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Via E-mail Only

Mark Healey, PP/AICP
Planning Director/ Senior Zoning Officer
Township of Franklin
475 DeMott Lane
Somerset, New Jersey 08873

Re: **Ukrainian Orthodox Church Of U.S.A.**
Preliminary and Final Site Plan for Church
Block 469, Existing Lot 1.06 (Proposed Lot 1.09) – Easton Avenue

Dear Mr. Healey:

Please accept this letter as a formal response to the issues raised by you in your completeness review email dated March 18, 2025, concerning parking.

After the demolition of the cultural center, there will be three public spaces remaining on the property. The first public space is the main church, which is only used for Sunday and holy day services. The second public space is the Saint Sophia Seminary Chapel. I am attaching here with photographs of the Chapel. As you can see from the photographs, there are a few short pews which provide seating for the elderly or handicapped. The rest of the worshipers stand during the religious service. The area reserved for the members of the congregation to stand is 510 square feet, which based on your ordinance would require 34 parking spaces. This space is used for liturgical services on Monday through Saturday.

The museum was previously approved by the township with no specific parking requirements. The museum is still under construction and will be completed with funds generated from the sale of the rear portion of the property. It will be open for educational programs, cultural events, or exhibits. The museum can accommodate 300 people and this building will only be open when there are no religious services in either the chapel or the main church.

Finally, there is additional parking located adjacent to the main church, which will be connected to the museum and Chapel by a footbridge, which was destroyed by hurricane Ida, and will be rebuilt prior to the completion of the museum.

I hope the foregoing information adequately addresses your parking concerns. If you need to discuss this matter further, please feel free to reach out to me.

Very truly yours,

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