

Narrative for 131 S. Tennessee – The Parks Church McKinney

To Whom It May Concern:

The Parks Church is honored to be establishing its primary gathering space at 131 S. Tennessee Street in the heart of downtown McKinney. This new facility represents not just a place of worship, but a long-term investment in the spiritual, social, and economic flourishing of our city.

For over 14 years, The Parks Church has faithfully served the east side of McKinney with a clear mission: to seek the good of the city and to meet tangible needs with consistency and compassion. This new building is a continuation—and expansion—of that mission.

Our presence downtown has already produced meaningful and measurable impact. The Parks Church helped launch CommonGood Medical, a primary care clinic serving uninsured and underserved neighbors, now providing more than 2,000 patient visits annually. In addition, we pioneered the city's first weekly warm meal ministry in partnership with the Salvation Army, which now provides nearly 1,000 meals each month to those facing food insecurity.

These efforts reflect who we are. The Parks Church exists not to receive from the city, but to contribute meaningfully to it—serving children, families, the unhoused, and those in need of both care and community.

The establishment of our main facility at 131 S. Tennessee significantly expands that impact.

Each week, more than 1,000 individuals will gather in downtown McKinney through our services and ministry activities. This consistent influx of people brings meaningful economic benefit to the surrounding area, as attendees regularly dine, shop, and engage with local businesses before and after gatherings. On a monthly basis, this represents thousands of visits to the downtown district—supporting its vitality and sustainability.

While The Parks Church operates as a tax-exempt organization, the individuals and families who make up our congregation are active, tax-paying citizens who contribute directly to the local economy. Our presence functions as a reliable and recurring driver of foot traffic and commerce in downtown McKinney.

Beyond economics, this building will serve as a hub for ongoing community engagement—mobilizing volunteers, hosting outreach initiatives, and continuing to develop programs that meet real needs across our city. It will be a place from which we serve, not just gather.

We are deeply aligned with the City of McKinney's vision for a thriving, connected, and vibrant downtown. Our investment at 131 S. Tennessee is both a commitment to that vision and a catalyst for continued growth and community impact.

In light of this, we respectfully request consideration for TIRZ support and a meritorious exemption beyond standard limits. We believe the scope, consistency, and long-term nature of our contributions—both socially and economically—represent a meaningful return on investment for the city.

We are grateful for the opportunity to continue partnering with McKinney and look forward to many more years of serving for the good of this community.

*Grace and Peace,
Kyle Redel
Lead Pastor – The Parks Church*