

City of Pembroke Pines Planning & Economic Development Department 601 City Center Way 3rd Floor Pembroke Pines FL, 33025

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Agenda Date:	June 26, 2025	Application ID:	ZV2025-0010
Project:	Chabad of Pembroke Pines Parking Variance	Project Number:	PRJ2025-0008
Project Planner:	Cole Williams, Senior P	Planner	
Owner:	Chabad Lubavitch Of Pembroke Pines Inc	Agent:	Jeremy Shir
Location:	18490 Johnson Street	District	District 3
Existing Zoning:	PUD (Planned Unit Development)	Existing Land Use:	Commercial
Reference Applications:	SP2025-0001		
	Variance	Summary	
Application	Code Section	Required/Allowed	Request
ZV2025-0010	Table 155.605 Minimum Parking Requirements	79 Parking Spaces	43 Parking Spaces
Final:		☐ Board of Adjustment	
Reviewed for the Agenda:	Director:	Assistant Director:	

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / BACKGROUND:

Jeremy Shir, agent, is requesting a variance for the Chabad of Pembroke Pines located at 18490 Johnson Street to allow 43 existing parking spaces instead of the required 79 parking spaces. The request is to allow for future construction of the Mikveh building.

The site, previously owned and operated by the city as a daycare facility, was sold to the Chabad in 2021 for use as a religious institution. In 2025, a site plan application (SP2025-0001) was submitted to include the construction of a new freestanding building, designated to serve as a Mikveh. Due to the expansion, a parking variance is required to accommodate the increased number of parking spaces necessitated by the proposed development.

VARIANCE REQUEST DETAILS:

The applicant is requesting a variance to allow the 43 parking spaces provided, instead of the required 79 parking spaces to allow for the proposed Mikveh.

The applicant has provided the attached justification statement to support their request. Minimum off street parking is regulated by Land Development Code section 155.605. For reference, staff has attached Table 155.605: Minimum Parking Requirements from Article 6 of the Land Development Code.

VARIANCE DETERMINATION:

The Planning & Zoning Board shall not grant any non-single-family residential variances, permits, or make any decision, finding, and determination unless it first determines that:

Its decision and action taken is in harmony with the general purposes of the zoning ordinances of the city and is not contrary to the public interest, health, or welfare, taking into account the character and use of adjoining buildings and those in the vicinity, the number of persons residing or working in the buildings, and traffic conditions in the vicinity.

In the granting of non-single-family residential variances, the Board shall follow Section 155.301(O) Variance:

- 1. Purpose: To allow for the provision of relief from certain development standards of this LDC for one or more of the following reasons:
 - a) There are special circumstances or conditions applying to the land or building for which the variance is sought, which circumstances are peculiar to the land or building and do not apply generally to land or buildings in the neighborhood, and that the strict application of the provisions of the zoning ordinances would result in an unnecessary hardship and deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or building; or
 - b) Any alleged hardship is not self-created by any person having an interest in the property nor is the result of a mere disregard for or in ignorance of the provisions of the zoning ordinances of the city; or
 - c) Granting the variance is not incompatible with public policy, will not adversely affect any adjacent property owners, and that the circumstances which cause the special conditions are peculiar to the subject property.

Enclosed: Variance Request Application

Variance Justification Statement

Table 155.605 Minimum Parking Requirements

Site Plan

Subject Site Aerial Photo



□ Plat*

Land Use Plan Map Amendment*

City of Pembroke Pines Planning and Economic Development Department **Unified Development Application**

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Indicate the type of application you a	re applying for:
☐ Appeal*	☐ Sign Plan
☐ Comprehensive Plan Amendment	□ Site Plan*
☐ Delegation Request	☐ Site Plan Amendment*
☐ DRI*	☐ Special Exception*
☐ DRI Amendment (NOPC)*	☐ Variance (Homeowner Residential)
☐ Flexibility Allocation	☑ Variance (Multifamily, Non-residential)*
☐ Interpretation*	☐ Zoning Change (Map or PUD)*

☐ Zoning Change (Text)

Zoning Exception*

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Miscellaneous

- 1. All questions must be completed on this application. If not applicable, mark N/A.
- 2. Include all submittal requirements / attachments with this application.
- 3. All applicable fees are due when the application is submitted (Fees adjusted annually).
- 4. Include mailing labels of all property owners within a 500 feet radius of affected site with signed affidavit (Applications types marked with *).
- 5. All plans must be submitted no later than noon on Thursday to be considered for Development Review Committee (DRC) review the following week.
- 6. Adjacent Homeowners Associations need to be noticed after issuance of a project number and a minimum of 30 days before hearing. (Applications types marked with *).
- 7. The applicant is responsible for addressing staff review comments in a timely manner. Any application which remains inactive for over 6 months will be removed from staff review. A new, updated, application will be required with applicable fees.
- 8. Applicants presenting demonstration boards or architectural renderings to the City Commission must have an electronic copy (PDF) of each board submitted to Planning Division no later than the Monday preceding the meeting.

	Staff Use Only
Project Planner:	Project #: PRJ 20 Application #:
Date Submitted:	/ Posted Signs Required: () Fees: \$

SECTION 1-PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name: Chabad Mikveh	
Project Address: 18490 Johnson Street. Pe	embroke pines
Location / Shopping Center:	
Acreage of Property: 98,952 SqFt	Building Square Feet:
	Folio Number(s): 513911030091
Plat Name:	Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ):
Legal Description:	
Has this project been previously submitted	? Yes No
Describe previous applications on property etc) Include previous application number	

Application	Request	Action	Resolution / Ordinance #	Conditions of Approval

SECTION 2 - APPLICANT / OWNER / AGENT INFORMATION

Owner's Name: Mordechai Andrusier	V
Owner's Address: 18490 Johnson Stree	t
Owner's Email Address: rabbi@jewishpi	nes.com
Owner's Phone: 9543919999	Owner's Fax:
Agent:	
Contact Person:	
Agent's Address:	
Agent's Email Address:	
Agent's Phone:	Agent's Fax:
All staff comments will be sent dire writing from the owner.	ectly to agent unless otherwise instructed in
SECTION 3- LAND USE AND ZONING	INFORMATION:
EXISTING	PROPOSED
Zoning:	Zoning:
Land Use / Density:	Land Use / Density:
Use:	Use:
Plat Name:	Plat Name:
Plat Restrictive Note:	Plat Restrictive Note:
ADJACENT ZONING	ADJACENT LAND USE PLAN
North:	North:
South:	South:
East:	East:
West:	West:

-This page is for Variance, Zoning Appeal, Interpretation and Land Use applications only-

SECTION 4 - VARIANCE • ZONING APPEAL • INTERPRETATION ONLY Application Type (Circle One): OVariance OZoning Appeal OInterpretation Related Applications: Code Section: 155.605 Required: 79 parking spaces Request: 40 space parking variance Details of Variance, Zoning Appeal, Interpretation Request: SECTION 5 - LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION ONLY ☐ City and County Amendment ☐ City Amendment Only Existing City Land Use: _____ Requested City Land Use: ______ Existing County Land Use: _____ Requested County Land Use: _____

SECTION 6 - DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT (attach additional pages if necessary)

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SECTION 7- PROJECT AUTHORIZATION

OWNER CERTIFICATION

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Signature of Owne	·r	Date
Sworn and Subscr	ibed before me this	day
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Fee Paid	Signature of Notary Public	My Commission Expires
		MOTI DOVER Commission # HH 596401 Expires January 21, 2029
AGENT CER	TIFICATION	
This is to certify that and that all informa	nt I am the agent of the propert tion supplied herein is true and	y owner described in this application discorrect to the best of my knowledge.
Signature of Agent		Date
Sworn and Subscri	bed before me this	day
of APPIL		JANUARY DI 2009
Fee Paid	Signature of Notary Public	My Commission Expires



Chabad Lubavitch of Pembroke Pines 18490 Johnson St. Pembroke Pines, FL 33029 (954) 391-9999 JewishPines.com

April 8, 2025

Nisan 10, 5785

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Att: Michael Stamm,

Re: Parking variance for Chabad Mikveh Project

Chabad Lubavitch of Pembroke Pines, inc. purchased the land located at 18490 Johnson street from the City of Pembroke Pines in 2021. We purchased the land to use for religious and educational purposes.

Chabad is a Jewish orthodox observant outreach educational organization. Our goal is to promote and encourage stronger traditional observance of Torah & Talmudic law.

One of the central focus of Judaic observance is the day of Shabbat or Sabbath. On Shabbat, work and usage of gas and electronic devices are prohibited. Instead, individuals and families attend prayer services in the Temple to connect to G-d and to their fellow community members.

The Talmud explains that there are 39 prohibitive acts that must be observed on the Sabbath day. Among these observances of Shabbat is the prohibition of operating a motor vehicle on the day Sabbath & Holidays. (See: https://www.jewishpines.com/6371325)

With G-d's blessings, we have successful in inspiring many community members to walk to attend services rather than drive. This being the case, of the 43 available parking spaces, only 10 spaces at a maximum are occupied on any given Saturday.

As such, there is a great surplus of parking even on our busiest event. Mondays thru Fridays we utilize one or two spaces during business hours. We have a Bible study class on Monday evenings that uses a maximum of 6 spaces as many attendees are virtual. On Sunday mornings, we have concurrent prayer services with Hebrew School. This too utilizes a maximum of 6 spaces.

In regards to the mikveh project in particular, a maximum of three spaces will be needed and never during business hours.

To explain: According to the Torah, (see: https://www.jewishpines.com/5204977) a married woman must immerse herself in a mikveh - ritual bath following her menstrual cycle before being intimate with her husband. For the purposes of modesty, only one woman uses the mikveh at a time.

Our mikveh project calls for two changing rooms which would allow for 2 women only and 1 attendant to be present simultaneously. Thus, the total of three parking spaces.

Furthermore, In Judaic the law, a 24 hour day begins at nightfall. The source for this law is Genesis chapter 1, "And it was evening and it was morning, Day 1". A woman must to the mikveh only at the conclusion of the seventh day which is at the end of the day at nightfall. This

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means, that the earliest a mikveh attendee would park and utilize the mikveh in the winter hours (the shortest daylight days of the year) would be 6:00 pm which is after our operating hours.

It is based on the above that we are requesting that Chabad Lubavitch of Pembroke Pines be granted a parking variance of 40 spaces for as long as Chabad Lubavitch of Pembroke Pines owns the parcel of land located at 18490 Johnson St.

Please see below for the reasoning as to how we meet the City's variance criteria:

Section 155.301(O) Variance.

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- I. As mentioned, we purchased this property from the City in 2021 and have not had any parking-related issues in that time. The majority of our Congregation walks to Shul during Shabbat and as such we rarely have more than 20 parking spaces occupied even during our busiest times. In the event of a holiday with anticipated higher demand, we will request a special event permit from the City.
- (b) Any alleged hardship is not self-created by any person having an interest in the property nor is the result of a mere disregard for or in ignorance of the provisions of the zoning ordinances of the city; or
- I. This property was purchased as-is from the City and we have not had any issues since that time.
- (c) Granting the variance is not incompatible with public policy, will not adversely affect any adjacent property owners, and the circumstances which cause the special conditions are peculiar to the subject property
- I. We do not anticipate any adverse impacts to our neighbors from this request. The parking demand is significantly less than what is required by Code.

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I hope we have sufficiently explained the reason for the variance of required parking at Chabad of Pembroke Pines. I look forward to further explaining this special project to the board.

Sincerely.

Rabbi Mordechai Andrusier

Director

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Authorized Representative

Print Name of Applicant/Authorized Representative

Waiver of Florida Statutes Section 166.033, Development Permits and Orders

LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ARTICLE 6

- (A) The required off-street parking facilities shall be identified on the plan submitted to the Planning and Economic Development Department.
- (B) Off-street parking facilities including drive aisle and driveways shall be surfaced with a hard, dustless material and maintained in a smooth, well graded condition.
- (C) The required parking shall be completely accessible by the public during operating hours. Any parking areas not open to the public either behind a gate, wall, fence, etc. will not count toward the required parking as identified in this section.

155,605 MINIMUM OFF STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS

(A) The off-street parking required by this article shall be provided and maintained on the basis of the following minimum requirements:

20 S 4 S	Table 155.605 Minimum Pa	rking Requirements
Use Category	Use Type	Requirement
	Resident	ial
	Dwelling – Mobile Home	2 spaces per unit (16 feet x 20 feet or 9 feet x 35 feet)
		2 spaces per unit (1 or 2 bedroom)
	Dwelling - Multi-Family	2.5 spaces per unit (3 or more bedrooms)
		2.5 guest parking spaces per ten units
	Dwelling – Single Family	2 spaces per unit (16 x 20 feet)
Residences	Dwelling – Single-Family Zero Lot Line	2 spaces per unit (16 x 20 feet)
		2.5 guest parking spaces per ten units
	Dwelling – Two-Family	2 spaces per unit (20 feet x 20 feet)
	Dwelling – Town House	2 spaces per unit (1 or 2 bedroom)
		2.5 spaces per unit (3 or more bedrooms)
		2.5 guest parking spaces per ten units
	College Dormitory	1 space per bed
Group Living	Assisted Living Facility or Special Residential or Nursing Home	0.5 space per room
	Community Facilities/ Gove	ernment/ Institutional
	School - Elementary or Middle	20% of "population"
Educational Facilities	School – High	30% of "population"
	School - University or College	35% of "population"
Government	Library	5 spaces per 1,000 square feet

LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ARTICLE 6

Use Category	Use Type	Requirement
Religious Institution	Religious Institution [1]	8.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet
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	Car wash - manual	2 spaces per work station See 155.508
Automotive, Boats,	Service Station	3.5 per 1,000 square feet 155.527
Equipment and Vehicle sales and	Vehicle Rental and Trailer Storage	3.5 per 1,000 square feet 155.529
service	Vehicle Sales	3.5 per 1,000 square feet 155.505
Animal Related	Veterinary office	3.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Office and	Office - Call Center	10 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Professional Services	Office - General	3.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Services	Adult Daycare	3 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Daycare	Day Care Center	3 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Financial Services	Bank	3.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet
T manetal Col vices	Banquet Hall	10 spaces per 1,000 square feet
	Night Club	20 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Food and Beverage	Restaurant	10 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Service	Restaurant or Outdoor Dining [2]	15 spaces per 1,000 square feet of customer service area
	Food Production / Take Out (No Seating)	3.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet
	Medical – General	5.75 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Health Care Related;	Medical – Hospital	2.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Medical Office	Medical – Specialized	3.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet
	Freestanding Emergency Facility	3.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Lodging, Visitor	Hotel or Motel (Limited Service)	1 space per room
Accommodations	Hotel (Full Service)	1.25 spaces per room
	Personal Services	3.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Personal Services	Mortuary or Funeral Home	5 spaces per 1,000 square feet
	Amusement Center	5 spaces per 1,000 square feet
	Movie Theater – Freestanding	1 space per 3 seats
	Movie Theater – In Line	1 space per 5 seats
Recreation and Entertainment	Bowling Alley	7 spaces per lane
Entertainment	Fitness Center/Gymnasium	7 spaces per 1,000 square feet
	Specialized Gymnasium	5 spaces per 1,000 square feet
	Stadium or Arena	1 space for every 3 seats

LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ARTICLE 6

	Table 155.605 Minimus	m Parking Requirements	
Use Category	Use Type	Requirement	
	Outdoor Recreational Facility [3]	Varies	
	Raquet and Paddle Courts	3 spaces per court	
	General	3.5 spaces for every 1,000 square feet	
Retail	Home Improvement Center and Furniture Sales	3 spaces for every 1,000 square feet	
	Instructional Services	3.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet	
Other	Place of Assembly	5 spaces per 1,000 square feet	
	Self-Storage	0.5 spaces for every 1,000 square feet	
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Manufacturing and Production	Manufacturing	1.5 spaces per 1,000 square feet	
Storage and Warehousing	Warehouse or Wholesale	1 space per 1,000 square feet	
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	Airport – Hangar	1 space per hangar (up to 50% interior)	
Miscellaneous	Airport – Tie Down	1 space per every 5 tie-downs	
	Places of Assembly	5 spaces per 1,000 square feet	

[1] Up to 50% of the required parking may be surfaced with grass or lawn.

[2] This requirement shall apply to outdoor dining that is located within the footprint of the principal building.

[3] Open lot recreational use parking requirements shall be determined by the Planning and Economic Development Director or Designee and such requirements shall be based on the number of people that can reasonably be expected to be on such premises at one (1) time.

- Other uses not specifically mentioned above shall meet the off-street parking requirements
 of the uses listed above which are similar or compatible as determined by the Planning
 and Economic Development Director or Designee.
- 2. Staff may request a parking study for uses that do not have a similar or compatible use as determined by the Planning and Economic Development Director or Designee.
- 3. Mixed uses. In the case of mixed uses, the total requirements for off-street parking shall be the sum of the requirements of the various uses computed separately, and off-street parking space for one use shall not be considered as providing the required off-street parking for any other use.
- 4. Measurement. For the purpose of this LDC, calculation for parking is measured from the interior walls of the space.
- 5. Measurement for outdoor dining. Applicants proposing outdoor dining shall provide the Planning and Economic Development department an outdoor dining plan in accordance with 155.519. Upon review, dimensions of the area will be determined.
- 6. Combined off-street parking. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent collective provision for, or joint use of, off-street parking facilities for two or more buildings, adjacent parcels or uses by two or more owners or operations, excluding outparcels. However, the total of those parking spaces when combined or used together shall not be

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ARCHITECTURAL OVERALL SITE PLAN (1-20)

SHEET NAME ARCHITECTURAL OVERALL SITE PLAN

PLAN NORTH

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SHEET NUMBER A1.00

Chabad of Pembroke Pines Parking Variance (ZV2025-0010, PRJ2025-0008)

SUBJECT SITE AERIAL

