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**Re: Request for Development Charge Exemption:**

Attn: Regional Council,

The following is a formal request on behalf of the above mention Registered Charity/Place of worship that an exemption be granted in regards to the Development Charges that will be impose on us for the addition of a Mezzanine within our current place of worship.

The plans are already approved by the City of Brampton and a permit number is already assigned. However we became aware that the permit cannot be issue unless the said charges are paid up front and in full. The total dimensions of the Mezzanine is ( 52.76 sq. m). The break down are as follows:

**Office portion— 8. 0 sq. m @ \$162. 68 = \$1,301. 44**

**Rest of addition— 42. 26 sq. m @ \$196. 09 = \$ 8, 286. 76**

**Total payable = \$ 9, 588. 76.**

It must be noted that the proposed drawing will reflect that our intention is to move the existing office, pantry and washroom from its current location to its proposed location...Mezzanine.

Obviously this is an exorbitant amount for a small church that started approximately three years ago. We are a community base church and the services we provide to our current members and the surrounding communities such as Brampton, Peel Region and other municipalities is invaluable. We provide these services free of cost without any assistance from the government or political leaders.

We perform marriages, baby dedication, funerals, assistance to single mothers, financial assistance to our young people who are currently enrolled in college and university, support and mentorship for at - risk youths, we provide meal for our members and the community every week, we have transportation service that is made available to our members and anyone from the community free of

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cost on a weekly basis. I could go on with numerous activities that we as a church provides but I assume that the point is made.

We simple cannot afford to pay such charges as per your legislative agreement. This would have an adverse effect on our church because we would have to close the doors, because we would not be able to meet our financial obligations. Not to mention the important services to our members and the community would be severely affected. It was our intention to solicit donations from the business community to assist with our proposed plan. This was contingent upon our permit been issued, however we had to place that on hold until this matter is resolved.

The City of Brampton has shown their good faith and understanding as to our role and function as a Registered Charity/ Place of worship; therefore they have granted us exemption from any and all Development Charges. **We believed the Regional Council of Peel also has the Moral and Legal Authority to reciprocate the Brampton model.**

We are appealing to your good graces and your moral compass in conjunction with your sense of fairness; that you will not only listen to our request; but also take the necessary actions to grant us an exemption. The many services we provide to our communities are extremely important and we hope that you will allow us to continue our God given obligation. These are some of the same communities that falls under your jurisdiction as council members.

Thanks in advance and we anticipated a favourable response.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Howard Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pastor Howard Brown