

Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church

November 5, 2006

County Supervisor Tom Hockensmith
Polk County Administration Building
111 Court Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Supervisor Hockensmith:

Due to the recent passage of federal laws, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, as amended by the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000bb et seq. and 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000cc et seq., and the U.S. Supreme Court decisions interpreting these laws, *Cutter v. Wilkinson*, 544 U.S. 709, 125 S. Ct. 2113, 161 L. Ed. 2d 1020 (2005) and *Gonzales v. O Centro Espirita Beneficente Uniao do Vegetal*, ___ U.S. ___, 126 S. Ct. 1211, 163 L. Ed. 2d 1017 (2006), I have caused to be filed the enclosed Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church. I am also enclosing a copy of the Constitution of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church, which makes it clear that the Church is seeking legal recognition of its right to its Sacrament, Cannabis (Marijuana, Ganja, or any other name by which this herb is known).

This letter is to inform you that my home at 130 E Aurora Ave, Des Moines, Iowa 50313 is the official registered office of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church. Until the courts officially recognize the Church's right to its Sacrament, Cannabis (Marijuana, Ganja, or any other name by which this herb is known), there will be no assembly and use of the Church's Sacrament at my home. I cannot anticipate how others will interpret the Church's Articles of Incorporation or Constitution. I am notifying you that my home is not a place of assembly for members of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church and church services will not be taking place here. I would appreciate it if you would notify the county sheriff of this fact.

Thank you!

Rev. Carl Olsen, Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church

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