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Ref: Amendment to Ferguson Township Sign Ordinance

Dear Mark:

The purpose of this letter is to follow up on a meeting we had on Tuesday, August 23rd to discuss the request that I submitted to have a portion of the Township Sign Ordinance amended.

During that meeting, you asked that I research the Sign Ordinances of the other municipalities in the Centre Region to see if they addressed the situation we are faced with, that being the issue of having two buildings on one parcel with the Ordinance only allowing one ground pole sign for each lot.

I reviewed the Ordinances for Patton Township, College Township and the State College Borough and have the following information to provide based on that review.

The one clear difference between the Ferguson Township Ordinance and the Ordinances in Patton Township and the Borough is that Patton and the Borough use the word "premise" to define an area occupied by a business or other public enterprise and both municipalities stipulate that if more than one business exists on a ground floor of a building then each business shall be considered a separate premise. The number of signs on a property is dependent on the number of premises. Both municipalities permit up to a total of 5 signs per premise (that is the accumulation of ground pole, projecting wall, etc.) with each premise being permitted one ground pole sign. Also, both Ordinances stipulate that no more than 1 sign shall be mounted on a supporting structure which leads me to believe that only one business can advertise per sign.

College Township's Ordinance does not specifically address the situation we have but interestingly, in their Village District, their Sign Ordinance does permit more than one ground pole sign "given that they each represent two different business establishments.

In summary, while none of the Ordinances in our neighboring municipalities specifically addresses the issue that we are faced with, two of the municipalities allow for different businesses on the same property to have separate ground pole signs.

If you would like to discuss this further, I can make myself available at a time convenient to both of us.

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