

**CITY OF MILTON
PLAN COMMISSION - SIGNAGE**

Conditional Use Permit Finding of Fact

Applicant Name: _____ (circle one) Property Owner Tenant

Property Address: _____ *Please note: if applicant is Tenant of said property, written authorization for this Conditional Use Permit request must be submitted as an attachment.*

Conditional Use Permit Request: _____

Applicable Ordinance Section: _____ Zoning of Property: _____

Plan Commission Public Hearing Date: _____

Please note: Attendance at the Plan Commission public hearing is required in the case of additional questions or submission of additional findings that pertain to the Conditional Use Permit request.

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This Findings of Fact is intended to document compliance with the provisions of Sec. 78-91(b), which states that:

Prior to approval or denial by the common council, the plan commission shall review the applicable facts pertaining to the proposed conditional use as found in this division and shall recommend approval or denial of the conditional use after public hearing and consideration of the purpose and intent of the district, the purpose and intent of this chapter, the standards applicable to conditional uses in this division, the standards for evaluating conditional uses enumerated in division 6 of this article, and the performance standards enumerated in division 2, article IV of this chapter.

The Plan Commission has considered the standards described below in light of the evidence and testimony presented by the applicant and the public regarding the CUP request. If these Conditional use Permit Findings of Fact are approved by the Plan Commission, they shall be incorporated into its decision to recommend approval or denial of the CUP application, including any changes adopted by the Commission.

A Conditional Use Permit can only be issued for requests in the following zoning districts:

A – Agricultural B – Business M – Manufacturing PUD – Planned Unit Development

Type of Sign Requested: <i>(check all that apply)</i>					
Variable Message Sign	Pylon	Marquee	Monument	Illuminated	Freestanding
Off-Premise Directional	Community Information				

I. THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THIS CHAPTER.

Pursuant to sec. 78-3, the purpose of Chapter 78 is to:

- a. Promote the comfort, health, safety, morals, prosperity, aesthetics and general welfare of this community;
- b. Regulate and restrict the use of all lands and waters;
- c. Regulate and restrict the height, number of stories and size of buildings and other structures, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size of yards, courts and other open spaces, the density of population, and the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence or other purposes;
- d. Further the appropriate use of land and conservation of natural resources;
- e. Stabilize and protect property values;
- f. Preserve and promote the beauty of the community;
- g. Preserve productive and historic agricultural soils; and
- h. Implement the community's master plan or plan components.

Findings:

Not Applicable for the Proposed Use

Compliance with this Section Shall be Demonstrated with Site Plan Submittal

Comments: _____

II. THE STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO CONDITIONAL USES IN THIS DIVISION.

These standards are described in sec. 78-93 as follows:

- a. The location, nature and size of the proposed use.
- b. The size of the site in relation to it.
- c. The location of the site with respect to existing or future roads giving access to it.
- d. Its compatibility with existing uses on land adjacent thereto.
- e. Its harmony with the future development of the district.
- f. Existing topography, drainage, soils types, and vegetative cover.
- g. Its relationship to the public interest, the purpose and intent of Chapter 78 and substantial justice to all parties concerned

Findings:

Not Applicable for the Proposed Use

Compliance with this Section Shall be Demonstrated with Site Plan Submittal

Comments: _____

III. THE STANDARDS FOR EVALUATING CONDITIONAL USES ENUMERATED IN DIVISION 6 OF THIS ARTICLE.

Division 6 of Article II contains sections 78-181 through 78-187.

a. Sec. 78-182. Site design and physical characteristics.

Site design and physical characteristics to be considered are as follows:

- (1) Existing topography, drainage patterns and vegetative cover and the suitability of the proposed use in this regard.
- (2) Availability of water, sewer, rail and other services and the utility requirements of the proposed site.
- (3) Where public sewers are not available, the percolation characteristics of the soil.
- (4) Adequacy of the proposed internal circulation system, including safety consideration.
- (5) Access to sites from the internal circulation system.
- (6) The costs of providing various public services.
- (7) Appearance--how the area will look.

b. Sec. 78-183. Site location relative to the public road network.

Site location considerations relative to the public road network shall be as follows:

- (1) Convenient access to a public road network--safety of access points.
- (2) Visibility from the proposed road and the need for visibility.
- (3) Location to provide access primarily by righthand turning movements.

c. Sec. 78-184. Land use.

Land use considerations include the following:

- (1) Compatibility with existing or proposed uses and population density in the area.
- (2) Relation to any existing or proposed development at nearby interchanges.
- (3) Relation to recommendations in existing land use or comprehensive plans.

d. Sec. 78-185. Traffic generation. NOT APPLICABLE

Traffic generation considerations shall be as follows:

- (1) *Amount of daily and peak-hour traffic to be generated, related to site size; traffic to be subclassified as to arterial, collector and local streets.*
- (2) *Amount of traffic generated relative to existing and anticipated ultimate generated traffic in the area.*
- (3) *Expected composition of site-generated traffic by vehicle types.*
- (4) *Effect of site-generated traffic on the operation of the area.*
- (5) *Safety and convenience to future users.*

e. Sec. 78-186. Community effects.

Community effects to be considered shall be as follows:

- (1) Immediate and long range tax base.

- (2) Access to market and service area.
- (3) Relation to scenic or recreation values.
- (4) Relation to the public interest, the purpose and intent of this chapter and substantial justice to all parties concerned.
- (5) Compliance with the comprehensive (master) plan's goals and objectives.
- (6) Relation of the project density to population density in the surrounding area.

f. Sec. 78-187. Other relevant factors.

Other relevant factors are as follows:

- (1) The performance standards in division 2, article IV of this chapter. See Section V of these Conclusions and Findings of Fact.
- (2) Additional impacts.

Findings:

Not Applicable for the Proposed Use

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Comments: _____

Subdivision III. Outdoor Lighting Standards

r. Sec. 78-1111. Purpose.

The purpose of this subdivision is to provide for adequate and safe lighting of private property, while limiting light spillover and glare onto adjacent properties and public streets. Such limitations are intended to prevent the creation of nuisances, promote traffic safety, conserve energy, preserve the area's dark sky, and support astronomy activities.

s. Sec. 78-1112. Applicability of subdivision provisions.

This subdivision shall be applied to the installation of all new and replacement private outdoor lighting fixtures. Outdoor lighting fixtures legally installed prior to the effective date of the ordinance from which this subdivision is derived shall not be required to comply with these outdoor lighting standards; however, any replacement of such lighting fixtures shall comply with all outdoor lighting standards as set forth in this subdivision.

t. Sec. 78-1113. Required lighting plan.

Where a development requires site plan review under division 8, article II of this chapter, all outdoor lighting fixtures shall be depicted and described on the required site plan or on a separate lighting plan. Depending on the complexity of the proposal or projected impact of lighting, the city may also require the following information:

- (1) A catalog page, cut sheet, or photograph of the outdoor lighting fixtures, including the mounting method and light cutoff angles.

(2) A photometric plot plan, drawn to the same scale as the site plan, and indicating the location of all lighting fixtures proposed, mounting and/or installation height in feet, the average illumination level (in footcandles) within the parking lot, and illumination levels at regular intervals around the site and at property lines.

u. Sec. 78-1114. Maximum luminaire height.

The maximum permitted luminaire height shall be 35 feet in all nonresidential zoning districts, and 25 feet in all residential districts. The height of both the pole and base shall be considered in the measurement of luminaire height. In no instance shall an outdoor lighting fixture in a nonresidential zoning district be mounted or oriented such that the lighting element is visible from a property in a residential district.

v. Sec. 78-1115. Maximum illumination levels.

Average illumination levels within parking lots shall not exceed one footcandle within residential districts, and three footcandles within all other districts. The illumination level at any property line shall not exceed 0.5 footcandles above the ambient lighting conditions on a cloudless night where the property adjoins land in a residential district, and two footcandles above the ambient lighting conditions on a cloudless night where the property adjoins land in any other zoning district. The plan commission may agree to allow greater lighting levels based on specific and reasonable written justification provided by the applicant, provided that the purpose of this subdivision is not compromised.

w. Sec. 78-1116. Use of shielded light fixtures.

All outdoor lighting fixtures shall be shielded as defined in section 78-1, except incandescent fixtures of 150 watts or less, other sources of 70 watts or less, lighting within public street rights-of-way, and lighting required for a specialized security or safety purpose. No searchlights shall be permitted.

x. Sec. 78-1117. Types of light source.

All outdoor lighting fixtures shall have high pressure sodium (HPS), low pressure sodium (LPS), incandescent, fluorescent or comparable light sources, except that in cases where true color rendition is required (including display lots and certain outdoor recreational uses), white lights such as metal halide shall be permitted. No new mercury vapor lighting fixtures shall be installed, and no replacement equipment or bulbs for pre-existing mercury vapor lighting fixtures shall be installed. No flickering or flashing lights shall be permitted, except low wattage seasonal lighting between November 1 and January 31 and lighting required for a specialized security or safety purpose.

y. Sec. 78-1118. Location.

No exterior light fixture shall be located within any required landscape bufferyard or within three feet of any property line except accent lights not exceeding 150 watts for incandescent fixtures or 70 watts for other fixtures.

z. Sec. 78-1119. Hours of illumination.

Within one hour after closing of the store, completion of the final work shift, or completion of specific activities associated with an institutional use, only building mounted security lighting and up

to 25 percent of all other outdoor lighting fixtures may remain illuminated. Any use with four or fewer pole or ground-mounted exterior lights shall be exempt from this section.

aa. Sec. 78-1120. Exterior lighting for outdoor recreational uses. NOT APPLICABLE

Ball diamonds, playing fields, golf driving ranges, tennis courts, parks, and similar outdoor recreational uses may be exempted from one or more of the outdoor lighting standards of this subdivision if approved by the plan commission through site plan review.

bb. Sec. 78-1121. Street lighting. NOT APPLICABLE

Street lighting shall conform to the standards set forth by the state for state and federal highways, the county for county highways, and the city for city streets and highways.

Findings:

Not Applicable for the Proposed Use

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Comments: _____

Subdivision IV. Vehicular Access Standards

cc. Sec. 78-1141. Purpose of subdivision.

The purpose of this subdivision is to promote the safety and general welfare of the public by alleviating or preventing congestion of public street rights-of-way through minimum public street access requirements applicable to private and public land uses.

dd. Sec. 78-1142. Permit required.

Each access point onto a public street or right-of-way shall have a permit issued by the director of public works per Wis. Stats. § 86.07(2).

ee. Sec. 78-1143. Required access plan.

Where a site plan is required for any project under division 8, article II of this chapter, any and all proposed access drives on the subject property shall be depicted as to their location and configuration on the site plan.

ff. Sec. 78-1144. Number of access points.

(a) Each lot shall have not more than two vehicular access points on any street frontage adjacent to any lot.

(b) In no instance shall any lot be permitted more than one vehicular access point on any one street if its frontage on such street is less than 100 linear feet (as measured along the right-of-way line).

(c) On arterial streets and in certain areas experiencing, or expected to experience, congestion and/or safety problems, access to a lot may be required to be located via an access point located on an adjacent property or another street frontage.

(d) Vehicular access may be further restricted by the state on state and federal highways, and by the county on county highways.

gg. Sec. 78-1145. Location of access points.

- (a) Residential uses shall not have access points onto a nonresidential collector or arterial street unless such street has the only available frontage.
- (b) Nonresidential uses shall not have access points onto a residential street unless such street has the only available frontage.
- (c) At its intersection with the street right-of-way line on an arterial or nonresidential collector street, no access point shall be located closer than 100 feet from the intersection of any two street rights-of-way unless such access point is the only available location on the subject property. In all cases, access points shall be located as far from an intersection as the lot size permits.
- (d) The minimum distance between vehicular access points serving the same property shall be 25 feet (edge to edge), as measured at the property line. A distance in excess of such 25 feet may be required if, in the opinion of the director of public works, present or projected traffic factors warrant a greater distance.
- (e) The distance from an access drive to the property line of an adjacent property shall not be less than five feet, as measured along the right-of-way line, except where shared driveways are expressly allowed.

hh. Sec. 78-1146. Angle of intersection with public right-of-way.

All access drives shall intersect with the public street right-of-way at an angle of not less than 75 degrees, and shall intersect at an angle of 90 degrees wherever possible.

ii. Sec. 78-1147. Width of driveways. NOT APPLICABLE

All access drives shall have a minimum width of ten feet for single-family dwellings, 12 feet for two-family dwellings, and 20 feet for all other land uses. All curb openings for access drives shall have a maximum width of 24 feet per unit for single-family and two-family dwellings, and for all commercial uses the driveway width shall be determined at site plan review, as measured at the right-of-way line. Access drives may be flared between the right-of-way line and the roadway up to a maximum of five additional feet.

jj. Sec. 78-1148. Traffic control. NOT APPLICABLE

The traffic generated by any use shall be channelized and controlled in a manner which avoids congestion on public streets and other safety hazards. Traffic into and out of all off-street parking, loading and traffic circulation areas serving six or more parking spaces shall be forward moving, with no backing into streets or pedestrian ways. Except in the B-3 district, there shall be no loading or unloading within the public street right-of-way. Traffic control devices shall be required as determined by the director of public works.

kk. Sec. 78-1149. Paving of access. NOT APPLICABLE

All access approach areas located within a street right-of-way shall be paved to the satisfaction of the director of public works with a hard, all-weather surface, and shall be maintained so as to prevent the transport of gravel, dirt, or other eroded material from the subject property into the public street.

Findings:

- Not Applicable for the Proposed Use*
- Compliance with this Section Shall be Demonstrated with Site Plan Submittal*

Comments: _____

Additional Conditions of Approval (if applicable):

Findings: _____

Final Conclusions/Summary (if applicable):

Findings: _____

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Plan Commission Recommendation:

Approve: _____ Deny: _____

Date: _____

Common Council Action:

Approve: _____ Deny: _____

Date: _____