# ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS <br> CITY OF NOVI <br> Community Development Department <br> (248) 347-0415 

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## Case No. 12-005 TJ MAXX 43175 CRESCENT BLVD

## Location: 43175 Crescent Blyd. in the Novi Town Center

## Zoning District: TC, Town Center District

The applicant is requesting a variance from Section 28-5(2)b.l.(a)(i)a of the City of Novi Sign Code to allow a 162 square foot oversize wall sign for an existing retail use. The property is located east of Novi Road and south of Crescent Blvd.

## Ordinance Sections:

CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES, Sign Code Section 28-5(2)b.1.(a)(i)a allows 1.25 square feet of signage per linear foot of continuous public or private street frontage up to a maximum of 65 square feet.

Allowable sign area:
Proposed sign area:
Variance required:

65 square feet
162 square feet
97 square feet

## City of Novl Staff Comments:

The current sign for this business was approved by ZBA variance (Case No. 1417) in 1987 to allow a $3^{\prime} \times 15.6^{\prime}$ wall sign ( 46.5 feet). At that time the Ordinance permitted a 24 square foot sign or 1 square foot of sign for each 2 feet of lineal frontage. The store frontage at that time was 19 feet.

In 2006 the Sign Ordinance was amended to the standard that is in effect today, which allows $1-1 / 4$ square foot of sign for each lineal foot of frontage to a maximum of 65 square feet. Due to upgrades to the Town Center development, the store frontage for TJ MAXX was reconfigured and they now have a frontage of 168 feet. The applicant is requesting a variance to exceed the 65 square foot maximum allowable are for a wall sign. Staff does not support the request as the failure to grant relief will not unreasonably prevent or limit the use of the property and will not result in substantially more than mere inconvenience or inability to attain a higher economic or financial return.

## Standards for Granting a Sign Variance

- The request is based upon circumstances or features that are exceptional and unique to the property and do not result from conditions that exist generally in the City or that are self-created.
- The failure to grant relief will unreasonably prevent or limit the use of the property and will result in substantially more than mere inconvenience or inability to attain a higher economic or financial return.
- The grant of relief will not result in a use of structure that is incompatible with or unreasonably interferes with adjacent or surrounding properties, will result in substantial justice being done to both the applicant and adjacent or surrounding properties, and is not inconsistent with the spirit of the ordinance.


## DATE: $\quad 1 / 12 / 12$

TO: City of Novi ZBA
FROM: Kevin Deters
Metro Detroit Signs
RE: TJ Maxx wall sign
43175 Crescent Blvd.

## Cover Letter

We are applying for a variance to install this $5^{\prime} 10.5^{\prime \prime \prime \prime} \times 27^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}(161.6$ sq. foot) wall sign. The existing sign that they have appears to be disproportionately small on their extremely wide storefront. Furthermore, the colors of the existing sign are no longer current with TJ Maxx's national branding. The existing sign is simply red acrylic. Our proposed new sign is red acrylic faces with white perforated vinyl on top of them so that the sign is red during the day, and it would light up white at night. That is the current style of the signs, as specified by TJ Maxi corporate.

I look forward to meeting with you all at the $3 / 13 / 12$ meeting to discuss this project. Feel free to call me at (586)759-2700 if you need anything else. Thank you for your assistance.



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RE: TJ JMAXX - 43175 CRESCENT BLVD

The sign permit for the above location has been reviewed and denied.

Sign Code Section 28-5 (2)b.1.(a)(i)a. allows 1-1/4 square feet of signage per linear foot of contiguous public or private street frontage up to a maximum of 65 square feet.

Based on the linear frontage of the business of 168 feet, the maximum size wall sign permitted would be 65 square feet. The proposed sign is 161.6 square feet.

Should you wish to request consideration of a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals, you may do so by contacting the board secretary, Angela Pawlowski, at 248-347-0459.

Sincerely,

CITY OF NOVI

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TJX PROPOSED ELEVATION
SCALE: $1 / 16^{\prime \prime}=1^{\prime}-0^{\prime \prime}$

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