

MORGAN COUNTY
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, SUITE 204
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Docket No. A- _____ - _____

NOTICE-The Board Zoning Appeal meets the 4th Monday of every month. The deadline to file for this meeting is the 4th Monday of the preceding month.

APPLICATION FOR USE VARIANCE

Name of Applicant Charles Lehman / REST Ministries, Inc Phone No. 765-327-7157

Address of Applicant 565 E William and Mary Drive, Martinsville, IN 46151

Name of Owner Ted Reese Address 365 E 75th St., Indianapolis, IN 46240

Premises affected, Street and No. 565 E William and Mary Drive, Martinsville, IN 46151

Between what two addresses 543 E William & Mary Dr. and 597 E William & Mary Dr.

Lot No. _____ in _____ Subdivision

Metes and Bounds Description S15 T12 R1E PT SW; 34.41 A

Property Tax #: 55-09-15-300-004.000-020

Directions: Proceed north of Morgan Street on Main Street in the center of Martinsville for 3.5 miles, turn right on William & Mary Drive. When William & Mary turns proceed straight on drive.

Lot-Plot Size: 34.41 Acres

Nature and Size of Improvements Now Existing on Lot-Plot 11314 square foot residence

Reason for Request The current residence on the property is not being occupied by the owner. We desire use the residence to assist local churches by helping Christians deepen their relationship with God, in doing so we enable guests to have their faith to guide their entire life. We host guests allowing them to enjoy spiritual focused rest, we guide and train them, equipping them to bolster their faith walk. The above information, to my knowledge and belief, is true and correct.

State of Indiana, County of Morgan, ss: _____ Signature of Applicant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public

My Commission expires _____ 20 _____

A FEE OF THREE HUNDRED (\$300.00) TO BE PAID TO THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION

**PETITION FOR USE VARIANCE
FINDING OF FACTS**

1. THE APPROVAL (**WILL NOT** / WILL) BE INJURIOUS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, MORALS, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY because:

We will in no way harm the weelfare of the community. As guests depart determined to allow their faith to guide their life, communities will be greatly impacted for good, morals will improve and the public will benefit. We are already hosting monthly Martinsville Ministerial Association meetings and monthly Gideon's meetings. We are also already working with many Martinsville churches to assist their work in the community. Even the mayor of Martinsville was very supportive of our efforts as he and his church enjoyed our ministry at the property.

2. THE USE AND VALUE OF THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY INCLUDED IN THE VARIANCE (**WILL NOT** / WILL) BE AFFECTED IN A SUBSTANTIALLY ADVERSE MANNER because:

As the property becomes a valuable community asset, property values should increase. Before beginning ministry we checked with the planning commission and after detailed description of our ministry work we were told we fit all zoning requirements. Not intending to go against regulations, we have been performing ministry here for the last 2 1/2 years and we have a growing relationship with our neighbors. Until we told them, most of them didn't even realize any ministry was happening since we are in the middle of 34 acres and 175' above neighbors.

3. THE NEED FOR THE VARIANCE ARISES FROM SOME CONDITION PECULIAR TO THE PROPERTY INVOLVED. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PECULIAR CONDITION.

Christians need a proactive retreat ministry to assist them to stay spiritually healthy and growing. I know of no other such proactive facilities anywhere within a 300 mile radius. The owners dreamed about this residence being used for ministry when they built it and since the owners have been unable to sell the residence our use of the residence allows the building to be used (which sat vacant for 1 1/2 years prior to our arriving here) to fulfil their dreams.

4. THE STRICT APPLICATION OF THE TERMS OF THE ORDINANCE (WILL NOT / **WILL**) CONSTITUTE AN UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP IF APPLIED TO THE PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE VARIANCE IS SOUGHT because:

A denial will gravely affect our 501c3 ministry. Since beginning our ministry efforts in this residence, we have seen the impact of this property has had on many guests. If this variance is denied, we will have no location to base our ministries from and many of the relationships with Morgan County churches will be destroyed. We have invested our lives in the churches and residence of Morgan County for the last 2 1/2 years...our ministry would be devastated by a denial and we would be forced to leave our Morgan County ministry dreams.

5. THE APPROVAL (**WILL NOT** / WILL) INTEREFERE SUBSTANTIALLY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTED UNDER THIS ORDINANCE because:

The approval of our ministry variance will greatly benefit guests from Morgan County and the surrounding area thus benefiting the entire community while leaving no negative impact on the direct neighborhood or on the local economy. One of our local ministers (Scott Luck from Stones Crossings Church) just this week stated after his personal retreat, " this ministry just impacted over 900 people from my congregation!"

No variance shall be granted in an R-1, R-2, R-3, or R-4 district allowing alcohol beverages to be sold on any premise.

DECISION

IT IS THEREFORE the decision of this body that this **USE VARIANCE PETITION** is:

Adopted X Denied this day of 28th day of May , 20 13 .

** _____ John Chappelow	** _____ Bill Rumbaugh	** _____ Leroy V. Brown
** _____ Gerard McGrath	** _____ Harold Hinton	