

Narrative Statement – Conditional Use Approval Standards

City Hope Church

1455 E. 2nd Street, Franklin, Ohio 45005

Parcel ID: 0426426018

City Hope Church respectfully submits the following narrative demonstrating how the proposed conditional use satisfies the general standards for approval:

(1) The proposed use is a conditional use in the zoning district for which it is proposed.

The proposed use as a religious facility is an established conditional use within the applicable zoning district. The subject property is currently occupied by Grace Point Fellowship, which operates under an approved Conditional Use Permit for the same use. City Hope Church is requesting approval to continue this identical use.

(2) The proposed use will be in accordance with the general and specific objectives of the City’s Comprehensive Development Plan.

The continued use of this property as a religious facility is consistent with the goals and priorities outlined in the City of Franklin’s *Reinvent Franklin 2040 Comprehensive Plan*, particularly those related to strengthening neighborhoods, supporting community-serving institutions, and enhancing quality of life for residents.

This proposed use supports neighborhood stability by maintaining an active, community-oriented use within an existing facility, consistent with the Plan’s emphasis on reinvestment and the productive use of existing properties. Additionally, City Hope Church provides programs and services that contribute to community well-being, including opportunities for connection, youth engagement, and family support—key elements identified in the Plan’s vision for a healthy and thriving community.

City Hope Church has already demonstrated a commitment to serving the Franklin community in alignment with these goals. In 2025, the church established a giving garden, donating 100% of its produce to the local food pantry to help address food insecurity and expand access to fresh, healthy food for residents. This effort resulted in the regular delivery of fresh vegetables throughout the growing season, and the church intends to continue and expand this initiative.

Looking forward, this facility will further enable City Hope Church to support low-income and elderly homeowners through volunteer-based services such as property maintenance, cleanup, and minor repairs. These efforts directly support the Comprehensive Plan’s focus on housing stability, neighborhood preservation, and care for vulnerable populations.

Overall, the proposed use advances the City's vision by fostering community engagement, supporting residents in practical ways, and reinforcing the role of local institutions in strengthening Franklin's neighborhoods.

(3) The proposed use will be designed, constructed, operated and maintained so as to be harmonious and appropriate in appearance with the existing or intended character of the general neighborhood.

No exterior modifications, expansions, or changes to the site layout are proposed. The building will continue to operate as it has historically, maintaining consistency with the existing character of the neighborhood. As such, the use remains harmonious and appropriate in both appearance and function.

(4) The proposed use will not be hazardous or unreasonably disturbing to existing or future neighborhood uses.

The proposed use mirrors the existing operations of the current occupant and will not introduce new or intensified activities. Church operations are limited to typical service times and scheduled programming, and no hazardous materials or activities are involved. The use is not expected to create any unreasonable disturbance to surrounding properties.

(5) The proposed use will be adequately served by essential public facilities and services.

The property is currently served by all necessary public infrastructure, including public streets, water, sewer, drainage, police, and fire protection. City Hope Church will utilize these existing services without requiring additional infrastructure or upgrades.

(6) The proposed use will not create excessive additional requirements at public cost and will not be detrimental to the economic welfare of the community.

Because the use represents a continuation of an already approved and operating religious facility, no additional public costs are anticipated. The use contributes positively to the community by maintaining an occupied, active property and supporting local residents through community-oriented programming.

(7) The proposed use will not involve conditions that are detrimental due to traffic, noise, or other impacts.

Operations will be consistent with the current use and will not generate excessive traffic, noise, glare, or odors. Any outdoor activities will be limited in duration and scheduled during reasonable hours. Overall impacts will remain in line with what the neighborhood has historically experienced.

(8) The proposed use will have vehicular approaches designed to not interfere with surrounding traffic.

Existing access points, parking areas, and traffic flow patterns will remain unchanged.

These have functioned effectively for the current use and will continue to accommodate traffic safely without negatively impacting surrounding roadways.

(9) The proposed use will not result in the destruction or damage of natural, scenic, or historical features.

No site disturbance, land alteration, or structural changes are proposed. Therefore, there will be no impact on natural, scenic, or historical features.