

Application for a sign modification variance

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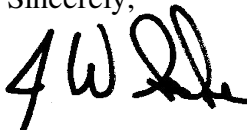
La Center Elementary School  
La Center School District #101  
La Center Washington

We are requesting a variance required for the sign permit application filed on 2-14-22 to repair and update the existing public elementary school sign with a panel change within the existing sign's dimensional envelope. The new panel uses energy efficient, environmentally friendly LED technology in place of the current florescent and mechanically based panel. The sign is located on a hillside south of East 4th Street at the La Center elementary school driveway. The closest home where the sign's illumination might possibly be visible is about 300' through the tree canopy of Brezee Creek. The existing and new panels are very similar in brightness.

We have applied for the permit due to the fact that the existing sign being modified by the panel change pre-dates the City's sign code and so does not have a permit. We are requesting a variance due to unique issues associated with the road, right of way, sidewalk, and topography at the school driveway. The overall replacement panel is smaller than the panel being updated and fits completely within the old panel's envelope. The new panel's overall dimensions are within the requirements specified in the La Center sign code. With the sign's placement up a hill and back from the low road crossing Brezee creek we are requesting a variance for the electronic reader board portion of the panel to be about 20% larger than specified for reader boards in the La Center sign code in order for the text to be visible, legible and similar in size to the text of the existing panel. There will be no change in the sign's location, shape, panel envelope, height, foundations or mounting post structure. And the signage below the panel will remain in place.

Thank you for your help in this sign variance process. We will deliver the requested address labels to the front desk at City Hall. Please let us know what the next step is in the process and if any other information is requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josh Soske', written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

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