

Letter of Intent – McCordsville Community Church

McCordsville Community Church has had the privilege of serving the families and residents of McCordsville for the past five years. During that time, we have experienced significant growth, both in attendance and in our outreach impact. Our current facility no longer accommodates the expanding needs of our congregation or the growing opportunities to serve our community.

This new location will allow us to continue fulfilling our mission of making a positive difference in McCordsville by providing a welcoming space for worship, community gatherings, and family support. We are especially passionate about creating environments that engage and uplift the underserved youth in our area, offering mentorship, support, and purpose-driven programs. We believe this new space will serve as a continued blessing to our community, allowing us to strengthen families, expand outreach, and be a lasting source of hope and encouragement for the town of McCordsville.

Letter of Explanation for Variance Requests

McCordsville Community Church

7724 DEPOT STREET MCCORDSVILLE, IN 46055

10-15-25

To the Members of the McCordsville Board of Zoning Appeals,

McCordsville Community Church respectfully submits the following variance requests related to our intended use of the property. These requests are made to allow us to operate effectively as a place of worship while maintaining our commitment to improving the property and aligning with community standards.

1. Sign Placement Variance

We are requesting approval to place a sign on the **southwest corner of the building**, rather than at the designated street sight. This location is preferred because it is **closer to the primary entrance**, ensuring greater visibility and accessibility for those entering the facility. The proposed placement will enhance wayfinding for guests and help identify the building clearly as a place of worship while maintaining an aesthetically appropriate appearance.

2. Landscaping Variance (Extension of Compliance Timeline)

We are requesting a variance allowing **two years** from the date **Trax officially vacates the property (scheduled for June 2026)** to bring all landscaping fully up to community standards. This additional time will enable us to focus first on essential improvements—such as **painting, lighting upgrades, and safety enhancements**—while ensuring that, upon completion, the landscaping will reflect the beauty and quality consistent with the Town of McCordsville's expectations.

3. Parking Surface Variance

We acknowledge the town's desire for a fully paved parking area and share that goal. Our long-term plan is to **purchase the entire property within two years**, at which point we are **committed to paving the entire parking lot** in accordance with all applicable standards.

In the interim, we will ensure **full compliance with ADA parking and accessibility requirements** immediately upon occupancy, including designated spaces, signage, and accessibility routes. This phased approach will allow us to responsibly steward resources while working toward full site enhancement.

McCordsville Community Church is deeply committed to being a positive, long-term partner within this community. These requested variances will allow us to effectively utilize the property for religious gatherings, while thoughtfully improving and investing in the site over time.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of our efforts to serve the residents and families of McCordsville.

With appreciation,

Steve Jones

Lead Pastor

McCordsville Community Church

