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May 12, 2017

Subject: Rezoning with a Request for Variance
2686 Springdale Road Snellville, GA 30078

To: Planning and Development and City Council

New Bethel Deliverance and Empowerment Ministries, Inc. intends to use the property located at 2686 Springdale Road in Snellville, GA 30078 if we as a church can receive a "rezoning with request for variance". The sole purpose of the property will be used to have regular Christian church services and fellowship, bible studies, and other ancillary fellowship associated with the daily and weekly management of the church. We also have a USDA-approved food bank and will serve the immediate and surrounding communities. With that said, we want to reach out into the community by asking the question, "How may we help you meet your needs – spiritually, physically, or economically?" We care about this community as 90 percent of our membership reside and purchase goods and services in this community and we want to continue to invest in Snellville to make it a better community. Please consider our request for this rezoning with a request for variance.

We are seeking relief from current buffer and setback requirements as well as all associated landscape, architectural design standards, parking requirements, street presence requirements, sign ordinance requirements, exterior light fixture cut off fixtures and all other requirements that affect the property in order for the Church to occupy the existing structure as is. The intent of the Church, supported thru donations, is to minimize the initial expenses of occupying the existing structure in order to raise money for rearranging the interior of the building for a sanctuary space, offices and classrooms. The intent is to begin holding services following the proper inspections of the existing structure and approval from the Gwinnett County Fire Marshal to receive a Certificate of Occupancy to use the building. The Church will seek a sign permit for a new exterior sign either on the front of the building or a monument sign at the road. In doing so, the Church asks for relief from having to take down any non-conforming signs, prior to installing new signage. We are not aware of any existing signage.

In addition, we believe adequate parking exists on and around the subject parcel. The Church is seeking approval to use the existing on subject parcel parking spaces and counts without having to add additional impervious area. There are currently 22 parking spaces with 82 new parking spaces on the south west portion of the site and the church parking on parcel "A" for a total of 104 spaces. The church has projected a maximum of 500 seats therefore 100 parking spaces are required. Utilities are current and will remain unaffected.

Sincerely,

Carleen Hepburn, MBA, CF, APMP