

August 2, 2022

Jackson Street Church of Christ
1408 Jackson Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37208

Re: Reasonable Accommodation for Religious Institution LED Sign

To Whom It May Concern:

The Jackson Street Church of Christ has requested a reasonable accommodation for the property at 1408 Jackson Street, Nashville, Tennessee for an electronic message center for the church's use. Jackson Street Church of Christ states that is essential to its religious mission to be able to communicate its ministries and programs to the community in furtherance of its work. Some of the ministries that needs advertising are feeding homeless students in Metro Nashville Schools and providing clothes, food, and resources to John Early Middle School.

Jackson Street states that this property is suitable for such purposes and a substantial burden would be imposed if the church were not able to operate the electronic message center at this location.

The Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S. C. §2000cc, mandates that no local government shall implement a land use regulation that imposes a substantial burden on the religious exercise of a person, including a religious assembly or institution, unless the government demonstrates a compelling governmental interest and that such regulation is the least restrictive means of furthering the compelling governmental interest.

The Tennessee Religious Freedom Restoration Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §4-1-407, mandates that no local government shall implement a land use regulation that impinges or curtails the religious exercise of a person, including a religious assembly or institution.

Based upon the facts and law set forth above, I grant the request for the reasonable accommodation for the proposed sign.

(Signature on File)

Joel K Hargis,
Zoning Administrator