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Tracey Diehl
161 Washington Avenue Extension Suite #204A
Albany, NY 12205

RE: 161 Washington Avenue Extension Suite #204A
Application No: SIGN20-16994; SIGN20-16997

Dear Tracey Diehl:

On 1/16/20, you made an Application for work at the above referenced property involving: Installation of two (2), 39 square feet channel letter wall signs.

This application has been examined for compliance with the applicable provisions of the Unified Sustainable Development Ordinance of the City of Albany.

That review revealed that the proposed work will not comply with the following provisions of the USDO:

Table 375-4-5[3]: Type, Size, and Locations of Signs: *The maximum size of a wall sign in an MU-CH district is 32 square feet per frontage.*

You are allowed a sign for each frontage, however, those signs, individually, cannot be larger than 32 square feet. Alternatively, you may apply for our Special On-Premises Sign Program that allows you to combine the square footage of both frontages and apply them on either or both frontages. In this way, you could have a sign be larger than the 32 square feet allowed, if you either reduced or preempted signage on the other frontage. Please also be advised that a mural was presented in the application, although not applied for. This mural would require a wall display application approval through the Planning Board.

Therefore, your Application of 1/16/20 is hereby DENIED pursuant to Sections 375-1D & 375-5(G) of the USDO.

These deficiencies may be addressed by revising the plans to reflect conditions which comply with the requirements of the USDO. In the alternative, this Denial may be appealed to the Board of Zoning Appeals on forms available from the Office of Planning and Development, 200 Henry Johnson Boulevard. This appeal must be filed completely with the Office of Planning and Development within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter.

If you would like to further consult with a member of our staff about this matter, please contact our office at (518) 465-6066.

For the Director,

[Staff Member]

[Title]

cc: Department of Buildings & Regulatory Compliance