



**Gary Palmer, City of Montgomery
101 Old Plantersville Rd
Montgomery, Texas 77316**

Dear Sirs:

First Montgomery Baptist Church was established in 1850 and has been in our current location since 1979. We have recently added about 200 sq feet to our foyer, which triggered the need to bring our building up to code for the fire Marshall. We raised over \$300,000 from our congregation to do this, which took us 2 years. Upon installation, we learned that the tap to city water just to power the fire suppression system would cost an unbudgeted \$25K (approximately). Two-thirds of this cost is a 200% markup that the City of Montgomery charges.

Given that the need for the tap is solely to power the fire suppression system that was also mandated to us, and given that the tap will never be used except in the event of a fire, I am writing this to ask for relief from the 200% markup the city is imposing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Gober'.

**Chris Gober
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