

COBCC-0293

December 30, 2005

FCC

Attn: Secretary's Office  
Closed Captioning  
445 12<sup>th</sup>. Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMMISSION'S CLOSED CAPTIONING RULES**

Lighthouse Full Life Center Church is a two year old ministry that airs a 30 minute broadcast entitled "Walk in the Light". This broadcast airs at 9:00 a.m, a traditional time for many to worship at a church, and benefits those who are unable to attend a worship service due to disability or hardship. Given our sensitivity to reaching all people, we would like to request that the FCC consider waiving the requirements for closed captioning until we can find an economically feasible solution to meeting this requirement. We have already begun to seek out efforts and at this time, with only 45 days notice, adding the additional \$250.00 would pose a financial hardship and potentially eliminate our broadcast. Eliminating our broadcast would result in many homebound individuals not hearing a word of faith and encouragement. We would ask that you allow 6 months for us to find a mutually beneficial resolve.

This petition seeks relief from the Closed Captioning ruling based on Part 79.1 section (F). Compliance would pose an undue burden to Lighthouse Full Life Center Church for the following reason:

1. The program would be sent to an additional outside source for captioning. This added production cost is currently not possible with our budget. Additionally, with such short notice, could not meet deadline air dates.
2. Lighthouse does not receive nor solicit any contributions from the broadcast. This broadcast is made possible by the support of church members.
3. Lighthouse is a member supported, not for profit ecclesiastical body with a total income of \$480,000. (The FCC report and order on captioning summary states under exemptions: "Providers with less than 3,000,000 in gross annual revenues will not be required to spend any money to caption programming".

Again, we respectfully request that Lighthouse Full Life Center Church be exempted, a minimal for a 6 month period and possibly waived indefinitely from the closed caption requirement for the above stated reasons. We may be reached at:

Lighthouse Full Life Center Church  
2415 Madison SE  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507  
(616)241-5448

Sincerely,

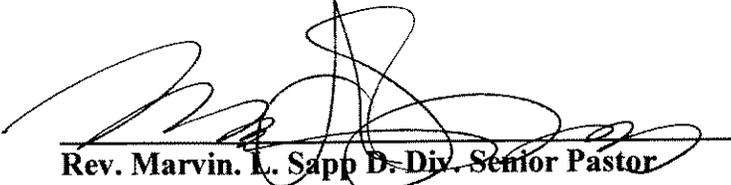
Rev. Marvin L. Sapp, D. Div.,  
Enclosure: Affidavit of Cost

## Affidavit of Cost

I, Rev. Marvin L. Sapp, Sr. Pastor of Lighthouse Full Life Center Church, by my signature affixed to this document, do hereby make the following statement of fact and affirm;

1. Total income of Lighthouse Full Life Center Church, including all sources is \$480,000.
2. The cost of producing "Walk In the Light", our weekly broadcast program including airing and post production editing is \$600.00 per week.
3. Captioning cost would be an additional \$250.00 per month and would currently not be financially feasible.

I now affix my signature to these affirmations:

  
Rev. Marvin L. Sapp D. Div. Senior Pastor



12/30/05

MOLLIE L. HOFFMAN  
Notary Public, Kent Co., MI  
My Comm. Expires July 17, 2008