



Cumberland Good Samaritans

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"We Are Our Brothers Keeper"

September 8, 2016

City of Crossville
Attn: City Clerk, Sally Oglesby

Re: Request for abandonment of right of way.

Dear Sally,

Cumberland Good Samaritans is requesting that the City of Crossville grant an abandonment of the right of way that is currently platted through the middle of our two properties at 281 10th St. and 66 Hermans Lane, and we request that the City of Crossville convey title to Cumberland Good Samaritans so that we can build a facility across the right of way. To the best of our knowledge, this right of way has never been developed or used in any way. The property at 66 Hermans Lane is the site of our cabin that houses Cumberland Heights Counseling Services and 281 10th Street is the site of our thrift store and administrative services for Cumberland Good Samaritans. Cumberland Good Samaritans intends to extend an existing storage building and the new building space will need to be constructed on the right of way between our properties.

We currently have a 4,000 sq. ft. warehouse facility that is detached from our main facility and used for storing seasonal merchandise for our thrift store and general operations. We are in the process of enlarging that facility another 5,000 sq. ft. and are obtaining a loan through USDA Rural Development to complete the project. Upland Design group and ECE engineering services have already been hired and were working on the project when we discovered this right of way had never been abandoned.

We have received a grant through USDA to install a large cooler and freezer in the facility but the units must be installed and granted funds expended by March of 2017. With the environmental phase work that must be completed, we are on a very tight schedule and the notification of this right of way certainly threatens our ability to complete our project within our planned time frame.

2,000 sq. ft. of the space will be utilized for installing a 24X24 walk-in cooler and a 12X24 walk-in freezer that will be utilized for the storage and redistribution of perishable food products we utilize through our own food programs, and food that we purchase and supply to many weekly and monthly feeding programs in Crossville and across Cumberland County throughout the year. The space will also be available for VOAD and TEMA to utilize during any disaster or emergency situation, as Good Samaritans helps to coordinate food relief during such events. If you recall, during the recent ice storm that hit our community, we had to really scramble to utilize three different sites and obtain a refrigeration truck in order to handle the foods we were offered by the school system when multiple schools were without power. Any attention that you and the City of Crossville might afford our request will be greatly appreciated and will benefit the welfare of many people in our community. If you have any questions or need further information regarding our request, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, 

Mickey Eldridge, Executive Director
Cumberland Good Samaritans, Inc.