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Mr. Ed Anzek, AICP
Director
Department of Planning & Development
City of Rochester Hills
1000 Rochester Hills Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48309-3034

Re:

Parking Lot Addition City File No. 79-949.3

Dear Mr. Anzek:

We are requesting the required permits to resurface a portion of the church parking lot. At the current time, this area is gravel and we would like to asphalt it for the safety of our congregation. We are also requesting that a "buffer modification" be made as there is dense natural growth between the church property and the adjacent residential property to the west (see photos).

In accordance with Section 138-1306(d) (1) through (5), below is the explanation as to how the proposed parking lot addition meets the minimum standards.

- (1) Will promote the intent and purpose of this ordinance.
 - The area is currently being used for parking and the re-surfacing will improve its appearance.
- (2) Will be designed, constructed, operated, maintained and managed so as to be compatible, harmonious, and appropriate in appearance with the existing or planned character of the general vicinity, adjacent uses of land, the natural environment, the capacity of public services and facilities affected by the land use and the community as a whole.
 - The adjacent parking lot will be paved to match the rest of the parking lot that is already in existence. None of the current landscaping will be affected by this revision.

- (3) Will be served adequately by essential public facilities and services, such as highways, streets, police and fire protection, drainage ways, refuse disposal, or that the persons or agencies responsible for the establishment of the land use or activity shall be able to provide adequately any such service.
 - There will be no additional public cost for this revision. All care and maintenance will be handled by the church.
- (4) Will not be detrimental, hazardous, or disturbing to existing or future neighboring land uses, persons, property, or the public welfare.
 - The proposed addition will be served adequately by essential public
 facilities and services, such as highways, streets, police and fire protection,
 drainage ways and refuse disposal. There is no need for any changes.
 There is natural drainage of the proposed lot to an existing pond on the
 property.
- (5) Will not create additional requirements at public cost for public facilities and services that will be detrimental to the economic welfare of the community.
 - Again, the facility will be constructed, operated and maintained by the church and will not be a detriment to the economic welfare of the community.

We look forward to hearing from you in regards to our request.

Very truly yours,

Pastor Burnell Odoerfer Covenant Christian Church

Enclosures