

CITY of BOARDMAN

Community Development

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 9, 2021

TO: Boardman Planning Commission and all interested parties

FROM: Barry C. Beyeler, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: VAR 1-2021 Family Dollar Sign Variance request

On May 10, 2021, the City received an application for a variance to Boardman Development Code (BDC), Chapter 3.6 Other Standards, specifically, § 3.6.500 (D)(5) General Provisions, provides criterion for surface signs. The wording from the BDC § states: **"5. Surface signs shall be limited to the surface of the structure, and shall not extend beyond that surface. The area of freestanding signs shall be measured by the rectangle which encloses the entire sign surface."** As this sign would be considered a surface sign, it would not trigger the criterion for a free-standing sign, which is contained in BDC 3.6.500 (D)(2), which reads as follows: **"2. Maximum sign area for free-standing signs in the General Commercial District and City Center Sub District shall be 100 square feet. Signs over 100 square feet in size are subject to a Type III Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Chapter 4.4, Chapter 4.1.500 and Chapter 3.6.500(E)(1)(d)."**

After review of the application, the sign request does not need a Variance, or a Conditional Use Permit. The requested sign meets the criterion of BDC Chapter 3.6.500 (D) and should be approved outright without a hearing at the Planning Commission level. The applicant should be refunded \$100.00 and only have the \$50.00 Zoning Approval applied.