

Santos Castillo

221 Highland Terrace

Gainesville, GA 30501

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I, Santos Castillo, am the owner along with my wife, Carmen Castillo, of the property located at 221 Highland Terrace. When we first bought the property, it was presented to us as a church, since church's have congregated there beforehand, where we would be able to congregate at after some work done to it. Our church is called "Generacion De Fe", which in English is "Generation of Faith". We are a church that has only a year of history, but with so much more history behind each one of the family's that congregate with us from the molding the Lord beforehand. Since we are a new church the only place we have found to congregate is currently in a two-car garage. As you can imagine it is not an ideal place to be in, but nevertheless the spirit of God shows no boundaries of what He can do. In this garage we do struggle with the seasons because in the Summer it is very hot and in the Winter it is very cold, but the Fall and Spring the temperatures are more manageable. This is one of the main reasons for our church's relocation. It has come to our attention though that this property was not listed as a church and that is why we are here today to have it relisted and to check off the box's one step at a time. In this property we plan to renovate, fix or add what is necessary to do away concerns and make sure it's a place of worship for the public to feel safe in and have an encounter with God. Our goal as church is to relocate once more in two years due the fact of how big the church is and how small the parking lot is. This will only stunt the growth of the church, although any growth is valuable in the eyes of the Lord, we would like to reach as many people as possible. Since the parking lot is not nearly as big as it needs to be for parking based off the square footage, we are kindly requesting a parking variance. We ask that instead of 45 parking spots if it could be reduced to 15. Our reasoning is we would have more than enough spaces for our church because we only have 10-15 people, including children. If in the future our numbers grow, we have also contacted our neighbor at, 215 Highland Terrace, and asked if we could use his property for parking since his business is closed on the weekends and he has accepted and consented to this. We would also like to ask for an existing industrial building variance for the left, right and rear sides of the properties due to their needing to be a 20 ft separation between the property line and the building on the left side we ask for a reduction of 20 ft to 15 ft, on the right side we ask for a reduction of 20 ft to 8 ft and on the rear we ask for a reduction of 20 ft to 3 ft. For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request for these variances to be granted as outlined. I believe that the request is justified due to the unique conditions of the property and reasonable without compromising city standards.

Sincerely,

Santos Castillo