



MOUNT SINAI CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COGIC

"A place where no stranger feels strange"

Pastor Frank R. Livingston

Mr. Tony Knobbe, Chairman
Scott County Board of Supervisors
600 W. 4th St.
Davenport, IA 52801

Dear Sir and Members,

Re: Property Tax Abatement Request-Mt. Sinai Christian Fellowship Church

We turn to you and ask your assistance in correcting what appears to be improper property tax assessments (2016, '17 and '18) on our church, Mt. Sinai Christian Fellowship Church, located at 4706 N.W. Blvd., Davenport 52806.

Our congregation is currently under threat due to these delinquent tax assessments despite our being legally recognized by the State of Iowa as a not-for-profit, tax exempt church organization continually since 1991. This situation is very serious as it threatens the forfeiture of decades of dedicated efforts by our congregation. We are resolute in seeking fair treatment and abatement of these improper tax assessments by the City of Davenport.

All of our efforts over this past year, in seeking assistance to resolve this matter have been unsuccessful...we've brought this matter to the attention of the assessors office, our bank and a few local lawyers, each on more than one occasion. Additionally, our congregation is currently struggling under the financial hardship of unexpectedly and unnecessarily being forced to invest thousands of dollars in church funds in an effort to resolve the matter.

Please keep in mind that over the past almost 30 years, not once have we ever gotten a tax bill from the city and that our mail from the city was sent to the wrong address. We believe the mixup occurred during the time we purchased the above mentioned church, in 2015. All city notices concerning property taxes were originally sent to the address of our old church. We mistakenly assumed the Warranty Deed recorded dated July 30, 2015 (copy attached) would be the source document the city would use to update its property records. This document states clearly the correct address and that Mt. Sinai is an Iowa nonprofit corporation. We failed to make a timely filing of our tax exempt status with the city, our taking possession of the property at that time was a very busy time for us and we overlooked it but upon it being brought to our attention we did make the filing. Going forward, we believe we are in compliance and in good standing as a nonprofit with the city.

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Concluding, we prayerfully request the Scott County Board of Supervisors grant an abatement of all prior year property tax assessments on our church and the reimbursement of church funds previously paid to the city in our effort to resolve this matter.

Our congregation appreciates your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mt. Sinai Christian Fellowship

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