Sign Variation Application for Raising Cane's RC0484

Located at 225 E. Palatine Rd.

Zoned B-2 General Business

To the Village of Arlington Heights' Design Commission and Village Board of Trustees:

Raising Cane's would like to request sign variations for their new drive thru restaurant located at 225 E. Palatine Rd. for the One Love Heart artwork and 1 Tower. These items are part of the nationally recognized brand image and can be found on a majority of the over 500 Raising Cane's sites. Below is a brief explanation of Raising Cane's and each sign/artwork that is being requested for consideration along with the fact findings for the property.

Founded by Todd Graves in 1996, Raising Cane's specializes in one thing... quality chicken finger meals. Todd Graves worked tirelessly as a young entrepreneur to open his first restaurant, which included jobs working as a boilermaker on a Louisiana refinery and salmon fisher in Alaska to earn the money to open Raising Cane's. When returning home to Baton Rouge, his work wasn't done as he then had to build the restaurant along with the help of his dog, Raising Cane. Raising Cane was around so much during construction that Todd's friends convinced him to name the restaurant after her. Although the building design has undergone changes, the essential quality of the building stills shares the same concept with the "Mothership" flag store that a man built his dream with his own hands. Raising Cane's supports others dreams through community involvement and gave back \$9 million dollars in 2020 to the local communities that Cane's is apart of.

Raising Cane's image was inspired by a mural that was uncovered during construction of the Mothership (see photo 1). The stylization was so unique, Todd decided to incorporate it into the logo.

The One Love Heart is a piece of art that have been featured since 2016 (see photo 2). This artwork is on aluminum substrate that is painted red with white copy of the Village name "Arlington Heights". The heart is constructed of metal pieces that are pin-mounted on the aluminum substrate to give a 3D effect. The One Love Heart is comprised of cutouts of a salmon, construction hat, number "1", disco ball and a dog in a heart form, and is not internally illuminated.

Like the One Love Heart, the 1 Tower is also not internally illuminated and is in the shape of a "1" (see photo 3). This art feature has been integrated into Raising Cane's buildings almost from the start and now features car hood material to mimic the interior table design. The material used is an aluminum sheet that is painted in a multitude of red shades and other outlying complementary colors, and then "aged" to create a realistic car hood appearance. All the panels are mounted to a frame, which is securely attached to the face of the building.

Section 30-902 Standards. The Design Commission and the Village Board of Trustees will base their recommendation for a variation on the following facts:

- A. The particular difficulty or peculiar hardship is not-self created by the petitioner; and
- B. The granting of the variation shall not create a traffic hazard, a depreciation of nearby property values or otherwise be detrimental to the public health, safety, moral and welfare; and,
- C. The variation will serve to relieve the applicant from a difficulty attributable to the location, topography, circumstances on nearby properties or other peculiar hardship; and not merely serve to provide the applicant with a competitive advantage over similar businesses; and,
- D. The variation will not alter the essential character of the locality; and,
- E. The applicant's business cannot reasonably function under the standards of this Chapter.

Raising Cane's Responses:

The 1 shape and the One Love Heart should be classified as works of art rather than signage since it is either general copy (1) or has limited copy (One Love Heart has only city name) and aren't designed with advertising offsite but for customers already on the property in the drive thru or entranceway. There isn't advertising directly stating Raising Cane's, slogans or products sold on the premises and therefore, doesn't provide a competitive advantage. These items are similar to a specific lighting or architectural element and could be used by another tenant as they are not trademarked. As both the 1 and the One Love Heart are mounted on the building façade, they pose no traffic hazards, and do not depreciate of surrounding property values or detrimental to health, safety, etc.

Photo 1
Original Mural at the first Raising Cane's store



Photo 2

One Love Heart on substrate



Photo 3

1 Tower Examples







SURROUNDING CONTEXT



AT&T (to the east)



VERIZON (to the east)



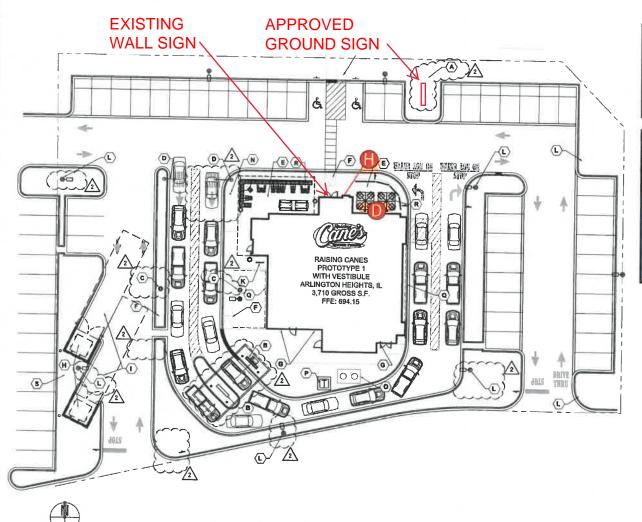
SUBJECT PROPERTY



BMO BANK (to the west)



CITIBANK (to the west)



PROPOSED SIGNS

QTY CODE DESCRIPTION

1 OLH One Love Heart

1 1T 1 Tower





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Site ID: RC0484 AGI PM: Briana Bennett

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ELEVATIONS

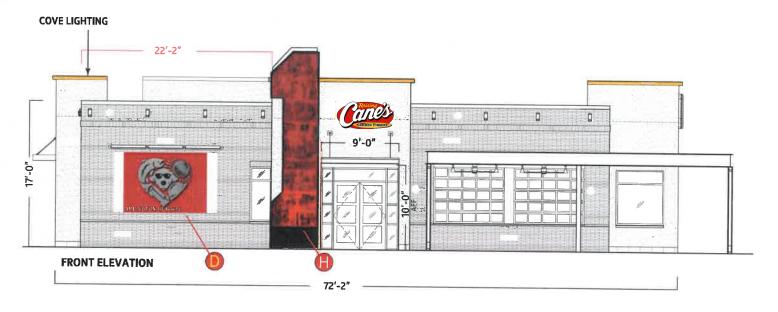
PROPOSED SIGNS:

D. ONE LOVE HEART

H. "1" TOWER



RENDERING (NTS)



Scale: 3/32"=1'



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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS' DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANTS



SUBJECT PROPERTY



McDonald's, Arlington Heights Road



Taco Bell, Algonquin Road



Arby's, Rand Road



Burger King, Rand Road



McDonald's, Golf Road

EXAMPLES OF TOWERS WITHOUT RED METAL SIGNAGE CLADDING



SUBJECT PROPERTY







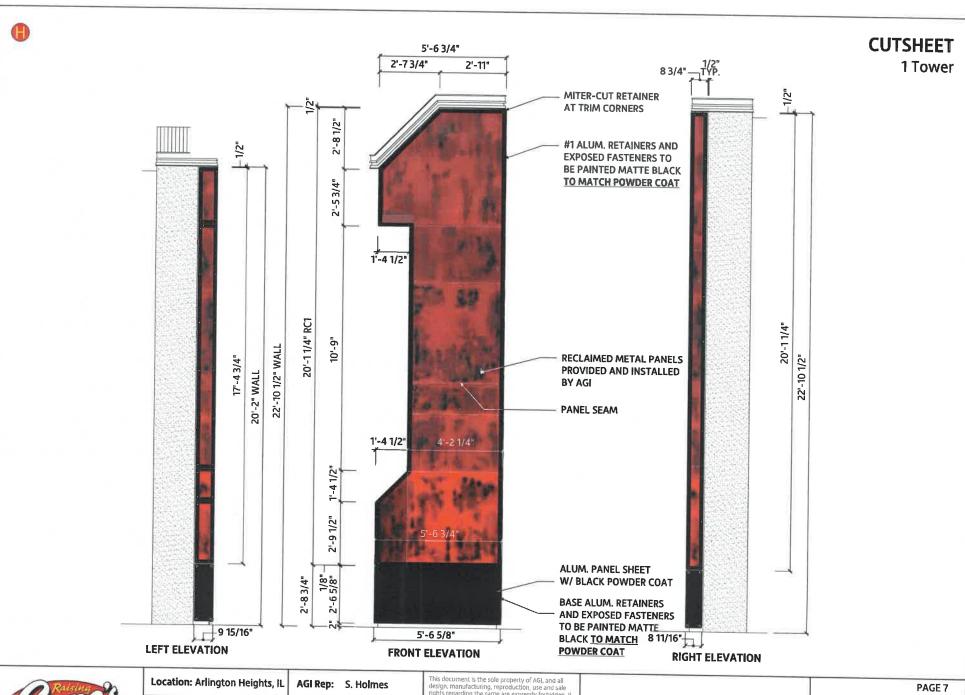


EXAMPLES WITH NUMBER "1" TOWER SIGNAGE











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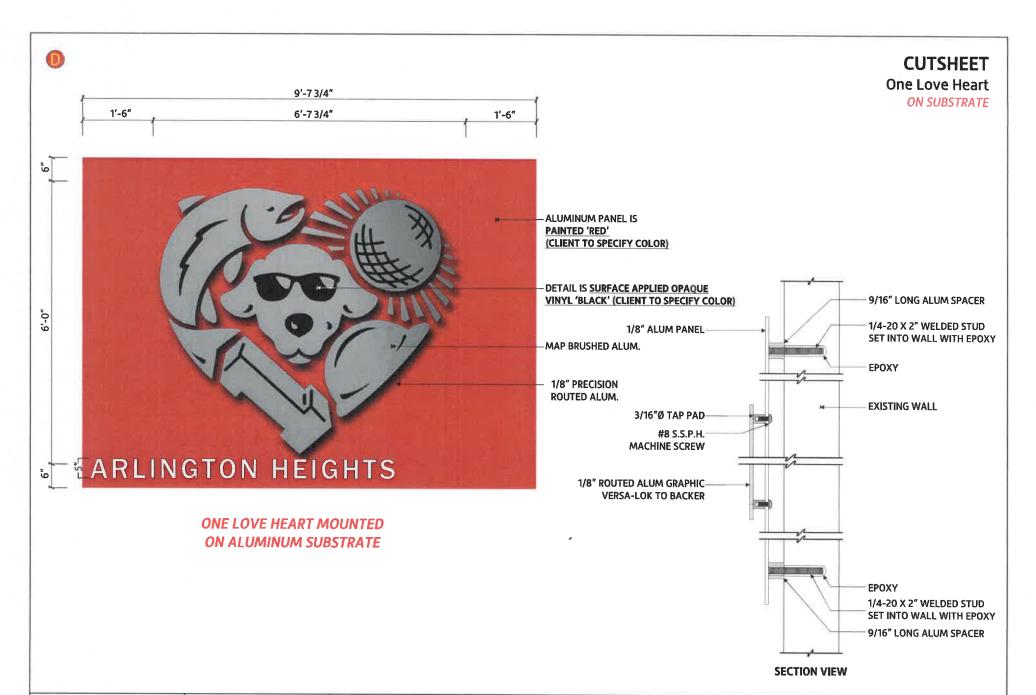
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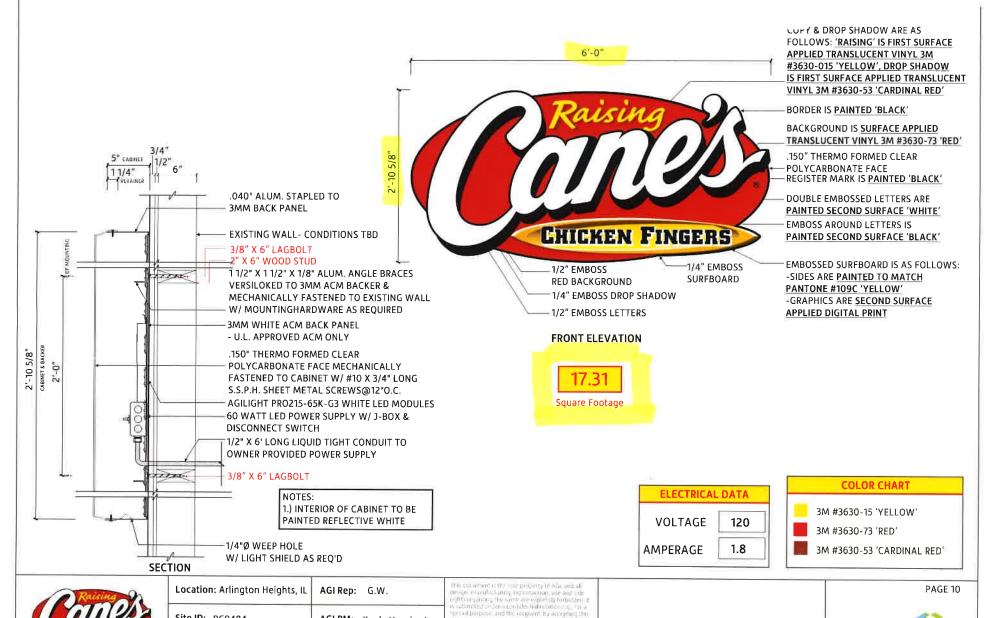
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CUTSHEET

WS-6FT

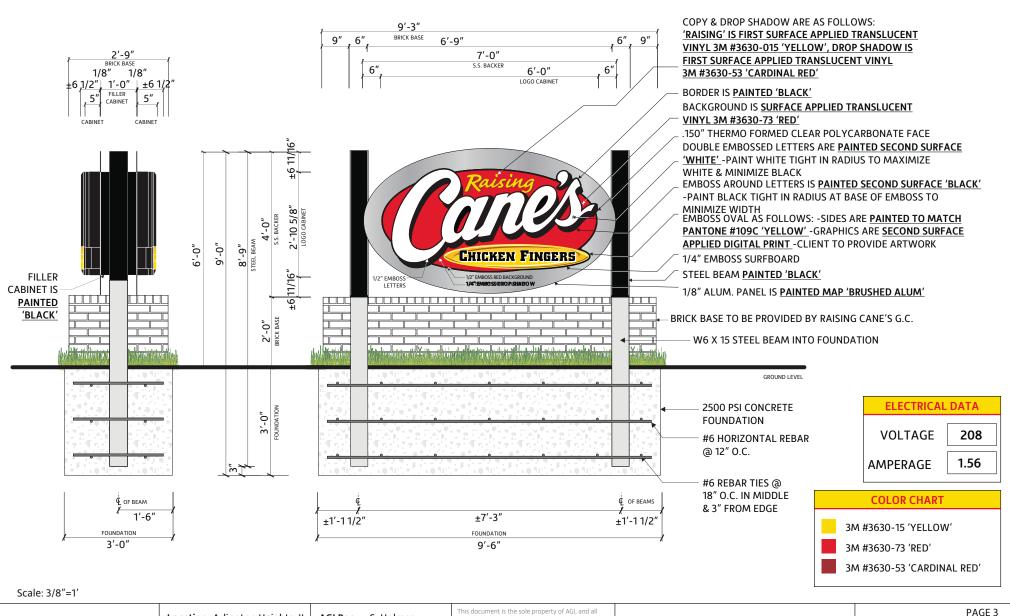
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APPROVED GROUND SIGN



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Sign Variation Application and Procedures

Village of Arlington Heights

33 S. Arlington Heights Road

Arlington Heights, IL 60005

SAMPLE **MATERIAL LIST***

Petitioner Name: Raising Canes/All-Right Sign 1.

2. Date: 4-19-2022

3. Project: New signage at Raising Canes

Location: 225 E. Palatine Rd.

Retail/Condominium Building:

Signage: Metal panels
. Aluminum panels painted red
. Vinyl-black
. Paint-matte black

· Aluminum retainers painted matte black *List of primary colors, textures and materials to be used. Aluminum panel sheet with black powder coat

· Base aluminum retainers