

**TOWN OF
APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA MATTER

Subject Item:

FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE CHURCH FOR WHOSOEVER (18628 SENECA ROAD)

Summary Statement:

Charles Douglas, on behalf of The Church for Whosoever, is requesting a fee waiver to amend the original Conditional Use Permit (CUP) granted to the church to allow for an emergency shelter for homeless persons to be operated as an ancillary use of the church. The total amount of the permit fee waiver is \$2,548. The amendment to the CUP will be reviewed by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on a date to be determined.

Pastor Royce Beserra, from the Church for Whosoever, participated in the recent workshops, hosted by the Town, to discuss the need for homeless shelters in Apple Valley. It was during these discussions that Pastor Beserra voiced his interest in developing a shelter on the church property. Emergency shelters are permitted as an ancillary use to a church, provided that the CUP is amended to include said use. Other locations where shelters are permitted within the Town require a Special Use Permit and the fees are automatically waived. Waiving the fees for the church would be consistent with the regulations for these other locations in Town. The shelter would be open to all those in the community.

Recommended Action:

For good cause shown, and finding a waiver will serve a public purpose and is consistent with similar applications of the Development Code, approve the waiver of amendment to the Conditional Use Permit for the Church for Whosoever.

Attachment:

Fee Waiver Request from Charles Douglas

Proposed by: Planning Division _____ **Item Number** _____

T. M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item** Yes No N/A

Council Meeting Date: 10/11/11

From: LaVonda Pearson
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 10:55 AM
To: Jennifer Heim
Subject: FW: Conditional Use Permit

Please forward to Frank for his review/action.

From: CFW Apple Valley [mailto:cwoffice@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 10:53 AM
To: LaVonda Pearson
Subject: Conditional Use Permit

La Vonda,

My name is Charles Douglas, and I am representing The Church For Whosoever as we strive to meet the needs of our community. Our church and Pastor Royce Beserra have recently been in the local news, along with the Town of Apple Valley, regarding our concern for the homeless people in our town.

Per my discussion today with Carol Miller, Sr. Planner with the Apple Valley Planning Dept., we wish to "activate" our Conditional Use Permit, (CUP #2003004), to provide overnight shelter, when necessary, to those "living" on the street. Because we are a relatively small "outreach" church, working with the Town of Apple Valley, we are requesting to be put on the agenda to have **any fees** associated with this request **WAIVED**.

You may contact me directly with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Charles Douglas

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