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El Paso County Planning & Community Development 2880 International Circle, Ste. 110 Colorado Springs, Colorado

#### **Special Use Letter of Intent**

## **Applicant**

Lamar Outdoor Advertising
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## **Property**

3415 Janitell Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80906 Parcel Number: 6433401007 Zoned: CS CAD-O

## **Proposed Project**

Lamar Outdoor Advertising currently owns and operates two existing advertising signs at 3415 Janitell Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. The advertising signs have 2 opposing faces on each structure. 1 face is currently operating as a Mechanical Message Display (Trifold) and the other faces are currently operating as static faces. We propose to convert the existing Trifold face on the south face of the furthest north structure and the north static face of the furthest south structure to Electronic Messaging Displays (EMD). The structure height will remain the same (35') as well as the size (10.5' x 36'). The advertising sign was built and permitted in 1986 in compliance with CDOT and El Paso County regulations. It is a conforming and legal land use per El Paso County Land Development Code Chapter 5 Table 5-1. We Lease the proposed property that is currently used as Recreation / Meadow Hay Land for Wedding and Event Rentals and 2 existing billboards.

Lamar's "Lighting Plan" and documentation from the sign manufacturer which verifies compliance with auto dimming and brightness requirements is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Lighting Plan demonstrates that the lighting for the Proposed Billboard complies with the Code's lighting standards. Each message displayed on the Proposed Billboard will be displayed for at least four to eight seconds. Code § 6.2.9.C.iii. The Proposed Billboard will be equipped with technology that automatically dims the EMD according to ambient light conditions to a luminance, or nighttime brightness level of up to 500 NIT. Code § 6.2.9.C.vii. The Proposed Billboard will also be equipped with the ability to be shut off within 24 hours if a malfunction occurs, including the demonstration of prohibited transition methods. Code § 6.2.9.C.vii. Accordingly, the Lighting Plan complies with the Code.

#### **Analysis of Criteria**

There are currently no references or applicable elements for billboards in the El Paso County Master Plan or
other County Plans. The EMD conversion would support the current and surrounding land uses of
Commercial and Industrial Uses.

- The surrounding area is largely vacant land being used for billboards zoned A1 and CC. With other Industrial
  and Commercial zoned properties zoned C2.
- The conversion of the existing static and Mechanical Messaging Display (trifold) face to EMD will not impact nor overburden any public facilities and services, because the billboard does not require them.
- Traffic congestion or traffic hazards will not be created or negatively impacted by EMD. Oftentimes Lamar utilizes EMD to display amber alerts, most wanted FBI, or weather related emergencies.
- Access to the structure will be utilized with existing property entrances and facilities allowed by the lease on private property.
- The EMD is in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations as a legal conforming land use. The conversion to EMD will not create any air, water, light, or noise pollution.
- The EMD will not create a detrimental impact on the public health, safety and welfare of the present and or future residents of El Paso County.
- The EMD will conform to all other applicable County rules, regulations or ordinances as required.

## **Criteria of Approval Summary**

The special use will be generally consistent with the applicable Master Plan, the harmony and character of the neighborhood, and allowable land uses adjacent to the Interstate 25 corridor. There will be no impact on public facilities and services that would overburden their capacity. It will not create unmitigated traffic congestion or hazards in the surrounding area. Adjacent properties or existing drainage patterns will not be adversely impacted. Access is utilized by existing gravel drive entrances. This Special Use request will be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws with regards to air, water, light or noise pollution. It will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the present or future residents of El Paso County.

#### **El Paso County Billboard Credits**

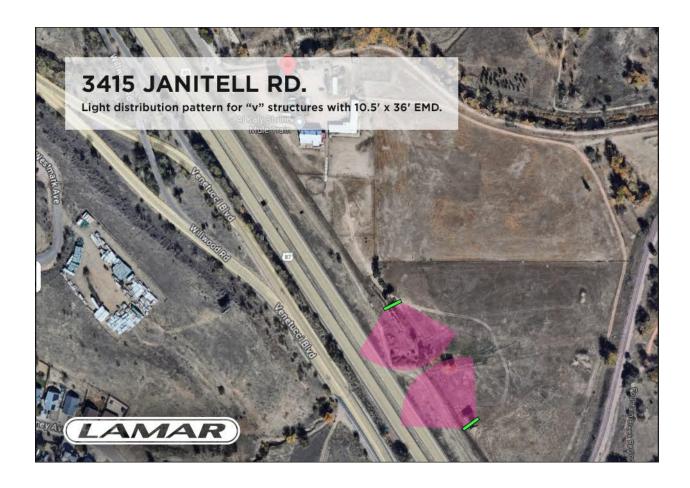
A billboard credit will not be required because the signs are existing and no change in size will be required.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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# **EXHIBIT A**





#### DAKTRONICS.COM

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March 6, 2024

Re:

Digital Signage Manufacturer's Brightness Certification

Sign Type: DB-66 10'6 x36

Installation Site: Colorado Springs/El Paso County

To Whom It May Concern:

The following information pertains to the above-referenced display, manufactured by Daktronics, Inc.

The subject display capable of complying with the requirements of the El Paso County Code.

- The display comes equipped with the ability to hold messages static for a period of not less than
  eight (8) seconds and messages shall change directly and immediate. The display contains the ability
  to freeze a message in one position if a malfunction occurs.
- The display, like all Daktronics displays, is equipped with a light-sensor (photocell) that detects ambient light levels and adjusts the display intensity automatically according to natural ambient light conditions. The sign is set to not exceed a brightness level of 0.3 foot candles above ambient light as measured from an appropriate distance.
- The display can be programmed to not exceed 5,000 nits (cd/m2) during the daylight hours and 500 nits between sunset and sunrise. With the ambient light sensor operating, this intensity is factory programmed and password-protected from manipulation.
- The display can be programmed to meet the code requirements upon installation and that all
  programmed compliance features will be locked from future alteration.

Please note that the end user is responsible to work with Daktronics upon installation to program the required brightness settings. Daktronics, Inc. is the world leader in the design and manufacture of electronic display systems. We are committed to providing LED displays that adhere to the regulatory environment, working closely with our customers for a responsible approach to the market.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jan Mandel Jan Mandel DAKTRONICS, INC.