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To: Town Council; All Agenda Materials
Cc: Anya Grahm
Subject: Council Agenda Item Comment
Attachments: Request for Waveir of Fees and Payment Town Council.pdf; PC Recommendation for fee waiver 4.18.19.pdf

Dear Council Person,

We, the members and trustees of West Saint Mark Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ) hereby request to petition the Chapel Hill Town Council to wave any final application fees associated with construction of a 1175 sq. ft. Church sanctuary to be built at 7708 Rogers Road (Historic). Please see attached letter and resolution of the Planning Commission in support of our request.

Elder Timothy Peppers, Pastor

West Saint Mark Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ)
(8100 Rogers Road Chapel Hill NC 27516, Ph. 910-578-6308)

June 5, 2019

Town Council Town of Chapel Hill
405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Chapel Hill NC, 27514

Honorable Council Members,

We the trustees and members of West Saint Mark Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ) herein request waiver of filing plan fees 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) fees in the mount of \$7,476.84 have already been paid and a second payment places a financial hardship on a small congregation (47 members) of elderly retired, children, and low to middle incomes levels. As you may have noted the Rodgers Road Community is an under-served area now under Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) of the Town of Chapel Hill. (2) An added financial burden will erode much of the progress our congregation has struggled and sacrifice to achieved. Over the years we've helped reduce human hunger and suffering through service in our local community and around the world and we've provided humanitarian support, emergency and death care to our community, sponsored children's feeding center in Panama Central America, given educational support to children in Kenya East Africa, and made contributions to the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Finally, as we stated in our petition to the Planning Commission, that granted our petition to wavier its fees and has made the same recommendation to this Town Council, West Saint Mark Church is not a separate entity, but a living member of the Chapel Hill culture. To hurt one is to hurt all, and to help one is tantamount to doing the same to the good will and liveliness embraced by all people of the township. We truly thank members of the Chapel Hill Planning Commission, and we thank all members of this Town Council for your compassion and understanding.

We humbly request your support and favorable grant of a waiver, 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, know for doing good things.

Sincerely,

Elder: Timothy Peppers, Pastor