

Town of Medway DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE 155 Village Street Medway MA 02053 508-533-3291 <u>drc@townofmedway.org</u>

August 6, 2018

NWG Automotive Repairs, Inc ATTN: Joe Greene 71 Main Street (Irving Gas station) Medway, MA 02053

Dear Mr. Greene,

The Design Review Committee is in receipt of the proposed plans to retrofit the existing canopy façade and pole sign for Irving Gas at your property at 71 Main Street. The information was filed with the Town on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by Amanda Schultz of ProSigns, the sign company for Irving.

Pursuant to the Medway *Zoning Bylaw*, SECTION 7.2 Sign Regulations, this communication serves as the DRC's review letter regarding the proposed retrofit of the existing gas canopy and pole sign for Irving Gas located at 71 Main Street. Please be advised that this letter does NOT constitute approval of a sign permit. You must still apply for and secure a sign permit from the Medway Building Department prior to sign installation. Do not install the sign before obtaining the required permit.

The DRC met with Gary Bolduc from Poyant Signs on Monday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Poyant will be the local installer of the Irving signs that are made by ProSign in Pennsylvania. During the meeting, Mr. Bolduc presented the proposed retrofit to the free standing sign and new cladding to be installed around the perimeter of the gas pump canopy.

The following signs have been proposed as represented on the sign designs submitted (See Attached).

• **Pole Sign:** Retrofitting the existing double sided cabinet sign that is 6' 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" high x 6' 1" wide (37.84 SF per side for a total of 75.68 SF). The sign is at a height of 16' 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>". This is a pre-existing sign that does not conform to the Medway *Zoning Bylaw* in terms of height and sign surface area. The sign will be externally illuminated however each side will include [2] panels with LED digital numbers to display gas prices, each at a height of 8". The area of each LED display is 1.28 sq. ft for a total of 5.12 SF. This is 6.7% of the existing sign surface area in this currently non-conforming configuration. The color of the numerals is red but may include green to display diesel fuel if present. The vertical pole will be re-clad with new white aluminum.

### **Design Review Committee Members**

Matthew Buckley, Member & Chair Rachel Walsh, Member & Vice Chair Jessica Chabot, Member Dan Connolly, Member Tom Gay, Planning and Economic Development Board Representative Seth Kendall, Member • **Canopy sign:** Refacing the existing four sided gas pump canopy with a single internally illuminated sign (Irving text and chevron) on the north face that is 49 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 93" for a total of 32.61 SF. The existing canopy fascia will be fitted with new panels that are 32' 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 3', each with an area of 126.75 SF for a total of 507 SF.

The DRC offers the following comments/recommendations regarding the proposed sign changes:

- The DRC recommends that any sign be in conformance with the Medway *Zoning Bylaws* and Medway *Design Review Guidelines*. The pole sign does not comply.
- The DRC recommends that the pole sign include landscaping at the base as required by the Medway *Zoning Bylaw* and described therein.
- The DRC recommends removal of any brackets that are present on the pole sign along with the additional signage that is hung on them. The drawings submitted show an ATM and Diesel sign currently.
- The DRC recommends that the external perimeter of the pole sign cabinet be repainted to freshen the appearance and matched to the new pole cladding.
- The DRC recommends that the LED gas price signs should have a brightness that is adjusted relative to the available light. This is so in darker times they are less bright and in full sun they are brighter. This will allow for better readability.
- The DRC recommends removal of the red rope lighting shown on the four sides of the canopy which should be replaced with a red panel. The DRC indicated a concern that if a rope light is installed it may be illuminated and become a grandfathered usage.

Please let us know if you would like to have further conversations with the DRC. We would be glad to meet with the sign representatives again to review alternative sign options.

The DRC's goal is to enhance the identification value of business signs in Medway. We seek to help Medway businesses and organizations develop their signs as long-term investments, designed for sound readability with appropriate graphics and materials in a manner that suits budgetary constraints and enhances our community's appearance and appeal.

Sincerely,

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Matthew J. Buckley Chairman

cc: Jack Mee, Medway Building Commissioner Rindo Barese, Medway Building Department Amanda Schultz, ProSign

# DRC Sign Design Review Planning and Economic Development Office Comments July 27, 2018

Business Name: NWG Automotive Repairs, Inc.

Business Owner: Joe Greene

## Sign Location Address: 71 Main Street

## **Proposed Signs:**

## 1. Retrofitted Free-Standing Pole Sign

	Pre-Existing Non- Conforming Sign	Proposed Retrofit	Allowed by Bylaw
Sign Surface Area	6' 1.5" x 6' 1" = 37.84 sq. ft. per side x 2 sides = 75.68 sq. ft.	6' 1.5" x 6' 1" = 37.84 sq. ft. per side x 2 sides = 75.68 sq. ft.	48 sq. ft. total (for both sides) for a single business*
Sign Height	16′ 1 ½″	16' 1 ½″	8′
Illumination	External spotlight, top mounted	Internal for proposed 8" tall LED gas price letters. 1.28 sq. ft. per each LED price area x 2 per side = 2.56 sq. ft. per side x 2 sides = 5.12 sq. ft. This is 6.7% of the sign surface area External for the rest of the	No more than 20% of the sign surface area can be dedicated to fuel price signs. External
		External for the rest of the sign.	External

### **COMMENTS on Free-Standing Pole Sign**

- 1. The existing free-standing pole sign is non-conforming to Medway's current sign regulation section of the Zoning Bylaw in terms of its height and the amount of sign surface area.
- 2. The proposed sign does not increase the non-conformity as the existing sign cabinet and pole are being retrofitted.
- 3. The proposed 8" LED illuminated gas price letters comply with the Bylaw in terms of amount of sign surface area.
- 4. The existing pole and base will be clad in new white aluminum to give it a fresh look.
- 5. Landscaping is required around the base of a free-standing sign 3 feet in all directions. That has not been provided.
- 6. Remove the Diesel and ATM signs hanging off either side of the pole.
- 7. Will the existing exterior lights continue to be used? Or will new light fixtures be added?

## 2. Canopy Sign

	Existing	Proposed	Allowed by Bylaw
Sign Surface Area	36" x 72" = 19.25 sq. ft. per sign x 2 = 38.5 sq. ft. total for gas canopy NOTE – The NWG awning sign = 52 sq. ft.	49.5" high x 93" wide = 32.61 sq. ft. total for gas canopy The existing NWG awning sign will remain. 52. sq. ft. TOTAL = 84.61 sq. ft.	TOTAL maximum allowed for wall signs = 104.85 sq. ft. (Based on combined width of the building and north face of the gas canopy)
Sign Height	NA	NA	NA
Number of wall signs	3 - two on the gas canopy and one on the awning for NWG	1 on the gas canopy and 1 on the awning for NWG	2
Illumination	Internal for the logo portion of the gas canopy;	Internal for white Irving text and red chevron. No illumination on the white and blue panels and red rope striping.	Internal or External

\* Pro Signs is attempting to secure the information on the amount of sign surface area presently existing on the NWG awning sign attached to the building.

## **COMMENTS on Gas Canopy Signs**

- 1. This proposal provides for only 1 Irving sign/chevron on the north face of the canopy instead of the existing two signs, one on the east and west facades.
- 2. Only the white Irving text and the red chevron are to be internally illuminated. The blue and white background panels and the thin red horizontal stripe are not illuminated.



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Town of Medway 155 Village St. Medway, MA 02053

To Whom it may concern:

Irivng Oil is looking to update the brand at their existing site located at 71 Main St. in Medway, MA. Below is a description of what they are proposing:

### **Canopy**

Currently the fascia is blue painted steel panels that do not illuminate.

Irving is proposing to reface the canopy fascia with white backer panels that do not illuminated and blue AFP (aluminum formed panels) that also do not illuminate.

The red rope light will also not be illuminated.

Only the red top and bottom chevrons as well as the white Irving letters on the (1) icon will be illuminated.

We performed some testing in our in-house light and there is less than 1 lumen 24' away from the product. This shows there is .28 lumens when the icon was on the ground. With it being mounted 16' high on a standard canopy, the lumens will be even less.

The size of the canopy icon is 32.61 sq. ft.

### **Freestanding Sign**

The current freestanding sign is a single pole with external overhead lighting.

Irving is proposing to retrofit new faces into the existing sign cabinet using the existing pole and foundation.

The faces will be externally illuminated using the existing overhead lighting.

The 8" LED units will be illuminated.

The LED units are 1.28 sq. ft. per each unit with a total of 5.12 sq. ft. This is less than 20% of the 37.84 sq. ft. of sig surface area.

Tested at 20' away, each LED unit produces 3.77 lumens/m sq.

There will be aluminum cladding and an aluminum base cover added to the pole and base that will not be illuminated.

There is an existing NWG awning sign on the site for the currently operated automotive repair shop. The NWG sign is not illuminated.

The total size of the sign in 52 sq. ft.

Based on the 72' of building frontage and 32.85' of the horizontal width of the north face of the canopy, the total allowed sign surface area for wall signs in 104.85 sq. ft.

The 32.61 sq. ft. canopy icon size plus the 52 sq. ft. NWG awning sign totals 84.61 sq. ft.

Thank you for your time.

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# Medway Design Review Committee (DRC) Application for Sign Design Review

	ddress where the sign will be installed:71 Main Street
Building/Developme	nt Name: (if applicable):
Medway Zoning Dist	rict:C-B
Applicable Sign Star	ndard Table (from Medway Zoning Bylaw) Table #
Applicant Informatio	$m{n}$ (Local Medway business establishment where the sign is to be installed)
Business Name:	NWG Automotive Repairs, Inc.
Mailing Address:	71 Main Street
	Medway, MA 02053
Contact person:	Joe Greene
Phone:	(508) 533-2375 Cell Phone (508) 922-6685
Email address:	nwgracing38@comcast.net

**Type of Proposed Signs** – For sign definitions, refer to *Medway Zoning Bylaw (Section 7.2 Signs Regulation)*. The *Medway Zoning Bylaw* is available online at: www.townofmedway.org.

Type of Sign	# of Signs	Signs Dimensions	Total Square Footage of Sign Surface Area	Sign Height	Type of Illumination (internal, external or none)
Wall/Façade Sign	1	49.5" H x 93" W	32.61	49.5"	Internal LED's
Free-standing Individual Business Sign	1	6' 1.5" H x 6' 1" W	37.84	16' 1 1/2"	External
Free-standing Multi-Tenant Development Sign					
Awning Sign					
Projecting Sign					
Directory Sign					
Window Sign					
Other Type of Sign (Describe)					

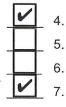
Attach the following items to this form. pdf format is requested for the application form and all attachments. Please email application and documents to <u>sachilds@townofmedway.org</u>



Manufacturer's scaled COLOR drawing with dimensions and DETAILED specifications for materials and illumination.



- For a wall sign, a scaled image showing the sign's position on the building.
- 3. Landscaping Plan and Plot Plan marked with location of the free-standing sign and distances from street/lot lines.



- Color photograph(s) of building/location(s) where sign will be installed and existing signs.
- Color drawing of corporate logo (if applicable).
  - Color photograph of similar/comparable sign on which your sign design is based.
  - A letter or other descriptive or explanatory information you want to provide to the DRC.

Does this application pertain to a completely new sign?

O Yes O No (If NO, please include photos/info of the existing sign you are modifying)

**Does this application pertain to a replacement panel for an existing sign structure?** Yes (If yes, please include photos/info of the existing sign) O No

If the business is located in a multi-tenant development, is there a Master Sign Plan for the development?

O Yes	O No	🔘 Don't Knov

Does your lease require the property owner's approval of your sign?

#### Sign Designer/Fabricator/Installer Information

Company Name:	Pro Signs	
Mailing Address:	251 Boot Road - Downingtown, PA 19335	
Contact person:	Amanda Schultz	
Phone:	(610) 518-5881 Ext. 141	Cell Phone:
Email address:	aschultz@prosign.net	

#### **Property Owner Information**

Company Name:	NWG Automotive Repair, Inc.		
Mailing Address:	71 Main Street - Medway, MA 02053		
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Proposed sign designs are reviewed by the Medway Design Review Committee (DRC). The business owner and sign designer/fabricator must attend the DRC meeting. The DRC generally meets on the first & third Monday night of each month at 7 p.m. at the Medway Library, 26 High ST.

(DRC meeting agendas are posted at the Town's web page at www.townofmedway.org)

An Application for Sign Design Review and all supporting information must be submitted to the Medway Planning office by 12 noon on the Wednesday before a DRC meeting.

#### Please submit this application form and all attachments as follows:

Email:	sachilds@townofmedway.org PREFERRED
Fax:	508-321-4987
Mail:	Design Review Committee
	c/o Medway Planning office
	155 Village Street, Medway, MA 02053
Drop Off:	Medway Planning office @ Medway Town Hall, 155 Village Street
Phone:	508-533-3291

Applicants and sign designers should read the Sign Guidelines included in the Medway Design Review Guidelines before developing a sign design.

http://www.townofmedway.org/design-review-committee/pages/sign-design-review

Sign designs should be developed in accordance with the Sign Design Guidelines.

Date Application Received by Medway Planning office:

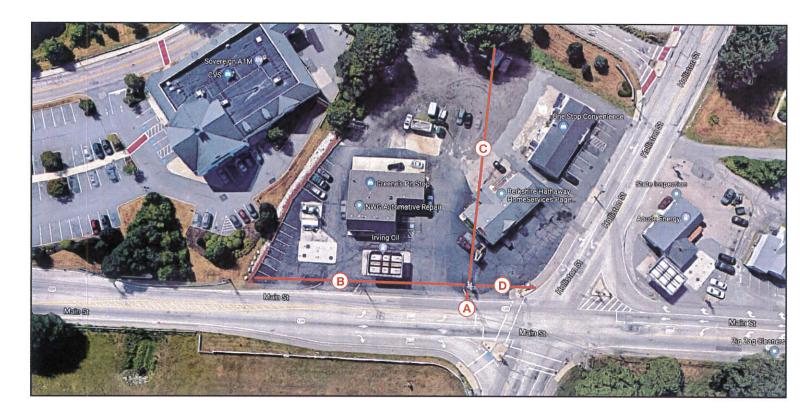
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DRC Meeting Date:





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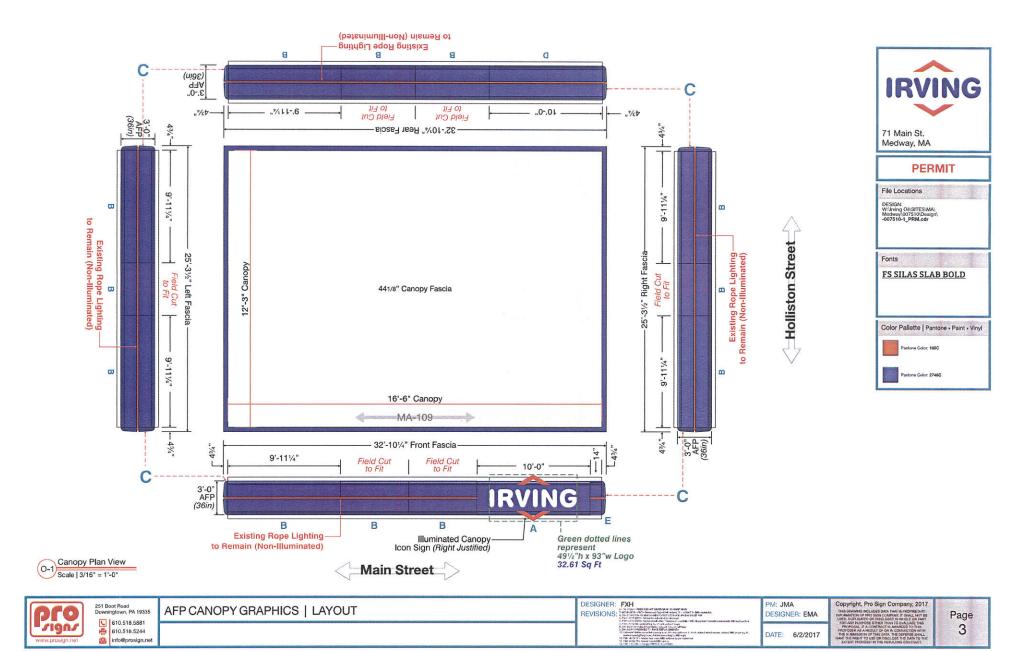


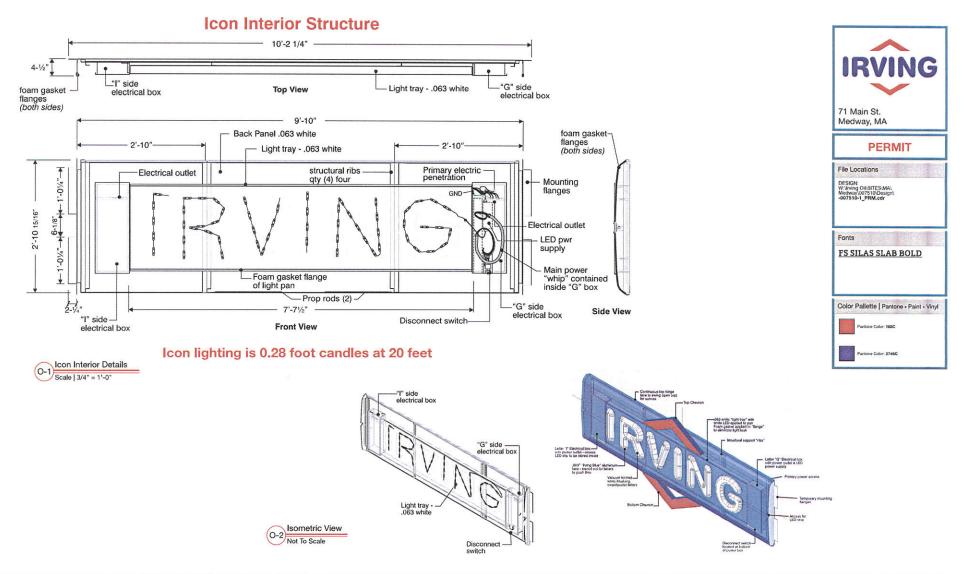


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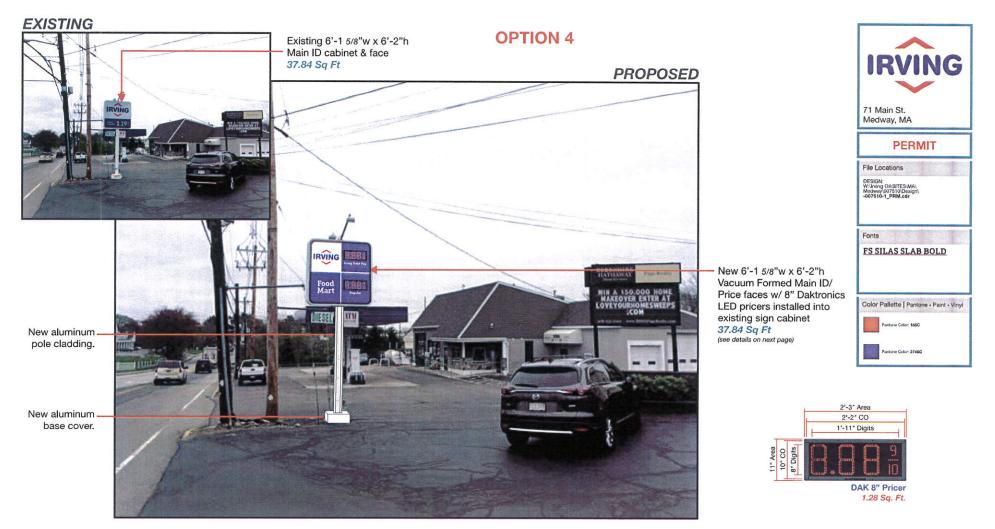


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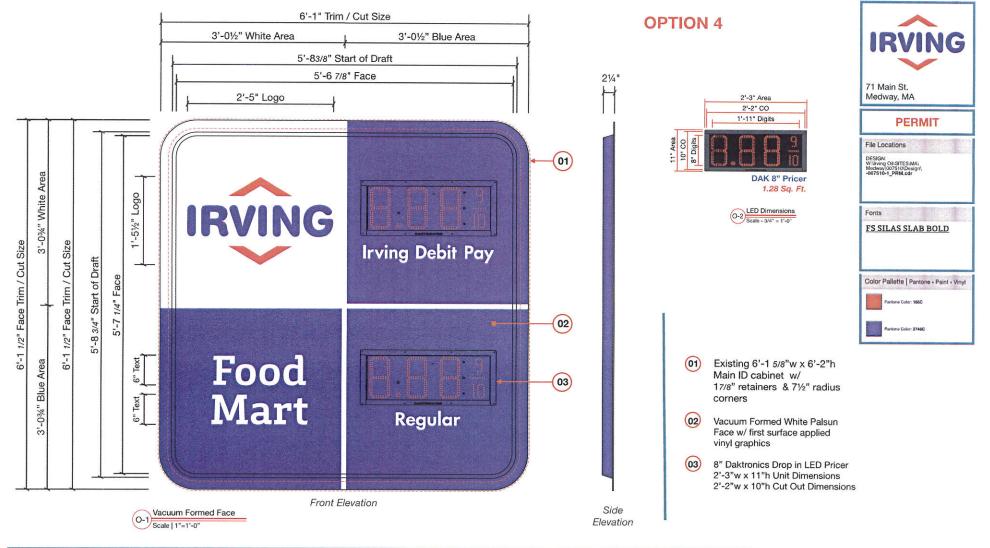


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