

October 9, 2020

From: Melvin Lee Harris Sr.
Ref: 2124, 2126, 2130
Fountain Square
Snellville, Georgia 30078



Subject: Letter of Intent

This letter of intent shall describe the intentional use of the leased space located at 2124-2130 Fountain Square, Snellville Ga., 30078.

I, Melvin Harris have leased the aforesaid property space from MCRE Partners for the intentional use as a place of Christian worship. The name of the ministry that shall occupy the aforesaid space shall be The Love Center Family Ministry.

As a place of worship the aforesaid space shall be used for Sunday worship, weekly bible study, and Saturday choir rehearsal. The sole intention will be to use the aforesaid space as a place of worship the same as the previous tenant Vineyard Chapel International who obtained a Special Use Permit for Places of Worship during their tenure at the same space of 2124-2130 Fountain Square, Snellville, Ga. 30078

The aforesaid space shall also include a small whimsical children's bookstore which shall operate 4-5 days weekly for a few morning hours daily selling books, stuffed animals for children. We feel the children's bookstore will help restore laughter and joy to so many children in the City of Snellville who have had to endure our most difficult times.

The children's bookstore shall also host a weekly story time Zoom video with live animated characters to bring joy to the children in Snellville and surrounding areas. Once Covid 19 has subsided, and social distancing is no longer needed, these bi-weekly story times will be held in the bookstore area along with other indoor activities that will encourage reading versus so much time on electronic devices.

Membership for The Love Center Family Ministries is currently 25-30 members and expected growth is from 30 to 40 additional members in the next year which would bring total membership to nearly 60-70 members total (including children/teens) in the next year. Several members are seeking employment and home ownership in Snellville at this time.

Membership is very low in most churches due to Covid 19 currently, therefore we do not expect rapid growth.

In the case that parking could become a issue for ministries or businesses presently at the aforesaid location we are prepared to hold worship services late afternoon Sundays rather than Sunday mornings so as not to impede parking privileges of present tenants. Earlier Sunday mornings are the preferred time for most worship services.

Therefore, secondly so as not to impede parking we have arranged to park in the adjacent parking space on the McGee Rd side of the plaza to ensure adequate parking spaces for tenants who reside in the plaza presently and to eliminate crowding in parking areas. Our members shall be picked from the adjacent parking area located in Fountain Square near MCGee Rd and transported to our aforesaid place of worship before and after service if need be.

Our service times do not appear to interfere with businesses/ministries located next door to our proposed lease space.

Overcomers House located at 2114 MCGee Rd (next door right side to our proposed space) does not appear to be a church and therefore closed on Sundays according to their website hours of operation. Wednesday they are open from 10-3pm. Overcomers House Inc is a non profit organization food bank.

Faithful City Christian Center (to the left of our proposed lease space) Sunday's services are held from 10-12 pm, and Wednesday's 7-9pm. Our Sunday services are 2pm and Wednesday services from 6-7 pm. Faithful City Christian Center states they are closed on Saturday's according to website hours of operation.

We are prepared to communicate with businesses/ministries next door to our proposed space to confirm their days of service or operation to ensure there will not be a parking issue caused by our presence. We are willing to work with current tenants at any cost to avoid any possible parking issues on their service days. We will approach them with the utmost respect and

courtesy in these matters of parking if need be.

Lastly, we will also communicate with the food bank in the aforesaid area about the times they are distributing food so as we will not impede parking spaces on Saturdays. We will do everything we can to eliminate parking issues with present tenants as well and will never allow members to park in the area of the Fountain Square business office or any other space allocated for private use.

The aforesaid space (2124, 2126, 2130) is 8.47 acres and meets required acreage of more than 5 acres.

Recreational space for the aforesaid place of worship in said location is non applicable due to the fact there is adequate recreational space in Gwinnett park located directly across the crossroad named McGee Rd will be used for any place of worship recreational events when and if needed.

The subject property abuts OP zoned properties to the north; BG zoned property to the west and south, including the Fountain Square Shopping Center; and the South Gwinnett Park, zoned RS-180 to the west and across McGee Road.

This is a mostly underutilized business center where other churches have been approved.

It is the intention of The Love Center Family Ministries to patronize any businesses, recreational facilities and volunteer services in the Snellville area. We believe in community involvement and we are very excited and looking forward to becoming a very intricate part of the great city of Snellville.

The Love Center Family Ministries was formerly known as Refuge Of Love Church pastored by Melvin and Sandra Harris and located in Stone Mountain Ga., during the years of 2010-2016 and dissolved in 2016.

Refuge of Love Church has recently submitted for reinstatement through the Georgia Secretary of State, August 27th 2020 but was rejected due to the incorrect signature of registered agent Melvin Lee Harris Sr. Request for reinstatement was immediately resubmitted with corrected signature and expected to be received within the next week or two. Processing of reinstatement's are 10-15 days normally but due to Covid 19 could be significantly delayed.

Upon receipt of the reinstatement letter for Refuge of Love Church there shall be a second submission for the name change from Refuge of Love Church to The Love Center Family Ministries. Name changes were not allowed at time of reinstatement therefore complete reinstatement of the said entity can be submitted after reinstatement letter is received.

We feel the aforesaid location in Snellville is ideal for The Love Center Family Ministries (formerly Refuge of Love Church) due to the City of Snellville's traffic flow improvements and anticipated economic growth in the years to come.

We anticipate the opportunity to assist Snellville residents and visitors in the community with resources and spiritual guidance at our place of worship. We look forward to working with the great city of Snellville to make it an even greater place to live, work and worship.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Melvin Lee Harris Sr.