STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 8, 2025

TO: Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM: Helen Miller, Planner

RE: Petition Number: 2025-57

Applicant: Victory City Church (Rusty Railey)

Status of Applicant: Property Owner

Location: 2200 McDonough Street (Council District #5)

Request: A series of Variations to allow installation of a new

ground sign

Purpose

The applicant is requesting the following Variations on signage to install a new ground sign for a non-residential use in the R-2 (single-family residential) zoning district at 2200 McDonough Street:

- Variation to increase maximum sign area for a ground sign from 12 square feet to 72 square feet
- Variation to increase maximum height for a ground sign from 11 feet to 16 feet 3 inches
- Variation to reduce the required setback to a pole sign from 15 feet to 0 feet (based on the property line as shown on the attached survey)

The Zoning Board of Appeals makes the final decision on these Variation requests.

Site Specific Information

The subject property is 7 acres and contains a church and school campus for Victory City Church. The current owner purchased the property in January 2025; the site was formerly occupied by the St. Jude Roman Catholic Church and St Jude School. The site was developed as a religious campus for St. Jude in the 1950s and was annexed in 1956. The property is zoned R-2 (single-family residential) and has had that zoning designation since at least 1971 when the city-wide zoning maps were established.

In 2002, the Zoning Board of Appeals approved a series of variations to allow construction of the existing ground sign on the property. The request included the following:

Variation to increase maximum height of a ground sign from 11 feet to 15 feet 8 inches

- Variation to increase maximum area of a ground sign from 12 square feet to 32 square feet
- Variation to allow illumination in a residential zoning district
- Variation for an electronic message center

The staff report from 2002 states that the existing sign would be constructed with a 10-foot setback, which was considered the permitted setback at that time. Staff considers the proposed sign to be a pole sign which would require a 15-foot setback to the leading edge of the sign.

Surrounding Zoning, Land Use and Character

- North: R-2 (single-family residential), residential (Marycrest subdivision)
- South: I-1 (light industrial), industrial
- East: B-1 (neighborhood business) and B-3 (general business), commercial
- West: B-3 (general business), health care facility

Applicable Regulations

- Section 47-17.21 Signs
- Section 47-17.21(3)(bb) Criteria for Granting a Sign Variation (refer to attachment)

Discussion

The petitioner, Victory City Church, seeks to install a new ground sign to replace the existing sign that was installed for St. Jude Church in 2002. The proposed sign would be 16 feet 3 inches in height to its peak and have a sign area of approximately 72 feet. The sign would contain an approximately 37-square-foot upper cabinet with illuminated letters and a 32-square-foot electronic message center.

The previously approved variation from 2002 allows an illuminated sign in the R-2 (single-family residential) district. Electronic message centers are now permitted wherever illuminated signs are permitted as long as they are 50 square feet or smaller. The proposed sign exceeds the height and area permitted with the 2002 request, so the petitioner seeks additional variations on height and sign area at this time.

Additionally, the petitioner is requesting a sign setback of 0 feet from the north property line. The Will County parcel maps show that the right-of-way width for McDonough Street varies adjacent to this property, with the north property line around 10 feet closer to the sidewalk on the east side of the property where the sign is located. The existing sign was installed based on this property line layout. However, the survey prepared for the owner in 2024 shows a straight property line across the north, which places the pole of the existing sign directly on the property line. The petitioner has prepared their plans based

on the 2024 survey and has moved the sign several feet to the south so that the sign falls entirely on private property. Therefore, even with a 0-foot setback from the property line as shown on the survey, the new sign will be located around three feet farther from the sidewalk than the existing sign.

Recommended Action

Staff finds that these variation requests meet the criteria for sign variations: enforcement of the ordinance would cause hardship due to unique attributes of the property; the proposed use would not be detrimental to the use or development of other property in the area; ownership of the property has been demonstrated; and approval of the variation would not be contrary to the objective of improving the overall appearance of the City.

The Zoning Ordinance limits the height and area of signs for non-residential uses in residential zoning districts without accounting for differences in property size. The property in question, at 7 acres, is much larger than a typical residential lot and is located on a major collector street alongside other commercial and institutional uses. Staff finds that the proposed sign dimensions are suitable for a property of this size. The proposed sign is a similar height to the existing illuminated ground sign that has been in place for over 20 years. Additionally, the property slopes down from the sidewalk toward the parking lot at the location of the sign, so the sign will not appear as tall from the street. The proposed sign location, while it requires a reduced setback, actually moves the sign farther away from the street and ensures that the sign is located entirely on private property.

Conditions

None

Figure 1: Subject site and existing sign at 2200 McDonough Street (2025)



Figure 2: Existing ground sign at 2200 McDonough Street (right), view east down McDonough Street (July 2025)



Figure 3: North property line and existing sign on Will County parcel layer (2025)



Figure 4: North property line and existing sign on 2024 survey

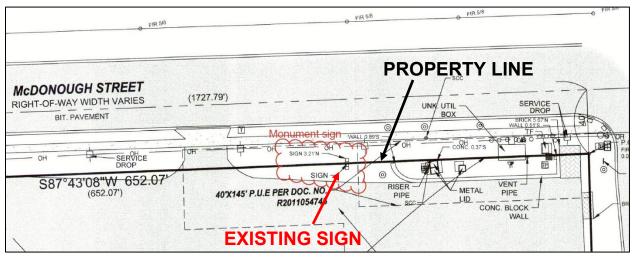


Figure 5: Location of new sign based on 2024 survey

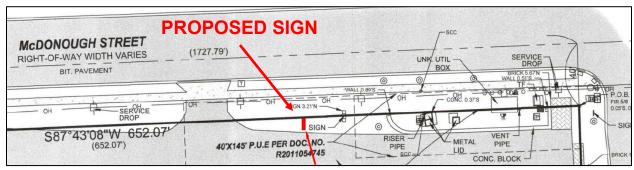


Figure 6: Existing ground sign at 2200 McDonough Street, view northwest from Hammes Avenue (May 2025)





ACCOUNT: VICTORY CITY CHURCH

REFERENCE | LOCATION:

2200 McDonough st Joliet Illinois

DATE:

10/28/25

DESCRIPTION:

(X1) NEW DOUBLE FACED MONUMENT SIGN with push thru lettering on the front & side

MATERIALS:

VINYL, ALUMINUM, ACRYLIC

COLORS:

AS SHOWN

ILLUMINATION:

LED-ILLUMINATED

INSTALLATION:

EXISTING FOUNDATION & ELECTRICAL

Please Check Carefully

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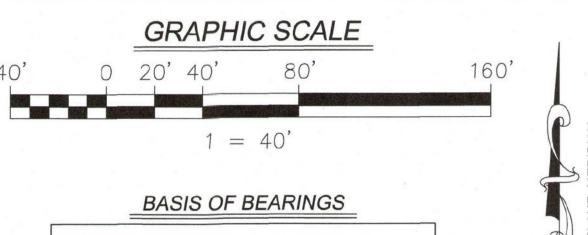
JOB # 2213

ALTA/NSPS LAND TITLE SURVEY

2200 MCDONOUGH ST JOLIET, ILLINOIS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

THAT PART OF LOTS 5 AND 6 OF ASSESSOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, A DISTANCE OF 1727.79 FEET TO A PIPE ON THE WEST LINE OF HAMMES AVENUE IN MARYCREST SUBDIVISION, EXTENDED SOUTH; THENCE SOUTH 40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF HAMMES AVENUE EXTENDED SOUTH, A DISTANCE OF 466.69 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 18, A DISTANCE OF 652.07 FEET; THENCE NORTH ON A LINE PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF HAMMES AVENUE EXTENDED SOUTH, A DISTANCE OF 466.69 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF MCDONOUGH STREET; THENCE EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID STREET, A DISTANCE OF 652.07 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS.



THE BASIS OF BEARINGS IS THE STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (SPCS) NAD 83 (2011) ZONE 1201 (ILLINOIS EAST) WITH PROJECT ORIGIN AT LATITUDE: 41° 30' 53.87183" N LONGITUDE: 88° 08' 04.48810" W ELLIPSOIDAL HEIGHT: 531.078 SFT GROUND SCALE FACTOR: 1.0000470048 ALL MEASUREMENTS ARE ON THE GROUND.

NOTES FROM SCHEDULE B PART II

A CURRENT TITLE COMMITMENT PREPARED BY FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY HAVING A COMMITMENT NO. OF WJ24020060 AND DATE OF 12/30/2024 WAS PROVIDED FOR SURVEYOR'S USE AT THE TIME OF PREPARATION OF THIS SURVEY. NOTE **EXCEPTIONS**

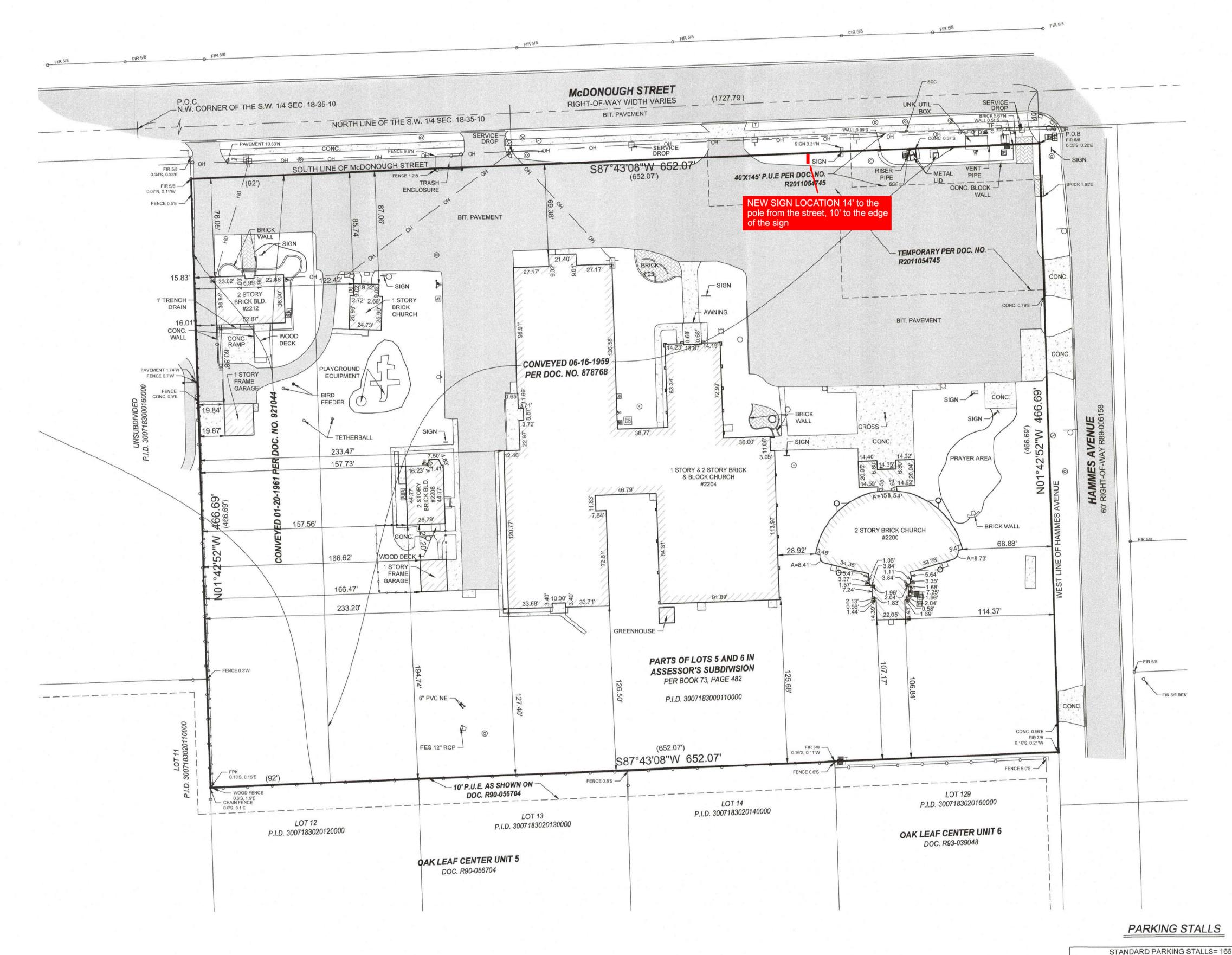
(a)

R2011-54745 EASEMENT

EXCEPTIONS NOT SHOWN ABOVE AFFECT THE PROPERTY BUT ARE NOT PLOTTABLE OR NOT A SURVEY MATTER

CLARIFICATION STATEMENTS

- a. its location is shown; b. its location cannot be determined from the record document; c. there was no observed evidence at the time of the fieldwork;
- d. it is a blanket easement; e. it is not on, does not touch, and/or - based on the description contained
- in the record document does not affect, the surveyed property; f. it limits access to an otherwise abutting right of way;
- the documents are illegible; or
- h. the surveyor has information indicating that it may have been released or otherwise terminated



GENERAL NOTES

- COMPARE THIS PLAT, LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND ALL SURVEY POINTS AND MONUMENTS BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION, AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY DISCREPANCIES TO SURVEYOR.
- DO NOT SCALE DIMENSIONS FROM THIS PLAT.
- THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY LINES SHOWN ON THE FACE OF THIS PLAT ARE BASED UPON THE DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE CLIENT TOGETHER WITH THE TITLE COMMITMENT. THE PARCEL WHICH IS DEFINED MAY NOT REFLECT ACTUAL OWNERSHIP, BUT REFLECTS WHAT WAS SURVEYED. FOR OWNERSHIP, CONSULT YOUR TITLE COMPANY.
- MANHOLES, INLETS AND OTHER UTILITY RIMS OR GRATES SHOWN HEREON ARE FROM FIELD LOCATION OF SUCH, AND ONLY REPRESENT SUCH UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS WHICH ARE VISIBLE FROM ABOVE GROUND AT TIME OF SURVEY THROUGH A NORMAL SEARCH AND WALK THROUGH OF THE SITE. THE LABELING OF THESE MANHOLES (SANITARY, WATER, ETC.) IS BASED SOLELY ON THE "STAMPED" MARKINGS OF THE RIM. NO UNDERGROUND OBSERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO VERIFY THE ACTUAL USE OR EXISTENCE OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES. UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINES SHOWN HEREON, IF ANY, ARE BASED ON FIELD LOCATED STRUCTURES IN COORDINATION WITH ATLAS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY UTILITY COMPANIES THROUGH J.U.L.I.E.'S DESIGN STAGE PROCESS. SEE "UTILITY ATLAS NOTES" HEREON FOR SPECIFICS.
- NO UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, OR DRAIN TILES, IF ANY EXIST, SHOWN HEREON.
- THIS SURVEY MAY NOT REFLECT ALL UTILITIES OR IMPROVEMENTS IF SUCH ITEMS ARE HIDDEN BY LANDSCAPING OR ARE COVERED BY SUCH ITEMS AS DUMPSTERS, TRAILERS, CARS, DIRT, PAVING OR SNOW. AT THE TIME OF THIS SURVEY, SNOW DID NOT COVER THE SITE. LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEMS, IF ANY, ARE NOT SHOWN ON THIS SURVEY.
- OTHER THAN VISIBLE OBSERVATIONS NOTED HEREON, THIS SURVEY MAKES NO STATEMENT REGARDING THE ACTUAL PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF ANY SERVICE.
- CALL J.U.L.I.E. AT 1-800-892-0123 FOR FIELD LOCATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PRIOR TO ANY DIGGING OR CONSTRUCTION.
- PUBLIC AND/OR PRIVATE RECORDS HAVE NOT BEEN SEARCHED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. OVERHEAD WIRES AND POLES (IF ANY EXIST) ARE SHOWN HEREON, HOWEVER THEIR FUNCTION AND DIMENSIONS HAVE NOT BEEN
- 10. THERE IS NO OBSERVABLE EVIDENCE OF CURRENT EARTH MOVING WORK,
- 11. THE SURVEYOR IS NOT AWARE OF ANY NEW OR PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY CHANGES. UNLESS SHOWN OR NOTED HEREON, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF RECENT STREET OR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIRS OBSERVED IN THE PROCESS OF CONDUCTING THE FIELDWORK.
- 12. WETLAND FLAGS WERE NOT OBSERVED IN THE PROCESS OF CONDUCTING THE FIELDWORK.
- 13. PARKING STRIPES WERE TOO FADED TO LOCATE AT TIME OF SURVEY ON 11/22/2024, AND THEREFORE ARE NOT SHOWN HEREON.

- EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE EXISTING LOT LINE PROPOSED LOT LINE EX. & PRO. CENTERLINE EXISTING EASEMENT LINE PROPOSED EASEMENT LINE EX. & PRO. BUILDING SETBACK LINE
- EXISTING FENCELINE (WOOD) O O O O GUARDRAIL RAILROAD TRACKS UNDERGROUND CABLE TV UNDERGROUND CABLE TV(ATLAS INFO.) UNDERGROUND FIBER OPTIC CABLE(ATLAS) UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC(ATLAS INFO.) UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE

—O—O—O— EXISTING FENCELINE (CHAIN LINK)

- ————(T)——— UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE(ATLAS INFO.) GAS MAIN GAS MAIN(ATLAS INFO.) WATER MAIN (ATLAS INFO.) ———— SANITARY SEWER ———(SAN)—— SANITARY SEWER(ATLAS INFO.) ———— STORM SEWER ————(STM)——— STORM SEWER(ATLAS INFO.) ----- EDGE OF WATER
- ----- OH ----- OVERHEAD WIRES DEPRESSED CURB ---- 700 ---- EXISTING CONTOUR LINE ASPHALT PAVING OR WATER (LABELED) UNPAVED ROAD
 - CONCRETE WETLANDS **EXISTING BUILDING**

ABBREVIATIONS

- A.P. ACCESSIBLE PARKING F.F. FINISHED FLOOR T.F. TOP OF FOUNDATION CMP CORRUGATED METAL PIPE RCP REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE
- VCP VITRIFIED CLAY PIPE FRM. FRAME BRK. BRICK TC TOP OF CURB DEP DEPRESSED CURB **GUT GUTTER** EP EDGE OF PAVEMENT
- CONC. CONCRETE BIT. BITUMINOUS MH MANHOLE BW BOTTOM OF WAL TP TOP OF PIPE BW BACK OF WALK FES FLARED END SECTION

F.L. FLOW LINE

INV INVERT

- DIP DUCTILE IRON PIPE SD STORM DRAIN SAN SANITARY SEWER N NORTH S SOUTH E EAST W WEST **CB CHORD BEARING**
- U.E. UTILITY EASEMENT P.U.E. PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT D.E. DRAINAGE EASEMENT M.U.E. MUNICIPAL UTILITY EASEMENT I.E. INGRESS & EGRESS EASEMENT PC POINT OF CURVATURE
- PRC POINT OF REVERSE CURVATURE PT POINT OF TANGENCY (REC) RECORD DATUM MEAS. MEASURED DATUM [CALC] CALCULATED DATUM <DEED> INFORMATION TAKEN FROM DEED

ETBE EXCEPTION TO BLANKET EASEMENT

PCC POINT OF COMPOUND CURVATURE

- CABLE TV PEDESTAL ∞ TRAFFIC LIGHT POLE TRAFFIC CONTROL BOX TRAFFIC CONTROL VAULT TRAFFIC LIGHT TELEPHONE PEDESTAL TELEPHONE MANHOLE PAINTED TELEPHONE LINE
- FIBER OPTIC CABLE LINE **GUY POLE** UTILITY POLE POWER POLE LIGHT STANDARD ELECTRIC MANHOLE
- ELECTRIC PEDESTAL ELECTRIC TRANSFORMER PAD ELECTRIC METER HANDHOLE **ELECTRICAL JUNCTION BOX ELECTRIC VAULT** ELECTRIC SERVICE OUTLET BOX PAINTED ELECTRIC LINE

TRANSFORMER PAD

- SECTION CORNER

LEGEND PAINTED GAS LINE

- **GAS VALVE** GAS METER GAS VALVE VAULT GAS METER PIPELINE MARKER MONITORING WELL POST INDICATOR VALVE **FLAGPOLE MAILBOX** PUBLIC PAY TELEPHONE PARKING METER
- WETLAND MARKER BASKETBALL HOOP AIR CONDITIONER PAD/UNIT DECIDUOUS TREE W/ TRUNK SIZE W/ TRUNK SIZE
- SOIL BORING HOLE W/ NUMBER
- QUARTER SECTION CORNER

- STORM MANHOLE FLARED END SECTION CLEANOUT SANITARY MANHOLE
 - HOSE BIB B-BOX HYDRANT WATER VALVE WATER VALVE VAULT PAINTED WATER LINE IRRIGATION HEAD
 - IRRIGATION CONTROL VALVE WATER METER FOUND DISK IN CONCRETE ⊕ FBD FOUND BRASS DISC FOUND ROW MARKER

O FRS FOUND RAILROAD SPIKE

O FPK FOUND PK NAIL O FMG FOUND MAG NAIL + FCC FOUND CUT CROSS O FIP FOUND IRON PIPE O FIB FOUND IRON BAR

O FIR FOUND IRON ROD

- ▲ TP SET TRAVERSE POINT SPK SET PK NAIL SMG SET MAG NAIL SIP SET IRON PIPE
- SBM SET CONCRETE MONUMENT WITH BRASS DISC SCM SET CONCRETE MONUMENT WITH IRON PIPE

AREA 304,295 SQ. FT.

FLOOD HAZARD NOTE

6.98566 ACRES

ACCESSIBLE PARKING STALLS=11 TOTAL PARKING STALLS=177

*APPROXIMATE COUNT, SEE NOTE 13 HEREON

THIS PROPERTY IS IN AN AREA OF MINIMAL FLOOD HAZARD (ZONE X) AS DEFINED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP OF CITY OF JOLIET, WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS (COMMUNITY PANEL NO. 17197C0144G)

SURVEYOR CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF WILL

VICTORY CITY CHURCH

 AG FINANCIAL FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY

EFFECTIVE DATE 02/15/2019.

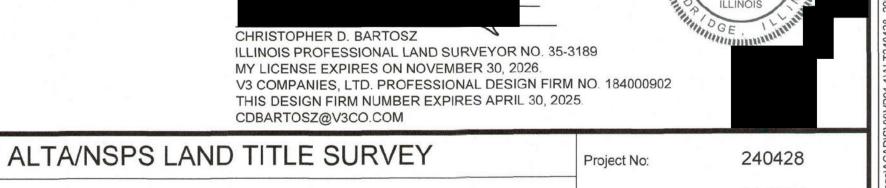
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS MAP OR PLAT AND THE SURVEY ON WHICH IT IS BASED WERE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2022 MINIMUM STANDARD DETAIL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALTA/NSPS LAND TITLE SURVEYS, JOINTLY ESTABLISHED AND ADOPTED BY ALTA AND NSPS, AND INCLUDES ITEMS 1, 2, 3, 4, 7(A), 8 AND 9 OF TABLE A THEREOF.

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONFORMS TO THE CURRENT ILLINOIS MINIMUM STANDARDS

FOR BOUNDARY SURVEYS. THE FIELD WORK WAS COMPLETED ON NOVEMBER 11, 2024.

DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2024.

CHRISTOPHER D. BARTOSZ ILLINOIS PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR NO. 35-3189 MY LICENSE EXPIRES ON NOVEMBER 30, 2026. V3 COMPANIES, LTD. PROFESSIONAL DESIGN FIRM NO. 184000902





Engineers Scientists Surveyors

7325 Janes Avenue, Suite 100 Woodridge, IL 60517 630.724.9200 voice 630.724.0384 fax v3co.com

Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet 16555 Weber Road Crest Hill, IL 60403 815-221-6100

MARSH AREA

PREPARED FOR:

DATE

DESCRIPTION 01/22/25 RECEIPT OF TITLE COMMITMENT

DRAFTING COMPLETED:

2200 MCDONOUGH ST 12/05/2024 DRAWN BY: ADS FIELD WORK COMPLETED: 11/22/2024

PROJECT MANAGER: CDB SCALE: 1" = 50' CHECKED BY: CDB

Group No:

VP01.1 SHEET NO. of 1

#3189

LAND

SURVEYOR

STATE

	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
Verifie	ed by Planner (please initial):
Payment received from:	Petition #:
	Common Address:
	Date filed:
	Meeting date assigned:

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

JOLIET, ILLINOIS PETITION FOR VARIATION/A	DDFAI
City of Joliet Planning Division, 150 W. Jefferson St., Jo Ph (815)724-4050 Fax (815)724-4056	bliet, IL 60432
ADDRESS FOR WHICH VARIATION IS REQUESTED: 2200 Mc	Donough Street, Joliet, IL 60436
PETITIONER'S NAME: Rusty Railey	
HOME ADDRESS:	ZIP CODE:
BUSINESS ADDRESS: 1741 Essington Road, Joliet, IL	ZIP CODE: 60435
PHONE: (Primary) (Secondary)	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	FAX:
PROPERTY INTEREST OF PETITIONER: Owner	
OWNER OF PROPERTY: First Assembly of God Church of Joliet	
HOME ADDRESS: 2200 McDonough Street, Joliet IL 60436	ZIP CODE: 60436
BUSINESS ADDRESS: 1741 Essington Road, Joliet IL	ZIP CODE: 60435
	FAX:
Any use requiring a business license shall concurrently apply copy with this petition. Additionally, if this request is for ope the following information:	or a business license and submit a eration of a business, please provide
BUSINESS REFERENCES (name, address, phone or email):	
OTHER PROJECTS AND/OR DEVELOPMENTS:	
ii ii	

PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER (TAX NO. OR P. I. N.): 30-07-18-300-011-0000 ;				
Property Index Number/P.I.N. can be found on tax bill or Will County Supervisor of Assessments website				
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (an attached copy preferred):				
,				
Attached land survey				
LOT SIZE: WIDTH:DEPTH:AREA:				
PRESENT USE(S) OF PROPERTY: Church/School				
PRESENT ZONING OF PROPERTY: Residential				
VARIATION/APPEAL REQUESTED: Digital Sign Installation				
la de la companya de				
DECRONCE TO VARIATION CRITERIA				
RESPONSE TO VARIATION CRITERIA				
The Zoning Board of Appeals is authorized to grant or recommend relief only when it has received adequate evidence to establish a practical difficulty or hardship. The evidence must support each of the following thre conditions:				
(a) The property in question cannot yield a reasonable return by use permitted and subject to the conditions allowed by the regulations in the particular district or zone.				
(b) The plight of the owner is due to unique circumstances.				
(c) The variation, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.				
Please describe how this request meets the criteria by responding to the following questions in your ow words.				
1. How do the applicable zoning regulations prevent the property in question from yielding a reasonable return. The zoning regulations restrict our ability to install a digital sign on the property, which significantly limits visibility to the public.				
Because the property is located along a high-traffic roadway, a static sign is not sufficient to communicate service times, school information, and community events to passing motorists.				
The lack of visibility directly impacts our ability to grow and sustain ministry and educational operations, which are dependent on community engagement and enrollment.				

A digital sign will provide the visibility needed to sustain operations and allow the property to serve its intended community purpose effectively.

2. What unique circumstances exist which mandate a v	variance?				
The property is under new ownership and is being re-purposed as a chur	ch and school to serve the surrounding community.				
While the site is well positioned for this use, its existing signage limitations were established under previous ownership and are no longer suitable for the current operational needs.					
Unlike larger commerical developments, the site has limited frontage and minimal existing sign visability, which creats a unique hardship.					
These factors - the change in ownership, limited visibility due to site configuration, and the need for increased commi	unity awareness, create unique circumstances that make a variance reasonable.				
3. What impact would the granting of this variance havinclude both positive and negative impacts.	re upon the essential character of the general area? Please				
Granting this variance to allow a digital sign will have a positive impact on the area by enhancing communication, impact on the area by enhancing communication, impact on the area by enhancing communication.	proving aesthetics, and support community engagement.				
The sign will be professionally designed and appropriately	scaled to complement the exisiting streetscape.				
The variance is not expected to cause any adverse effect on neighboring	properties or the overall curb appeal of the area.				
REQUIRED SUPPORTING ATTACHMENTS Site plan / concept plan / floor plan / building e Joliet Ownership Disclosure form Business license application (if applicable)	elevation plan				
NOTARIZATION OF PETITION STATE OF ILLINOIS) ss COUNTY OF WILL)					
	that the above statements are true and correct to the best of son or by representation when this petition is heard before				
	Subscribed and sworn to before me				
Owner's Signature (If other than petitioner)	this 3 day of OCTOBER, 2025				
	Official Seal Bonnie S Ure Notary Public State of Illino:s My Commission Expires 5/28:2027				

CITY OF JOLIET OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM

The City of Joliet requires that applicants for zoning relief, subdivision approval, building permits and business licenses disclose the identity of all persons having an ownership interest in the business and the real property associated with the application. A copy of this form must be completed and submitted with other application materials. Failure to properly complete and submit this form may result in the denial of the application.

I. INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION

This form is submitted as part of an	application for the following (check all that apply):						
Rezoning, Special Use Permit, Variation, or Other Zoning Relief (Complete Sections II and III) Preliminary Plat, Final Plat, or Record Plat of Subdivision (Complete Sections II and III) Building Permit (Complete Sections II and III) Business License (Complete All Sections)							
						II. <u>INF</u>	ORMATION ABOUT THE PROPERTY
						The address and PIN(s) of the real	property associated with this application are:
						2200 McDonough Street, Joli	et, IL 60436
PIN(s):							
III.	PROPERTY OWNERSHIP						
Select the type of owner of the re contact information below:	al property associated with this application and fill in the appropriate						
☐ Individual:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of the individua owner(s)						
☐ Corporation:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all persons holding 3% or more of the stock of the corporation and the percentage of shares held by such stockholders						
☐ Limited Liability Company:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all members of the company along with the percentage of ownership held by each member						
☐ Land Trust:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of the trustee(s) and all beneficiaries						
☐ Partnership:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all partners						
Other type of organization:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all persons having a legal or equitable ownership interest in the organization or the right to direct the affairs of the organization						
501c3 - First Assembly of Go	d Church of Joliet DBA Victory City Church						
1741 Essington Road, Joliet,	IL 60435						
E MAIL:	FAX:						

IV. BUSINESS OWNERSHIP

If the owner of the business is different than the owner of the real property associated with the application, then the following information must be provided:

Sel	ect the type of business owner a	associated with this application and fill in the contact information below.		
	Individual:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of the individual owner(s)		
	Corporation: State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all persons hold 3% or more of the stock of the corporation and the percentage shares held by such stockholders			
	Limited Liability Company:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all members of the company along with the percentage of ownership held by each member		
	Partnership:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all partners		
	Other type of organization:	State the names, addresses, and phone #'s of all persons having a legal or equitable ownership interest in the organization		
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E-MAIL:FAX:				
If a no pro example an the lial on	t an individual, then the interpret or business associample, if the real property of the beneficiary of the large limited liability company onlity company is a partners.	eneficiary or partner disclosed in Section III or Section IV is individuals holding the legal or equitable title to the real ciated with the application must also be disclosed. For associated with an application is owned by a land trust, and trust is a limited liability company, then the members of must be disclosed. If one of the members of the limited ship, then the identity of the partners must be disclosed. If oration, then all persons owning 3% or more of the issued		
SI	GNED			
D	ATE: October 27, 2025			
Na	me, Title, and Telephone N	lumbers of Person Completing and Submitting This Form:		
R	usty Railey, PhD - Lead Pa	stor		

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CRITERIA FOR SIGN VARIATIONS

Section 47-17.21(3)(bb) of the Zoning Ordinance states:

Any sign which is not specifically permitted in any zoning district shall require the granting of a variation, obtained from the Zoning Board of Appeals. This includes signs that have flashing or pulsating illumination, animation, rotation, or overall dimensions which exceed the maximum dimensions permitted in any district.

Variation Criteria: A variation may be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals based on all of the following criteria:

	Does the evidence presented sustain this criteria?	Comments
(a) That strict enforcement of the ordinance would cause undue hardship to the property owner due to circumstances unique to the individual property in question.		
(b) That the proposed use would not be detrimental to the use, orderly development and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes permitted under the zoning ordinance, nor substantially diminish the property value within the neighborhood.		
(c) That ownership or lease of the property in question can be demonstrated.		
(d) That approval of the variation would not be contrary to the objective of improving the overall appearance of the City.		