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**OPERATIONAL
 NARRATIVE
 AGREEMENT:
 COMMERCIAL**

PROPERTY INFORMATION
Project Address, City, State, Zip:
Owner's Name:
OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE:
Operational Narrative for an Electronic Message Center located in a commercial zoning district per 14-03.1-08 (3) v, vi:
v. Operational Requirements. Electronic message center signs shall be subject to the following operational requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Brightness. The sign shall not exceed a maximum illumination level of 0.3 foot-candles above ambient light levels. b) Frame Hold Time. The sign shall have a frame hold time of no less than one (1) second. The use of animation and background animation is allowed and is not subject to the one (1) second frame hold time requirement. c) Effects. Special effects may be used to transition from one frame to another, provided said entrance effects result in all of the text within the frame appearing at once or in the order that the text is normally read, including, but not limited to, scrolling from right to left or scrolling from bottom to top entrance effects. Entrance effects where all of the text within the frame does not appear at once or in the order that the text is normally read are prohibited, including, but not limited to, scrolling from left to right, scrolling from top to bottom, and entrance effects referred to as slot machine, slots, splice, mesh, radar, kaleidoscope and spin. There are no limitations on the types of exit effects used. Except for such transitions, each frame shall remain static with no additional frame or hold effects applied to text within the frame, including, but not limited to, the fading or flashing on any part of the message and hold effects referred to as flash, spin, twinkle, wavy and rumble. The use of bijou lights as a frame effect is allowed. d) Video. The use of full-motion video is prohibited.
vi. Sign Features. Electronic message center signs shall be equipped with the following features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A default mechanism that shall freeze the sign in one position as a static message if a malfunction occurs; and b) A mechanism able to automatically adjust the illuminative brightness of the display according to ambient light conditions by means of a light detector/photocell. <p>Times of day that the sign will be operated _____</p>

I hereby attest that I have read and understand the operational requirements of an Electronic Message Center Sign and will convey this information to any tenants or property managers that are authorized to operate said sign:

 Owner's Signature

 Date