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Rapid City Council
City of Rapid City
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

RE: Appeal of Building Dept. Direction

Dear Council Members,

My wife and I, dba "The Maze, Inc", wish to appeal the decision of the Rapid City Building Dept. directing removal of an "abandoned sign structure" (offsite billboard) from our business property.

An appeal before the sign board was denied on October 16, 2002 following instruction from the City Attorney, Mr. Green, directing strict interpretation and adherence to the ordinances.

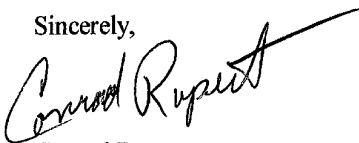
Extraordinary circumstances led to the damage of the sign in question and strict interpretation of the ordinance will result in undue and unnecessary hardship to our Rapid City business.

We are requesting permission to repair and maintain our sign - our only off premise sign - to original structural integrity, or find some mutually agreeable compromise.

Eradication of the billboard via strict interpretation of the ordinances, resulting in loss of structure investment and permanent loss of future revenue - without any viable options - is inherently unjust and unacceptable. This is particularly true when there is no public interest to be served and a service was being provided to local businesses and the traveling public.

We request an opportunity to present and discuss the situation further before the full Council.

Sincerely,


Conrad Rupert


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