FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Lynchburg, VA 24505
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Council Meeting
May 13, 2003

Agenda Item: 16

April 28, 2003

Ms. Pat Kost, Clerk of Council, City of Lynchburg

PO Box 60

Lynchburg, VA 24505

Dear Ms. Kost:

I would like to speak before City Council at the May 13, 2003 meeting to request that Council amend City Code # 34 (sewer) in order to give our church relief from paying the sewer portion of water bills during the period that our steam boilers are in use to heat the church.

I am attaching copies of my letter to Ms. Lynn Watson, Utility Billing, City of Lynchburg and her reply to me regarding this matter.

Please mail confirmation on this to:

Ralph Tucker

5716 White Oak Drive

Lynchburg, VA 24502-1920

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Ralph Tucker

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Treasurer

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From: lynn.watson@lynchburgva.gov
To: historicFBC@Juno.com
Date: Wed, 9 Apr 2003 17:03:12 -0400
Subject: Utility Billing - Sewer Adjustment

Mr. Ralph Tucker
Treasurer
First Baptist Church
P O Box 1159
Lynchburg, VA 24505

Dear Mr. Tucker,

I received your letter on behalf of First Baptist Church requesting that I
not apply sewer rates to winter water consumption for customers with boilers in operation. The monthly billing of water and sewer consumption is based on existing City Codes #34 Sewer and #39 Water. Each City Code respectively sets the parameters for billing and list the rates applicable
to consumption. The Seasonal Sewer Cap billing parameters are included in
the #34 Sewer City Code. There are no parameters set in the code for boiler operation during the winter months. Also, I am not aware of any adjustment practice currently in use by the City of Lynchburg relative to boiler operation and steam evaporation for residential or commercial customers.

Lynn Watson, Utility Billing Supervisor
Billings and Collections
City of Lynchburg, VA
(434) 847-1320 Ext. 227
lynn.watson@lynchburgva.gov

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April 22, 2003

The City of Lynchburg
Utility Billing
P. O. Box 6860
Lynchburg, VA 24505
Attn: Ms. Lynn Watson

RE: Water Bills First Baptist Church

Dear Ms. Watson,

It has come to my attention that during the winter months, when the boilers in our church are in operation, our water bills go up tremendously from an average of 200 CF to 600 CF the rest of the year. I am listing these instances as follows:

1-4-2000 - 4-5-2000
94 CF

12-1-2000 - 4-2-2001
132 CF

12-3-2001 - 4-2-2002
91 CF

11-5-2002 - 2-6-2003
91 CF

As these increases are due to our boilers being in operation and the excess water winding up as steam and not going into the sewer system, it is respectively requested that an adjustment be made, as to the sewer portion of these bills, during these period of high water use.

It is also requested that you not apply this sewer fee to bills of this nature in the future. As it is city policy to give individual residences, during certain months, a relief from the sewer charge of the water bill for water used in watering lawns and gardens which does not go back into the sewer system, we feel that this same policy should be allowed for the church.

Please take this into consideration and advise.

Sincerely,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Treasurer