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Donald Serotta, Planning Board Chairman Town of Chester 1786 Kings Highway Chester, New York 10918

RE:

Review as requested by Chairman Serotta of Intent by Town Board of Billboard Ordinance

Dear Chairman Serotta,

The Town Board had requested me to prepare a new billboard ordinance, particularly related to digital billboards. In regard to the Castle request to upgrade their existing sign, the sections of the new code specifically address this as follows:

98-21H(1)a:

Only those existing billboards installed prior to the effective date of this chapter are permitted in the Town of Chester. Such billboards must be maintained, repaired and upgraded in accordance with the standards set forth herein.

98-21H(1)b:

Any double faced billboard having back to back surface display areas no part of which is more than two (2) feet apart is considered to be a single billboard except for pre-existing signs.

Article III Section 98-8C(5): Pre-existing Digital Signs.

A. Digital sign installed prior to the effective date of the attachment to this chapter is permitted to remain until the sign is replaced, provided however such sign shall conform to the requirements of this subsection if these requirements can be complied with without replacing the sign.

A pre-existing digital sign is required to comply with all sign regulations that were in effect at the time the sign was installed but can upgrade with Planning Board review of condition, location, need and compliance with Town Comprehensive Plan approval can be conditional if given.

CONCLUSION:

The Town Board and me, as author of these amendments, had this sign in mind when the ordinance was drafted and passed. Therefore, subject to the upgrade, technical requirements and Planning Board conditional approval, this application can be approved by the Planning Board.

Our previous comments still stand as of this date. I have no new submittal.

Please advise if you need further information.

Very truly yours,

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