

West Saint Mark Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ)
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Planning Commission Town of Chapel Hill
405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Chapel Hill NC, 27514

Honorable Commissioners,

We the trustees and members of West Saint Mark Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ) herein request waiver of filing plan fees, and payment in lieu of bicycle lanes and sidewalk requirements, associated with building and development of our 1,165 square ft. sanctuary to be located at 7800 Rogers Road, for the following reasons: (1) Payment in lieu of construction of bicycle and sidewalks in the amount of \$6,883. This requirement, in addition to placing an unexpended expense on tightly budgeted building funds, intrudes into an ongoing-unresolved debate whereas the Rogers Road Community was promised, by prior town leaders, amenities that included sidewalks and other infrastructure in consideration for hosting the County Land Fill; (2) There is no demand for either biking or sidewalks, no current connectivity, or plans along the Rogers Road corridor to construct them, and will not be for some time; (3) Building plans are designed to match the current scale of the neighborhood, maintain the historic appeal, and to be green-ecological responsible producing minimum carbon footprint on the site, only 0.64 acres of land; (4) We feel that these public amenities, for public use, are best funded using public funds rather than private out of pocket sacrifices that place a financial burden upon a small congregation of sixty members. Finally, as a not for profit organization that is bound by our faith to help reduce human hunger and suffering through service in our local community and around the world, we also request that fees for filing final plans be waived. Granting waiver of fees cited above will help avoid interruptions in our humanitarian support and work such as emergency and death care to our community, children's feeding center in Panama Central America, educational support to children in Kenya East Africa, and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Furthermore, West Saint Mark church is not a separate entity, but a living member of the Chapel Hill culture. To hinder and burden it is tantamount to doing the same to the good will and liveliness embraced by all people of the township.

We humbly request your support and favorable grant of these waivers as a join effort and as an ongoing partnership to help mend, strengthen, unit, empower, and enlighten the less fortunate as well as citizens of the great town of Chapel Hill, none for doing good things.

Sincerely,



Elder: Timothy Peppers, Pastor