



April 11, 2011

Jennifer Cox, Director of Planning  
Development Services - Planning Department  
City of McKinney, Texas  
221 N. Tennessee Street  
McKinney, TX 75070

Dear Ms. Cox:

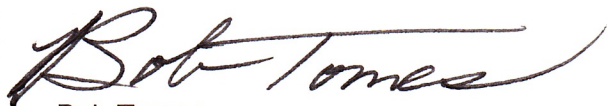
Bob and Brandon Tomes request the authorization to utilize the panoramic glass service doors in our recessed service drive reception area along the eastern elevation that faces South Central Expressway. The Service Reception Drive is recessed and our concern is to have the proper security and to avoid creating a secluded area embedded in the building where nefarious activities may occur during the non-business hours. Vandalism, vagrancy, breaking and entering, and auto theft are now afforded a visually protected area to foster in. We would prefer to have a more secure facility by not allowing any access to this area by night.

The glass fronted overhead doors are much more attractive than a simple solid garage door. In terms of our use, the doors will be open during business hours and only closed at night or in cases of extreme weather. I believe the intent of the ordinance is to prevent exposing the somewhat unsightful activities of a service shop mechanic pulling an engine from a car, or such. Our service reception does not have this use. It is more akin to a retail environment where our customers bring their vehicles to discuss and drop off for maintenance and warranty service. It is a well lit, bright and a very clean environment. We would also like to make this a safe and secure area for the protection of our customers, employees and the investment of our building and vehicles.

In our expansion, we are also requesting the authorization to continue the "look" of our other two existing buildings located at 900 S. Central Expressway (Pre-owned Super Center) and at 950 S. Central Expressway (Bob Tomes Ford). This incorporates the cream colored brick and ACM (aluminum composite material) panel banding along the top side of the eastern and northern elevations.

We wish to maintain the "integrity continuum" of our other two adjacent facilities so that all three (3) buildings will express the same overall appearance to the passerby/onlooker. The ACM (aluminum composite material) paneling is a widely accepted automotive "Signature" look that many manufacturers have incorporated to express and portray an attractive look of modernization; fresh, clean, sharp, and appealing.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
Bob Tomes

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