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Deanna Emery  
Bailey Sign, Inc.  
9 Thomas Drive  
Westbrook, ME 04092

RE: 1132 Forest Avenue – 146 D001 - B-2 – add sign to existing pylon sign – permit #07-1235

Dear Ms. Emery,

I am in receipt of your application to add a two-foot by eight-foot sign to the existing pylon sign at the Cumberland Farms at 1132 Forest Avenue. Section 14-369.5, Table 2.14 of the ordinance outlines the conditions for a freestanding sign at a gas station. One of the criteria for a freestanding sign is that all the signs be mounted on one base. The property at 1132 Forest Avenue has two freestanding signs so the signs are nonconforming. Since the signs are already nonconforming, you cannot make them more nonconforming by adding a second sign to the existing pylon sign. As a result, I must deny your application. If you would like to add another sign, you must bring the existing signs into compliance and meet the conditions of Table 2.14.

You have the right to appeal my decision. Section 14 – 368.5(g) of the ordinance states that an applicant who has been denied a permit or approval for failure to meet the signage regulations of section 14 – 369.5 “may apply to the planning authority for review of the denied signage pursuant to the standards set forth in section 14 – 526(a)(23)”. If the planning authority disapproves the application, then under section 14 – 527 of the ordinance you may appeal the decision to the Planning Board within ten (10) days of the decision being rendered.

If you choose not to apply to the planning authority for a review, you are entitled to get most of your money back if you bring in the original receipt you got when you applied for the permit. Please feel free to call me at 874-8709 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Ann B. Machado  
Zoning Specialist  
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