



St. Paul Hermitage
501 NORTH 17th AVENUE
BEECH GROVE, INDIANA 46107-1198

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Dear St. Paul Hermitage Families,

After all these years, it has been called to our attention that our ministry St. Paul Hermitage is located on property that is not actually zoned to the proper zoning classification. Zoning is the way the use of all properties is regulated. We believe it is important that we correct this situation so we are in compliance with current laws, and also in preparation for any future plans involving the ministry. Therefore, we will soon be seeking to rezone the property to the proper zoning classification to match how our property has always been used.

The rezoning process is a public process, and to avoid frightening or confusing anyone, we wanted you to know in advance how the process will likely unfold:

- A petition to rezone the Hermitage building and grounds will be filed with the City of Beech Grove.
- A public hearing on our petition will be set and notice of that hearing will be provided via mail to the property owners generally within 660 feet around our property, and such notice will also be published in the local papers.
- An orange Legal Notice will be posted on our property that will be visible from the street.
- A representative of the Department of Metropolitan Development from Indianapolis will inspect the exterior of the site and will likely take several pictures.
- There will be a public hearing, possibly in Beech Grove first, and then with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Development Commission, but due to the likely COVID related restrictions, this public hearing will be a virtual hearing instead of an in person hearing.
- The final step will hopefully be the approval by the City County Council, which again is a public hearing that will be available for online viewing.

This letter is being sent to you as one of our most important constituents, our residents, families and staff. We want you to hear directly from us about this effort and to assure you of our plans for the continued loving care provided to our residents.

Sincerely,

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