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December 22, 2022

Exchange 32 LLC 1177 6th St Whitehall, PA 18052

> NOTICE OF VIOLATION RE: 2236-2280 S 12th St

Dear Sir or Madam:

Based upon information received, and an inspection by this office, we find that you have been working on/utilizing the above listed property without the proper permits.

Article 660-8.A.1.a & .c of Allentown Zoning Ordinance #14835 as amended, states: "Zoning Permits:

Permit Required—A zoning Permit shall be required from the Zoning Officer prior to any of the following:

(a.) the initiation of a new or expanded use of land or structures..." (c.) The construction, extension or placement of any stationary sign, portable sign or billboard, other than signs specifically exempted by this chapter from permit requirements

Article 660-66.F.2 & 660-66.F.3 of Allentown Zoning Ordinance #14835 as amended, states "General Sign Regulations: Banners: Banners shall be permitted on nonresidential properties in business or industrial districts provided they comply with the following regulations: (2) Banners shall not exceed 64 square feet in area & (3) Banners shall comply with the requirements in the above section 660-66.E.5 — Except for those purposes listed in 660-66.K, each permitted nonresidential property may display one portable sign or banner for two (2) periods of 15 consecutive days each during any twelve-month period.

Article 660-77.B.1.b & 660-77.B.2.a & b of the Allentown Zoning Ordinance #14835 as amended, states Parking lot, outdoor storage and loading area landscaping. A planting strip shall separate the following features from a public street if any of the following are adjacent to and visible from a public street (b) Routine overnight parking of three or more tractor trailer trucks or trailers of such combination. The planting strip shall include:

- (a) Shrubs that are primarily evergreen; and
- (b) An average of one deciduous shade tree for every 40 feet of street frontage.
 - [1] Existing shade trees that will be preserved may be used to meet such requirements.
 - [2] Such shade trees may be planted within the right-of-way provided they meet City requirements.
- [3] The shrubs should have a maximum trimmed mature height of five feet to allow oversight of the parking at eye-level for security purposes.

Therefore, you are hereby notified to cease all activity, file an application for use along with all applicable plans, or file an appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice.

Failure to comply with this notice will result in prosecution. Upon conviction you will be subject to a fine of up to Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars. Each day a violation is continued constitutes a separate offense.

Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Aubrie M. Miller Zoning Officer

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Return Receipt Requested



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March 22, 2023

Exchange 32, LLC 1177 N 6th St Whitehall, PA 18052

RE: 2236-2280 S 12th St

Dear Applicant:

As previously discussed with your architect, this is to inform you that your zoning application to maintain the use of a portion of an existing parking lot as a trucking terminal and maintain two temporary banners has been denied and requires additional information. Please see below. Any further inquiries can be addressed by calling the Zoning office at 610-437-7630.

1. Tractors, Tractor Trailers, and Tractor Trailer Combinations are not Commercial Vehicles.

660-6 Definitions.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE A motor vehicle that is a Class V vehicle or above and is primarily used for business purposes, including but not limited to making service calls, transporting equipment used in a business, or in accomplishing physical work as part of a business (such as hauling material).

TRACTOR A motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicles and load so drawn.

TRACTOR TRAILER Every vehicle, wagon or truck without motive power designed to carry property or passengers wholly on its own structure and to be drawn by a tractor as defined by this chapter.

2. Proposed use is a Trucking Terminal, not Space for Storage of Commercial Vehicles.

TRUCKING TERMINAL An area and/or building where trucks load and unload materials on a regular basis, or where tractor trailers are transferred from one tractor cab to another for the purpose of continuation to another destination, or where trucks or tractors or tractor trailers are stored, parked or waiting for dispatch.

3. Lighting plan for trucking terminal not provided.

660-73J Lighting. All parking areas and related passageways and driveways serving nonresidential uses or 20 or more spaces for residential uses shall be illuminated adequately during the hours of use. Adequate shielding shall be provided to protect adjacent residential districts from glare and vehicle headlights. See Article X.

4. Reduction of existing parking for office building.

660-73F Continuation of existing spaces. Parking spaces maintained in connection with an existing and continuing principal structure or use as of the adoption date of this chapter that are needed to comply with the minimum parking space requirements of this chapter shall not be reduced in number, and shall not be counted as serving a new or expanded structure or use. (1) Required parking spaces shall not be substituted for a required off-street loading and unloading space, or vice versa.

660-730 Reduction of parking requirements. (1) Purposes. To minimize impervious surfaces while ensuring adequate parking, and to recognize unique circumstances that may justify a reduction in required parking. (2) Reduction. The Zoning Hearing Board may permit a reduction, through the special exception process outlined in Article IV, of the number of parking spaces that would otherwise be required if the applicant proves to the satisfaction of the Board that less parking spaces are needed. (a) Proof. To prove that fewer parking spaces are needed, in the written application, the applicant shall provide existing and projected employment, customer, resident or other relevant data. Such data may include a study of parking at similar developments during peak periods of use. (b) Shared parking. Under this section, an applicant may seek to prove that parking permanently shared with another use or another lot with shared internal access or another lot within 400 feet will reduce the total amount of parking needed because the uses have different peak times of parking need or overlapping customers. [1] For example, an applicant may prove that a use with peak parking needs during late evenings or weekends (such as a theater, bowling alley or place of worship) can reasonably share parking with a use with peak parking needs during daytime weekdays (such as a bank or office). [2] Reduced parking requirements for joint parking shall only continue in effect as long as such uses or their closely similar successor uses remain in operation, and shall be guaranteed by a legally binding agreement. If such agreement becomes legally ineffective, then all parking shall be provided as would otherwise be required by this article.

5. Insufficient shade trees (18 required; 10 proposed)

660-77B Planting strip along streets.

(1) A planting strip shall separate the following features from a public street if any of the following are adjacent to and visible from a public street: (b) Routine overnight parking of three or more tractor trailer trucks or trailers of such combination.

(2) The planting strip shall include: (a) Shrubs that are primarily evergreen; and (b) An average of one deciduous shade tree for every 40 feet of street frontage.

6. With temporary banners exceeding maximum: number of banners, area, and period of time for display. Having a nonrigid material for background is a banner, not a wall sign. (One 64 sq ft banner for two periods of 15 consecutive days each during any twelve-month period permitted; Two permanent 200 sq ft banners proposed).

660-65 BANNER A sign having characters, letters or illustrations applied to cloth, paper or fabric of any kind, with only such nonrigid material for background.

660-66F Banners. Banners shall be permitted on nonresidential properties in business or industrial districts provided they comply with the following regulations:

(1) Banners shall be attached to a building or suspended from some part of a building.

(2) Banners shall not exceed 64 square feet in area.

(3) Banners shall comply with the requirements in the above § 660-66E(5).

(4) Banners shall be kept in good condition and not allowed to become torn, tattered or in disrepair.

660-66E(5) Except for those purposes listed in § 660-66K, each permitted nonresidential property may display one portable sign or banner for two periods of 15 consecutive days each during any twelve-month period.

Sincerely

Melissa Velez Zoning Supervisor

cc:

John A VanLuvanee, Esquire Gene Berg, Gouck Architects



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