



January 29, 2019

Ms. Debbie Manns
City Manager
City of New Port Richey
5919 Main Street
New Port Richey, FL 34652

Dear Ms. Manns:

After review of the phase I installation of sign units by Arete Industries, KMA Design has found the following issues, which result in inconsistencies of fabrication techniques, inefficient adhesives, signage that does not comply with the approved shop drawings submitted by Arete Industries, and paint inconsistencies. These are a few of items noted in our punch list, conducted on January 14, 2019.

The attached punch list includes, a written description of issues found as well as photographic images that support the findings as of the date of the site review by my firm.

Upon close inspection, evidence of non-conformance with the construction documents, specifications and shop drawings is evident.

Summary of Observations:

- Touch up paint was done with a brush or marker, which does not match the paint used on the rest of the signs. Scratches are evident.
- Mechanical fasteners are either missing or extend beyond the sign posts.
- Vinyl decals are presenting evidence of pulling away from the signs. Typically, due to paint surfaces not having time to cure and release gases, which will result in difficulties in adhesion.

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- Face panels are glued and adhesion is not bonding pulling away from substrates.
- Dimensional letters are different sizes within the same word, inconsistently spaced, or not plumb.
- The appearance of rust is present on some sign units.
- Vinyl is cut with jagged edges and not smooth. Reflective vinyl is cut in two different directions on the same sign face.

A more detailed description of issues with the installation for each of the sign units can be found on the attached punch list. I should note that the comments on the breakaway bases have been resolved. Those installed are adequate; however, they do not match those specified in the shop drawings originally submitted by Arete to KMA Design.

If you require further information or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Regards,

Barbara J. Martin
Chief Executive Officer

attachments