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Kevin Kinney
Parking Director for the City of Coral Gables
2801 Salzedo Avenue
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Dear Mr. Kinney:

Welcome to Coral Gables! I thought my transition from Ohio to South Florida was difficult but I can't imagine the change from Alaska! Best wishes!

Thank you so much for taking the time to contact us about the parking lot lease that is expiring between the City of Coral Gables and the Coral Gables Congregational Church. The church would be most grateful if we could renew the lease for another five years. As a growing and active church, the parking lot is invaluable not only to our own members who attend worship but to the greater community as they participate in the many programs and events which we offer.

In our conversation, you mentioned that the lease has increased in cost from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Knowing that costs have arisen across the board, it is certainly understandable that an increase is in order. Due to the economic downturn that everyone is experiencing, the church has had to cut back on costs, and we are wondering if you might ask the Commission to keep our lease at \$10,000. We pledge to continue to maintain the lot on a daily basis which includes picking up trash, general cleaning and lawn care. Please thank them for any consideration they might be able to give us.

Thank you again for being in touch with us and we look forward to hearing from you regarding the renewal of our lease.

Most sincerely,

Laurinda Hafner

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