

March 14, 2017

RESUME

**REQUEST OF UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR WAIVER OF CERTAIN
PERMIT FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR A
THREE YEAR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**

The Community Development and Code Compliance department has received a request for permit fee waiver from Unity Baptist Church for their annual National Day of Prayer event. Waivers or reductions in fees require Board of Supervisor approval.

Included for review is a memo from Mr. Jeff Brown outlining the request and a copy of the request from Reverend Christopher Jenkins. Mr. Brown will be available at the March 28, 2017 meeting to answer any questions.

Board of Supervisors
County of Prince George, Virginia

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George held in the Boardroom, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia this 14th day of March 2017:

Present:

Vote:

William A. Robertson, Jr., Chairman
Donald R. Hunter, Vice Chairman
Alan R. Carmichael
Jerry J. Skalsky
T. J. Webb

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On motion of _____, seconded by _____, which carried _____, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION; REQUEST OF UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH FOR WAIVER OF CERTAIN PERMIT FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR A THREE YEAR ANNUAL SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.

WHEREAS, Unity Baptist Church, a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization, has applied for a Special Event permit for their annual National Day of Prayer event at the Prince George Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Christopher Jenkins has requested that the County waive the associated permit fees for this event, and the Board of Supervisors has given due consideration to the nature of the proposed event and the impacts of fee waiver;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George this 14th day of March, 2017, does hereby authorize the Department of Community Development and Code Compliance to grant Unity Baptist Church a fee waiver for a three year Special Event permit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution shall be given to the Department of Community Development and Code Compliance.

A Copy Teste:

Percy C. Ashcraft
County Administrator



County of Prince George, Virginia

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Percy C. Ashcraft, County Administrator
FROM: Jeff Brown, Building Official/Fire Official
RE: Fee Waiver Request, Unity Baptist Church (National Day of Prayer)
DATE: February 7, 2017
CC: Teresa Knott, Deputy Clerk to the Board

The Department of Community Development and Code Compliance has received a request from Unity Baptist Church to waive certain permit fees associated with the Special Event permit for the annual National Day of Prayer events. Additionally, the organization has applied for a three year annual permit for the event.

Unity Baptist Church is a non-profit, 501(C)(3) organization. The events are held in front of the Prince George County Courthouse. There is no cost to attend this event and it is open to the public.

The Special Event ordinance requires Board of Supervisors approval of fee waivers or fee reductions. The current fee for each event is \$25 (\$75 for a three year permit). Please forward the attached application, event information and waiver request to the Board of Supervisors for their review and consideration, along with my recommendation for approval.

Thank you, and please contact me at your convenience if you have any questions or need any further information.



Thursday, January 19, 2017

Dear Mr. Brown, Mr. Ashcraft & Member of the Board of Supervisors,

Since 2013, several citizens in Prince George have been moved to ensure a community offering to join thousands across the United States to recognize our dependence on the Divine Providence of God for our nation by way of the National Day of Prayer (NDoP). Prayers have been concentrated on the need for the well-being of America and for those in leadership on all levels of national, church and educational areas of influence.

Days of prayer have been called for since 1775, when the Continental Congress designated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln called for such a day. Officially, the NDoP was established as an annual event by an act of Congress in 1952 and was signed into law by President Truman. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the NDoP. The Congress, by Public Law 100-307, as amended, has called on the President to issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a "National Day of Prayer."

It is our desire, as good neighbors and children of God, to ensure there continues to be a National Day of Prayer observance offered in Prince George County for the local citizens, as long as the Lord allows us the ability. This is a local event held, most appropriately, at the Prince George Courthouse Complex Courtyard as a free event for all to attend. Also, there will be no cost associated to the county of Prince George. In honoring the Proclamation of the President of the United States and US Law, we would like to, respectfully, request your consent in this endeavor by granting a three (3) year permit and permitting a waiver of the Special Event Fee for the annual observance of the Prince George County National Day of Prayer.

I, also, would like to suggest that the Prince George County Board of Supervisors make a Proclamation naming the first Thursday of May 2017 as a National Day of Prayer in Prince George County.

I will await your decision and continue in steadfast prayer for your leadership over our blessed community. If you should require further information or explanation it would be my pleasure to make myself available at your request.

Most Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rev. Christopher W. Jenkins', written over a horizontal line.

Rev. Christopher W. Jenkins
Pastor, Unity Baptist Church



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