

URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION APPLICATION

UDC

City of Madison
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Design District _____

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Complete all sections of this application, including the desired meeting date and the action requested.

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1. Project Information

Address: _____

Title: _____

2. Application Type (check all that apply) and Requested Date

UDC meeting date requested _____

New development

Alteration to an existing or previously-approved development

Informational

Initial approval

Final approval

3. Project Type

Project in an Urban Design District

Project in the Downtown Core District (DC), Urban Mixed-Use District (UMX), or Mixed-Use Center District (MXC)

Project in the Suburban Employment Center District (SEC), Campus Institutional District (CI), or Employment Campus District (EC)

Planned Development (PD)

General Development Plan (GDP)

Specific Implementation Plan (SIP)

Planned Multi-Use Site or Residential Building Complex

Signage

Comprehensive Design Review (CDR)

Signage Variance (i.e. modification of signage height, area, and setback)

Signage Exception

Other

Please specify _____

4. Applicant, Agent, and Property Owner Information

Applicant name _____ Company _____

Street address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Project contact person _____ Company _____

Street address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Property owner (if not applicant) _____

Street address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

5. Required Submittal Materials

Application Form

Letter of Intent

- If the project is within an Urban Design District, a summary of how the development proposal addresses the district criteria is required
- For signage applications, a summary of how the proposed signage is consistent with the applicable CDR or Signage Variance review criteria is required.

Development Plans (Refer to checklist on Page 4 for plan details)

Filing fee

Electronic Submittal*

Notification to the District Alder

- Please provide an email to the District Alder notifying them that you are filing this UDC application. Please send this as early in the process as possible and provide a copy of that email with the submitted application.

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Both the paper copies and electronic copies must be submitted prior to the application deadline before an application will be scheduled for a UDC meeting. Late materials will not be accepted. A completed application form is required for each UDC appearance.

For projects also requiring Plan Commission approval, applicants must also have submitted an accepted application for Plan Commission consideration prior to obtaining any formal action (initial or final approval) from the UDC. All plans must be legible when reduced.

**Electronic copies of all items submitted in hard copy are required. Individual PDF files of each item submitted should be compiled on a CD or flash drive, or submitted via email to udcapplications@cityofmadison.com. The email must include the project address, project name, and applicant name. Electronic submittals via file hosting services (such as Dropbox.com) are not allowed. Applicants who are unable to provide the materials electronically should contact the Planning Division at (608) 266-4635 for assistance.*

6. Applicant Declarations

1. Prior to submitting this application, the applicant is required to discuss the proposed project with Urban Design Commission staff. This application was discussed with _____ on _____.
2. The applicant attests that all required materials are included in this submittal and understands that if any required information is not provided by the application deadline, the application will not be placed on an Urban Design Commission agenda for consideration.

Name of applicant _____ Relationship to property _____

Authorizing signature of property owner _____ Date _____

7. Application Filing Fees

Fees are required to be paid with the first application for either initial or final approval of a project, unless the project is part of the combined application process involving the Urban Design Commission in conjunction with Plan Commission and/or Common Council consideration. Make checks payable to City Treasurer. Credit cards may be used for application fees of less than \$1,000.

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- Planned Development (PD): General Development Plan (GDP) and/or Specific Implementation Plan (SIP)
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Introduction

The City of Madison's Urban Design Commission (UDC) has been created to:

- Encourage and promote high quality in the design of new buildings, developments, remodeling, and additions so as to maintain and improve the established standards of property values within the City.
- Foster civic pride in the beauty and nobler assets of the City, and in all other ways possible assure a functionally efficient and visually attractive City in the future.

Types of Approvals

There are three types of requests considered by the UDC:

- Informational Presentation. Applicants may, at their discretion, request to make an Informational Presentation to the UDC prior to seeking any approvals to obtain early feedback and direction before undertaking detailed design. Applicants should provide details on the context of the site, design concept, site and building plans, and other relevant information to help the UDC understand the proposal and provide feedback. (Does not apply to CDR's or Signage Variance requests)
- Initial Approval. Applicants may, at their discretion, request initial approval of a proposal by presenting preliminary design information. As part of their review, the Commission will provide feedback on the design information that should be addressed at Final Approval stage.
- Final Approval. Applicants may request Final Approval of a proposal by presenting all final project details. Recommendations or concerns expressed by the UDC in the initial approval must be addressed at this time.

Presentations to the Commission

Primarily, the UDC is interested in the appearance and design quality of projects. Emphasis should be given to the site plan, landscape plan, lighting plan, building elevations, exterior building materials, color scheme, and graphics.

When presenting projects to the UDC, applicants must fill out a registration slip provided in the meeting room and present it to the Secretary. Presentations should generally be limited to 5 minutes or as extended by motion by consent of the Commission. The Commission will withhold questions until the end of the presentation.

Applicants are encouraged to consider the use of various graphic presentation material including a locator map, photographs, renderings/model, scale drawings of the proposal in context with adjacent buildings/uses/signs, etc., as may be deemed appropriate to describe the project and its surroundings. Graphics should be mounted on rigid boards so that they may be easily displayed. **Applicants/presenters are responsible for all presentation materials, AV equipment and easels.**

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Name of applicant Lindsey Mickelson Relationship to property Contractor
 Authorizing signature of property owner  Date 11/17/2025

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URBAN DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PLANS CHECKLIST

The items listed below are minimal application requirements for the type of approval indicated. Please note that the UDC and/or staff may require additional information in order to have a complete understanding of the project.

1. Informational Presentation

- Locator Map
- Letter of Intent (If the project is within an Urban Design District, a summary of how the development proposal addresses the district criteria is required)
- Contextual site information, including photographs and layout of adjacent buildings/structures
- Site Plan
- Two-dimensional (2D) images of proposed buildings or structures.

Providing additional information beyond these minimums may generate a greater level of feedback from the Commission.

Requirements for All Plan Sheets

1. Title block
2. Sheet number
3. North arrow
4. Scale, both written and graphic
5. Date
6. Fully dimensioned plans, scaled at 1"= 40' or larger

*** All plans must be legible, including the full-sized landscape and lighting plans (if required)*

2. Initial Approval

- Locator Map
- Letter of Intent (If the project is within a Urban Design District, a summary of how the development proposal addresses the district criteria is required)
- Contextual site information, including photographs and layout of adjacent buildings/structures
- Site Plan showing location of existing and proposed buildings, walks, drives, bike lanes, bike parking, and existing trees over 18" diameter
- Landscape Plan and Plant List (*must be legible*)
- Building Elevations in both black & white and color for all building sides (include material callouts)
- PD text and Letter of Intent (if applicable)

Providing additional information beyond these minimums may generate a greater level of feedback from the Commission.

3. Final Approval

All the requirements of the Initial Approval (see above), **plus:**

- Grading Plan
- Proposed Signage (if applicable)
- Lighting Plan, including fixture cut sheets and photometrics plan (*must be legible*)
- Utility/HVAC equipment location and screening details (with a rooftop plan if roof-mounted)
- PD text and Letter of Intent (if applicable)
- Samples of the exterior building materials (presented at the UDC meeting)

4. Comprehensive Design Review (CDR) and Variance Requests (*Signage applications only*)

- Locator Map
- Letter of Intent (a summary of how the proposed signage is consistent with the CDR or Signage Variance criteria is required)
- Contextual site information, including photographs of existing signage both on site and within proximity to the project site
- Site Plan showing the location of existing signage and proposed signage, dimensioned signage setbacks, sidewalks, driveways, and right-of-ways
- Proposed signage graphics (fully dimensioned, scaled drawings, including materials and colors, and night view)
- Perspective renderings (emphasis on pedestrian/automobile scale viewsheds)
- Illustration of the proposed signage that meets Ch. 31, MGO compared to what is being requested.
- Graphic of the proposed signage as it relates to what the Ch. 31, MGO would permit

Dear UDC Members,

This request is for a signage exception within UDD1 to allow installation of a wall-mounted, halo-illuminated WLI sign on a non-qualifying elevation and at a mounting height greater than typically permitted within the district.

Specifically, Avante Properties is requesting approval to install the proposed wall sign at a mounting height of **28'-5" above grade**, rather than the standard **18' maximum allowance**.

The submitted drawing set includes detailed sign specifications and elevations indicating the proposed placement.

Due to the building's architectural design — including extensive window placement and façade detailing — viable signable areas are limited. The requested mounting height allows the sign to be centered within the appropriate signable area on the façade, maintaining proportionality with the building's vertical scale. Installing the sign at the standard 18' height would not align with the architectural rhythm of the structure and would compromise overall visual balance.

Additionally, the request includes approval to install the sign on a non-qualifying elevation. Per City request, we have included an additional page in the drawing set (final page) illustrating the signable area on a qualifying elevation. Placement on that elevation would result in an inconsistent appearance relative to the existing wall sign on the building (which faces John Nolen Drive), create an unbalanced façade condition, and orient the signage toward a residential area rather than the primary roadway. The proposed elevation does not face residential homes.

The intent is to provide appropriate building identification while maintaining a tasteful and proportional design that complements the architecture without creating visual clutter.

We appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to your review.

Thank you,

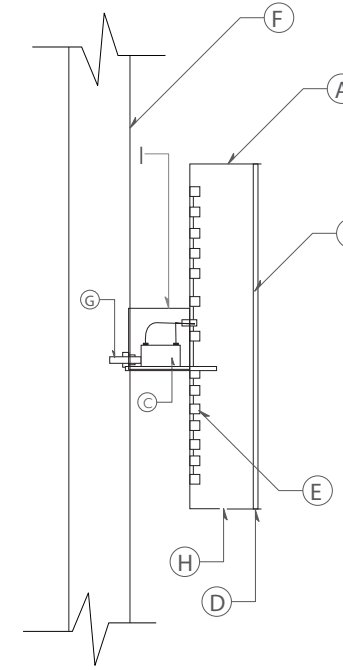
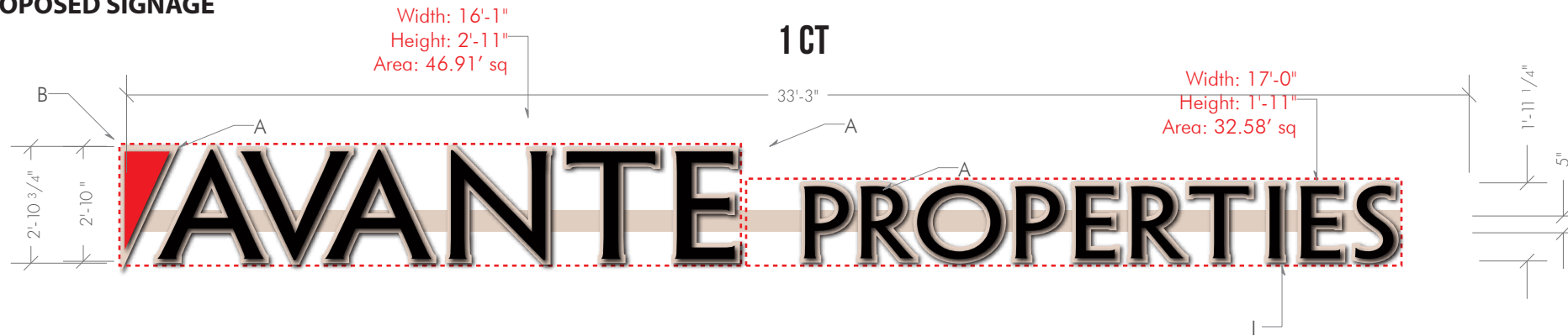
Allie Klocek

Sign Art Studio



AVANTE PROPERTIES - SITE MAP

PROPOSED SIGNAGE



KEY NOTES:

- A - 4" deep channel lock LED letters with .040 aluminum returns
- B - .177 acrylic faces logo to have red vinyl applied first surface.
- C - Low voltage power supply
- D - Trim cap white
- E - White LED / halo lit
- F - Wall surface
- G - Primary power
- H - Drain hole
- I - Raceway painted to match building

FINISHES:

- Black Returns & Black Trim cap (A,B)
- MP Satin to match SW Sandbar 7547
- 3M Red / 3630-033

CALCULATIONS:

AREA: 79.97' SQ
SIGNABLE AREA: 439.68' SQ

Proposed mounting location



Night view



Signable Area



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325 W Front St, Mount Horeb, WI 53572

CUSTOMER APPROVAL: _____

DATE: _____

LANDLORD APPROVAL: _____

DATE: _____

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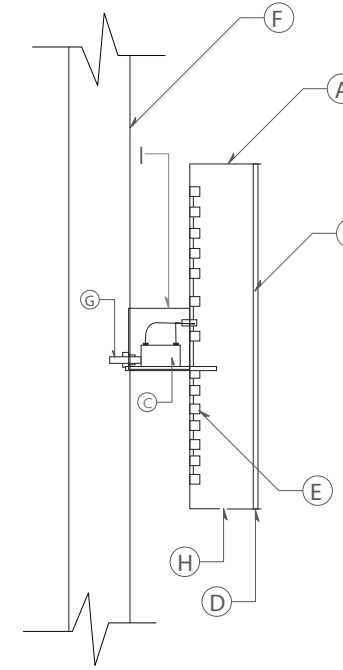
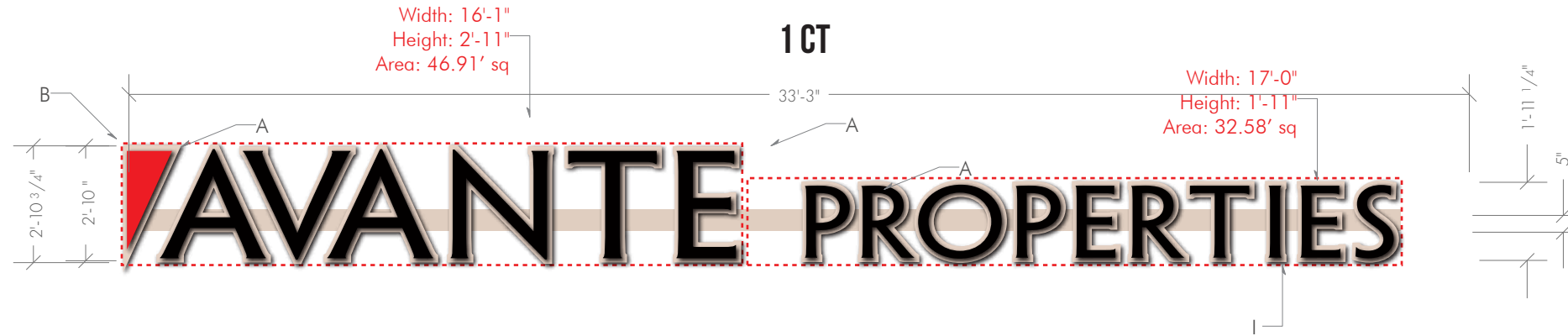
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S H E E T

WLI

AVANTE PROPERTIES - EXTERIOR OFFICE

SIGNABLE AREA ON A QUALIFYING ELEVATION



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Night view



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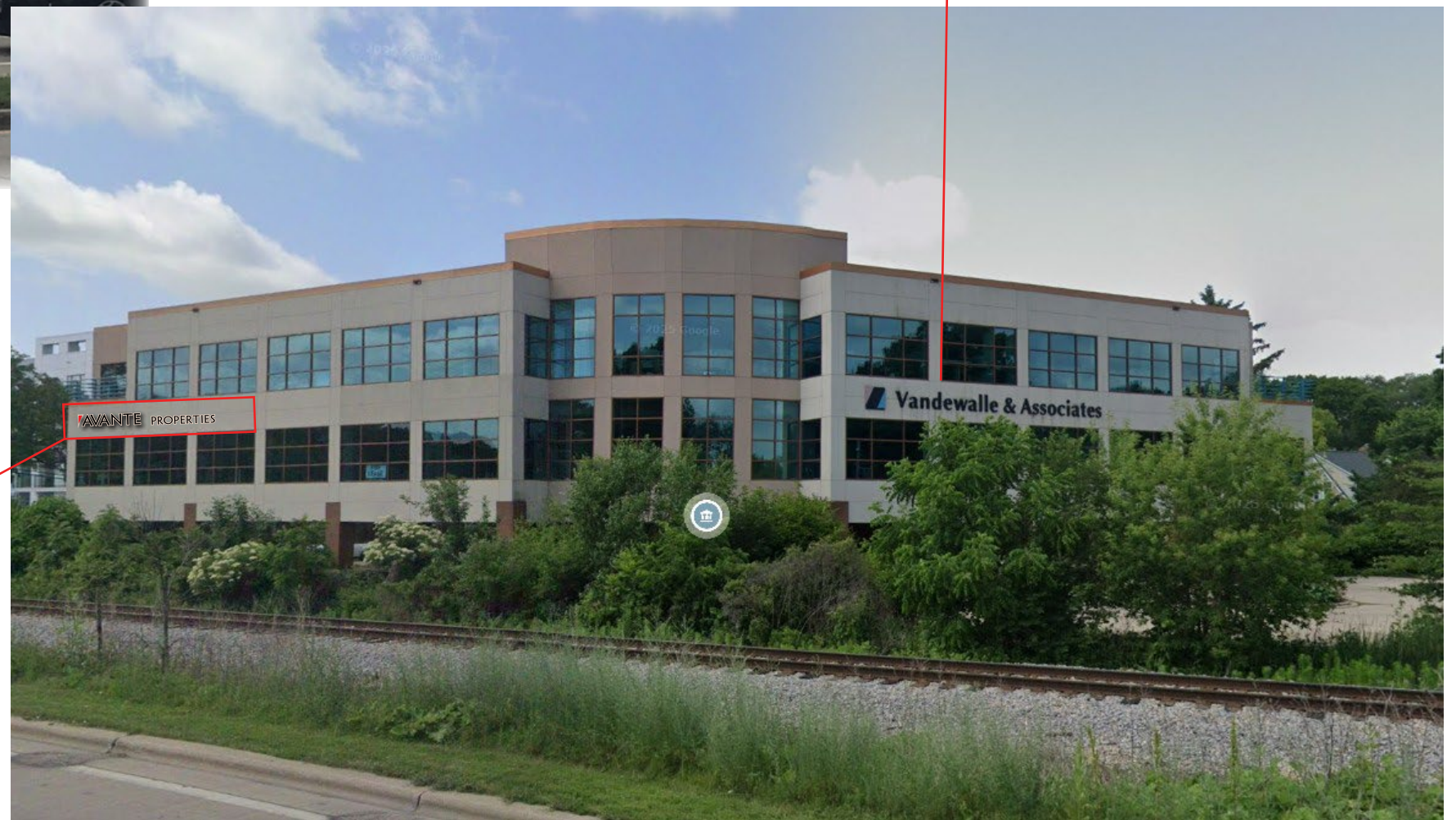
AVANTE PROPERTIES - EXTERIOR OFFICE



PROPOSED SIGNAGE



EXISTING SIGNAGE



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