique configuration of this long-standing commercial property.

3. Explain how strict compliance with the ordinance will unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or will render conformity with those regulations unnecessarily burdensome.

Strict compliance would make a workable parking layout nearly impossible. The property has successfully functioned with this parking configuration for many years.

4. Explain how the requested variance is the minimum variance necessary to do substantial justice to applicant as well as other property owners.

A 2-ft reduction is requested from 20 ft to 18 ft. This is the minimum relief necessary for a functional layout.

5. Explain how the requested variance will not adversely impact the surrounding properties.

The 18 ft parking stall length provides adequate maneuverability & keeps all parking & circulation on-site with no adverse impact on neighboring properties.

II. INTERPRETATION OF ZONING ORDINANCE

Provide Section numbers of Zoning Ordinance to be interpreted: _____

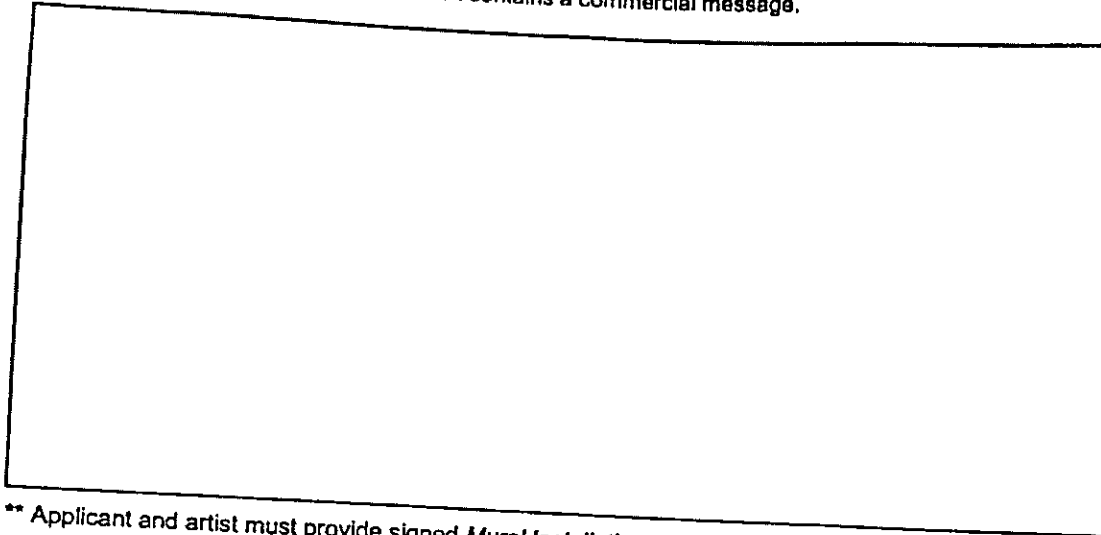
Please describe the request and what needs to be clarified or interpreted by the ZBA.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW / APPEAL OF DECISION

Describe the circumstances of each case and provide the minutes of the public meeting noting the denial to be appealed.

IV. DETERMINATION OF COMMERCIAL MESSAGE (MURAL/WORK OF ART)

Describe the proposed mural/work of art. Applicant should include renderings of the proposed design. The ZBA shall determine if the proposed work contains a commercial message.



** Applicant and artist must provide signed *Mural Installation and Maintenance Agreement* prior to the public meeting.

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

A PDF file of the application and one 11" x 17" copy of the supporting documents must be submitted at the time of application, including; a copy of survey, plot plan or site plan with this application that shows the subject property complete with boundary lines and dimensions, existing building locations, all proposed buildings, easements, utilities, and any site improvements/changes. Setbacks, height of structures, lot coverage, etc. should also be included, if applicable.

PLEASE NOTE: The applicant, or a designated representative, is encouraged to be present at the meeting in which the case is being reviewed or the request may be postponed due to lack of representation.

We encourage applicants to make a presentation of the proposed request to the Zoning Board of Appeals, if applicable. To assist this effort, we have available for your use a projector, laptop computer and screen. ZBA meetings are recorded and televised.

PROPERTY OWNER'S APPROVAL (Initial each line)

 I hereby authorize and give permission for the City of Berkley to install one or more temporary signs on my property, in order to notify the public of the required public hearing related to the above request(s) before the ZBA.

APPLICANT'S ENDORSEMENT: (Initial each line)

 All information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

 I acknowledge that the ZBA will not review my request unless all information in the application has been submitted to the satisfaction of the Zoning Administrator.

 I acknowledge that the City and its employees shall not be held liable for any claims that may arise as a result of acceptance, processing or review of this application.

If an application is withdrawn more than three (3) weeks prior to the meeting date, 90% of the fee will be refunded. If the application is withdrawn less than three (3) weeks prior to the meeting, no refund will be given.

Aristotle Zordh [Signature] 8/12/26
Applicant Name (print) Applicant Signature Date

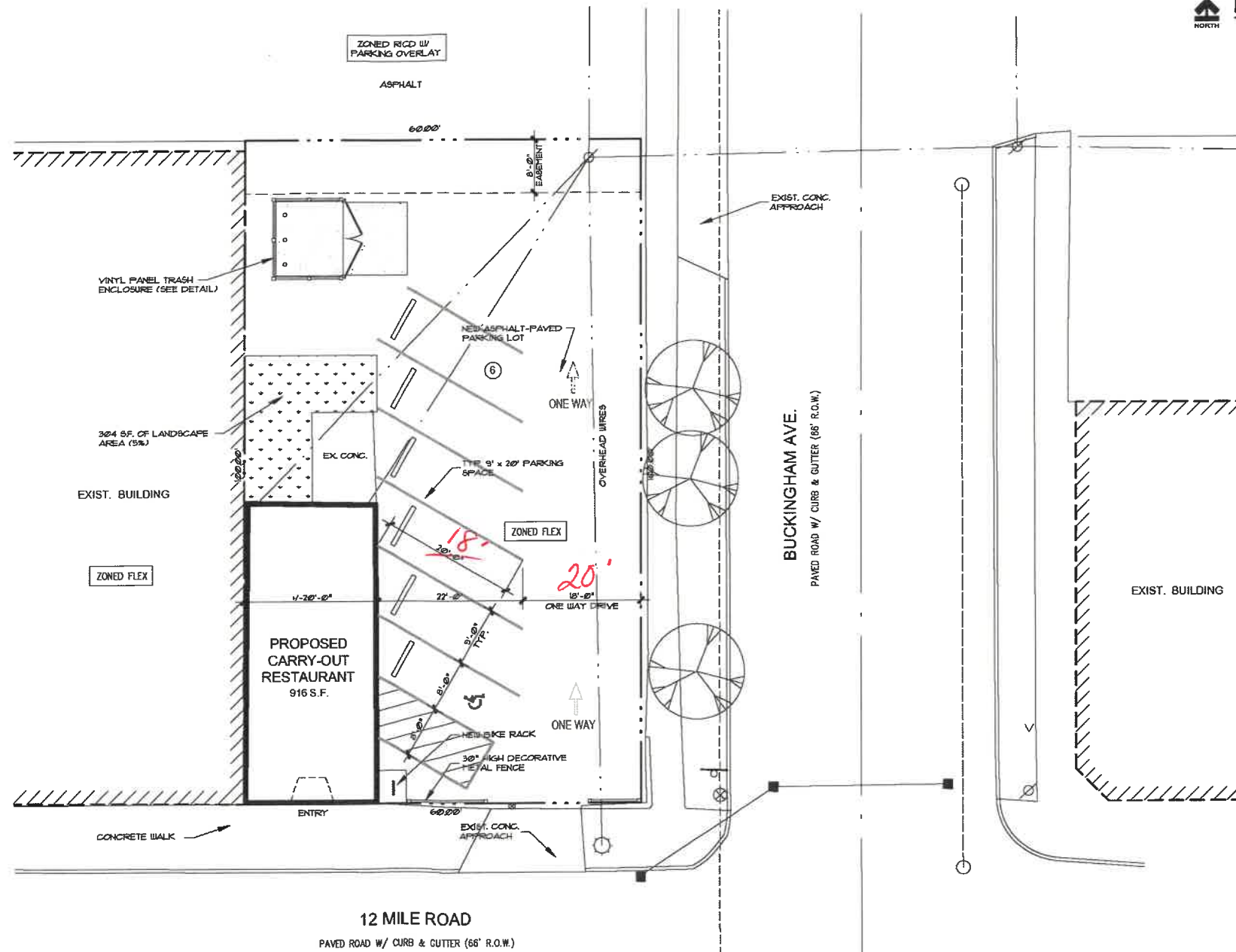
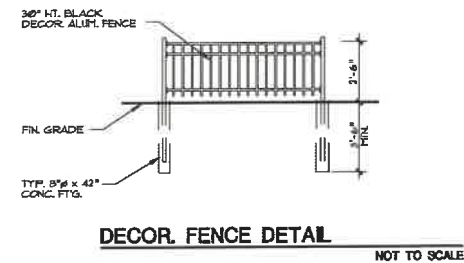
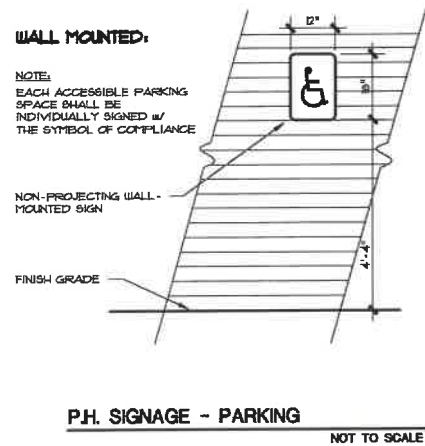
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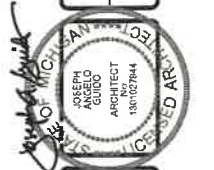
Received 8-11-26 Receipt # _____ Meeting Date 9-15-26 Case # PBA-07-26

Fee:	Residential	\$400
	Commercial	\$600
	Mural	\$300



SITE DATA

CURRENT ZONING:	FLEX
PROPOSED ZONING	FLEX
SITE AREA:	6,000 SF.
EX. BUILDING AREA:	916 SF.
COVERAGE:	15.3%
PARKING REQUIRED:	
CARRY-OUT RESTAURANT:	10 SPACES (1 AT 1000 S.F. + 3 EMPLOYEES)
PARKING PROVIDED:	8 SPACES



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SITE PLAN

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Comments on the granting of the above variance may be made in person on the night of the meeting or in writing. All written comments must be submitted to the Berkley Community Development Department or email to planning@berkleymi.gov before 4:00 p.m. on the date of the Public Hearing.

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