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Village of Orland Park Reaches Agreement with Hope Covenant Church Regarding Safety Issues

ORLAND PARK, IL (November 25, 2019) - The Village of Orland Park has reached a tentative agreement with Hope Covenant Church regarding the outstanding safety issues that allow for the continuation of the overnight shelter.

Per the agreement, Hope Covenant Church has agreed to comply with all applicable Village code requirements, making necessary changes and updates to the facility to ensure the safety of all its guests. In turn, the Village has agreed to allow Hope Covenant Church to continue to operate the shelter during the code compliance process.

The Village is actively collaborating with the Church to ensure a safe environment for those utilizing the one night per week overnight accommodations in the seasonal shelter. Additionally, the Village has agreed to waive all permit fees associated with the process as a gesture of good will.

“The health, safety and well-being of those staying overnight at Hope Covenant Church has always been our primary goal. This agreement ensures all necessary steps will be taken to satisfy the Village’s safety concerns while still providing a warm and safe shelter for those in need,” said Village of Orland Park Mayor Keith Pekau.

The tentative agreement must still be ratified by the respective boards of the Village and Hope Covenant Church.

For more information, please visit www.orlandpark.org/Hope-Church.

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