

September 1, 2017

San Marcos City Council
630 E. Hopkins St.
San Marcos, TX 78666

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing to request a variance from City Ordinance 2016-25 having to do with modifying the standards for exterior building materials.

We are planning on building an outdoor, open air, covered Picnic Pavilion on our Campus at 1200 N. Bishop Street.

The Pavilion will be erected on a concrete slab to city specifications with steel poles supporting a peaked roof. Drawings from the manufacturer are included.

The structure will be painted to match the color of the other buildings on our campus and located in the middle of our campus to blend in with the other buildings. The buildings on our campus are all of steel siding with steel poles supporting all overhangs.

Our variance request has to do with Chapter 4, Article 4, Division 2, Section 4.4.2.1(c)(1) which directs that a minimum of 80% of each building wall shall be of Primary Materials (Brick, Stone, etc.). We have been advised by the San Marcos City Permitting Department that we must wrap each supporting steel pole in accordance with the minimums of the Section quoted above. The enclosed photographs show that none of the other steel posts on our campus are wrapped in this way.

We feel that wrapping the poles in this manner on any new structure on our campus will be distracting and not fit the style of the buildings on our campus.

The Ordinance, passed in September 2016 states that only the City Council can grant a variance. Scheib Community Center is, therefore, requesting that we not be required to wrap the steel polls on our structure with any Primary Material but, rather, paint them to match the steel poles on other structures on our campus.

Sincerely,

Edwin Kuny, President of the Board
Scheib Community Center