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City Council, District 3

MEMORANDUM

TO: JESUS MEREJO, CITY MANAGER
TERESA LAMAR-SARNO, ACTING CITY MANAGER
RICHARD BERRIOS, CITY ATTORNEY
SALLY WALSH, CITY CLERK

FROM: COUNCILMAN ANTHONY BONNA *Anthony Bonna*

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ADD BRIEF DISCUSSION REGARDING LED SIGN
REGULATIONS TO THE AUGUST 10, 2026, CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

DATE: AUGUST 4, 2026

As a follow-up to the email received from Dr. Nick Manzie, Senior Pastor of Central Baptist Church of Port St. Lucie, I am requesting that a brief discussion regarding the City's regulations for Electronic Message Center (LED) signs be added to the August 10, 2026, City Council meeting agenda.

The discussion will provide Council with a brief overview of the current Land Development Code requirements for electronic signs and allow Council to discuss whether there is interest in further reviewing the existing regulations.

Note: This request is for discussion purposes only. I am not requesting any research or recommendations from staff at this time, nor am I requesting any Council action.

Attachment:

Email from Dr. Nick Manzie dated July 24, 2026

*Approved
8/5/26
[Signature]*

Melanie Lorenzo

From: Nick Manzie <nickmanzie@centralbaptistpsl.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2026 7:29 PM
To: Shannon Martin; Jolien Caraballo; Melanie Lorenzo; Brandon Dolan; Stephanie Morgan; Patricia Taylor; David Pickett; Anthony Bonna
Subject: LED Signs
Attachments: Proposed LED.png

Good Day Ms. Mayor and Council,

My name is Nick Manzie. You might recognize my name as Lead Chaplain for the police department. However, I am writing to you as the senior pastor of Central Baptist Church of Port St. Lucie.

Our church is located on 202 SW Tulip Blvd which has become a main road. Our church has been part of the city since 1985. History shows that we even gave a portion of our land to the city decades ago to create a water preserve/retention area. I tell you this because we are part of the fabric of PSL and we love our city.

Our church has also been growing and seeking quotes for various LED signs. We were told that, according to the statute, we could only have a very small LED sign (20 sq ft) displaying text only.

I respectfully request that we adjust the city code to allow 25 sq ft and permit pictures that comply with the code.

There are a few reasons for this request.

We used to display banners (3' x 8') to advertise our community events. However, unbeknownst to us, this was against code and we cannot display our banners anymore. This has caused a dramatic drop in attendance for our events.

This is a hard pill to swallow because our church does its best to serve our community's spiritual, emotional, and physical needs. Throughout the year, some of the events we do are:

- Giving out 150 boxes of food four times a year. Each box feeds an average family of four for 5 days.
- We also give away 350 backpacks filled with school supplies.
- We also host an Easter Egg Hunt and a Harvest Festival where families can bring their children and enjoy a night out.
- We host Bible Camps in the summer to give the children opportunities to do something while school is out.

Everything we do is at no cost to the community.

Given the way LED signs are manufactured, adhering strictly to the 20 sq ft limit is impractical. If you look at the attached proposal, the LED screen we would like to purchase is 88.2" wide by 37.7" tall, or 23.09 sq ft. To comply with the code, we would need to select an LED screen at the next smaller size, which

would be 88.2" wide by 25.2" tall, or 15.44 sq ft. As you can see, I would lose a dramatic amount of space all because of how LED signs are made.

We also request that we are allowed pictures as well as text. With a 20 year background in marketing before becoming a full-time pastor, I've learned that people read pictures before they read words. Considering we don't have a way to stop traffic such as a light, the pictures will grab their attention so they can read the sign. We have no challenge complying with everything else in your code. We would even be willing to allow the city to use our sign in case of an emergency as long as we can define and agree on what that means.

The city has two beautiful, large signs with pictures and color at City Hall and the Botanical Gardens. Although we do not want a sign nearly as large as those, we request a sign with pictures and colors, and with slightly more square footage than the statute allows.

I would love to discuss this further and see what can be done. I hope you are willing to do so. Please let me know a good time to sit and talk about this. You can reach me using my contact info below.

Thank you for your time and your leadership with the city. I believe we have an outstanding city and this is simply an oversight. I look forward to your expedient response.

In Christ,

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The Alpha 58 Series

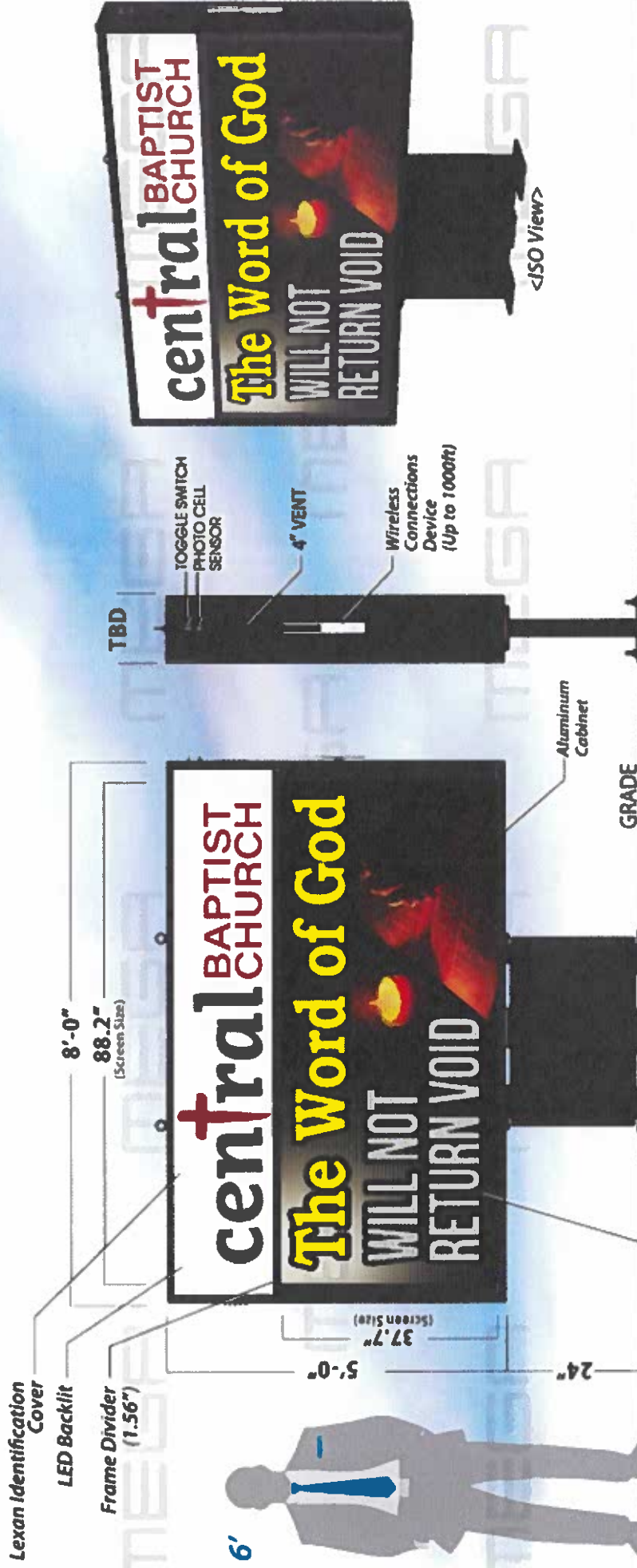
+ **FULL** COLOR LED MESSAGE BOARD

PRODUCTION RENDERING

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Aluminum Cabinet
GRADE

CABINET SURFACE COLOR

BLACK MATTE: 3B/80020 50% GLOSS -JET BLACK

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