



April 28, 2026

City of Hendersonville  
 Mayor Barbara Volk  
 Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Hensley  
 City Manager John Connett  
 Community Development Director Lew Holloway  
 Liaison Jeff Miller

Honorable Mayor Volk, Mayor Pro Tem Hensley and City Administrators:

On behalf of First Baptist Church of Hendersonville, NC (FBCHNC), let me first express appreciation for your recent willingness to meet and discuss our congregation's parking needs and for taking an active role in helping achieve solutions. The purpose of this letter is to specifically propose an arrangement for use of the City's parking garage on Sunday mornings. Here is an outline of the terms we propose:

- **Free parking every Sunday morning, 7:00 AM – Noon** in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave garage.
- General Public would also have equal access for parking during this time.
- **\$12,000** would be paid by FBCHNC to the City annually as sponsorship.

The City's 3 year history of annual revenue from the garage for Sunday mornings is:

| Year                        | 2025           | 2024           | 2023           |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Sunday 7 AM                 | \$60           | \$10           | \$30           |
| Sunday 8 AM                 | \$80           | \$119          | \$90           |
| Sunday 9 AM                 | \$338          | \$295          | \$194          |
| Sunday 10 AM                | \$377          | \$1,965        | \$288          |
| Sunday 11 AM                | \$855          | \$1,018        | \$632          |
| Sunday 12 PM                | \$1,640        | \$1,335        | \$916          |
| <b>Total Annual Revenue</b> | <b>\$3,350</b> | <b>\$4,743</b> | <b>\$2,150</b> |

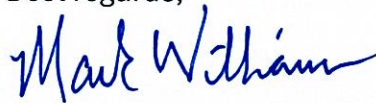
- Exceptions to be determined by both parties for weekends of downtown festivals.
- Sandwich signs would be allowed on Sunday mornings showing FBCHNC as sponsor.
- The Dogwood Lot would continue to be made available to FBCHNC for Sunday parking at no cost and provided the City does not develop it or change the property use.

FBCHNC's average weekly attendance is currently 1600-1700. This is a combination of our traditional and modern services presently scheduled at 8:15 AM, 9:15 AM and 10:30 AM, and two Sunday school hours. With rotation of parking from the different services, it's roughly estimated that would occupy less than half of the garage capacity.

Use of the garage on Sunday mornings is very limited and therefore revenue is low. Our proposal guarantees revenue 3.5 times higher than the 3-year historical average of \$3,414. While routinely parking in the garage on Sundays, our church members would be more inclined to patronage downtown coffee shops and restaurants before or after services. Additionally, they would become more comfortable using the garage and perhaps increase usage during the rest of the week, adding to the City's overall revenue.

Our need for parking close to the church is critical and our options are limited. This proposal for use of the City's parking garage is submitted in good faith and with the intent of providing mutual benefits. We respectfully request you respond as soon as possible so we can both begin enjoying the benefits right away.

Best regards,



Mark Williams  
FBCHNC Trustee – Vice Chairman