

## CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

September 25, 2008

TO: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

FROM: William S. Nelson, Fire Chief \_\_\_\_\_  
 David J. Roberts, Asst. Fire Chief \_\_\_\_\_  
 Richard C. Riesterer, Lieutenant \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: Request for Bonfire – 1825 E. Square Lake Road  
 Kensington Community Church

### Background:

- On September 18, 2008, this office received a request to conduct a “bonfire” at the above address. The applicant was advised the difference between a “ground fire – no greater than three feet in diameter or three feet in height” and a “bonfire – requires City Council Approval”, and decided they would like to obtain permission for a bonfire.
- This event is scheduled to occur on October 8, 2008. Its purpose is to gather the Kensington Community Church for an evening of fellowship & prayer.
- I have attached a copy of the plan review that will answer questions regarding this event. If approved, a fire inspector will be assigned to inspect the site prior to the event, and then again during the event.

### Financial Considerations:

- The city will incur no costs for this event. Steps have been taken (in the plan) to prevent unnecessary use of city services for this event.

### Legal Considerations:

- This event meets the requirements of Troy City Code, Chapter 93, Section 307.

### Policy Considerations:

- This event allows the community a chance to gather in fellowship. It allows them the opportunity to demonstrate the benefits of well-organized, well-protected event that can promote friendship, leadership, good neighbors and an overall support of community. By following their plan, the Kensington Community Church can meet the first “Outcome Statement” as identified by you.

Options:

- OPTION 1: My recommendation is to approve the request as submitted
- OPTION 2: Deny the request. If denied, The Kensington Community Church plans to continue with their scheduled activities for the evening, minus the bonfire.

[RCR Bonfire Request 2008-10-08]

# Kensington Community Church Bonfire

**When:** October 8, 2008

**Location:** On Grass Field on East side of property, 50 yards out from building in all directions

**Water Sources:** We have one water source located on east side of building near bonfire with enough hoses to easily reach the fire. We have another water source in the courtyard on west side of building but we will have enough hoses to reach the bonfire if needed from that secondary water source.

- **What are you using for water sources?** Hose bibs located on the building.
- **How long of a stretch from water source to fire?** Approximately 150 feet
- **Will these hoses be staffed? If so, by whom?** Hoses will be connected, coiled, charged and ready to deploy. A fire safety team will deploy.

**Burning Materials:** We are planning to burn untreated lumber or seasoned dried firewood for the bonfire.

- **What size is the fire area?** Maximum 6 feet diameter
- **How do you intend to start the fire?** Use commercially-available, combustible fire starter. No flammable/combustible liquids will be utilized to start the fire.

**Security Measures:** We will post 4-6 security people around the bonfire between the people and the fire for protection purposes.

- **How far back do you intend to keep people back from the fire?** Minimum of 6 feet ... more if necessary.

**Agenda:** People will go out to the bonfire at approximately 7:45pm and we will end the bonfire at 9:00pm.

**Back-Up Security Measures:** We will have bags of sand within 40 feet of the fire to use should the fire grow out of control along with the hoses. Fortunately two sides of the fire are parking lot areas so we need to protect the people and the two sides of the building primarily should the fire grow out of control.

- **How do you intend to apply the sand to the fire area – by hand or by shovel?** By shovel
- **Who will extinguish the fire?** A separate “Fire Control Team” will be assigned to monitor & contain the fire. It will consist of 4-6 adults with pre-assigned responsibilities. One person in charge will have the responsibility to call 9-1-1 if needed.

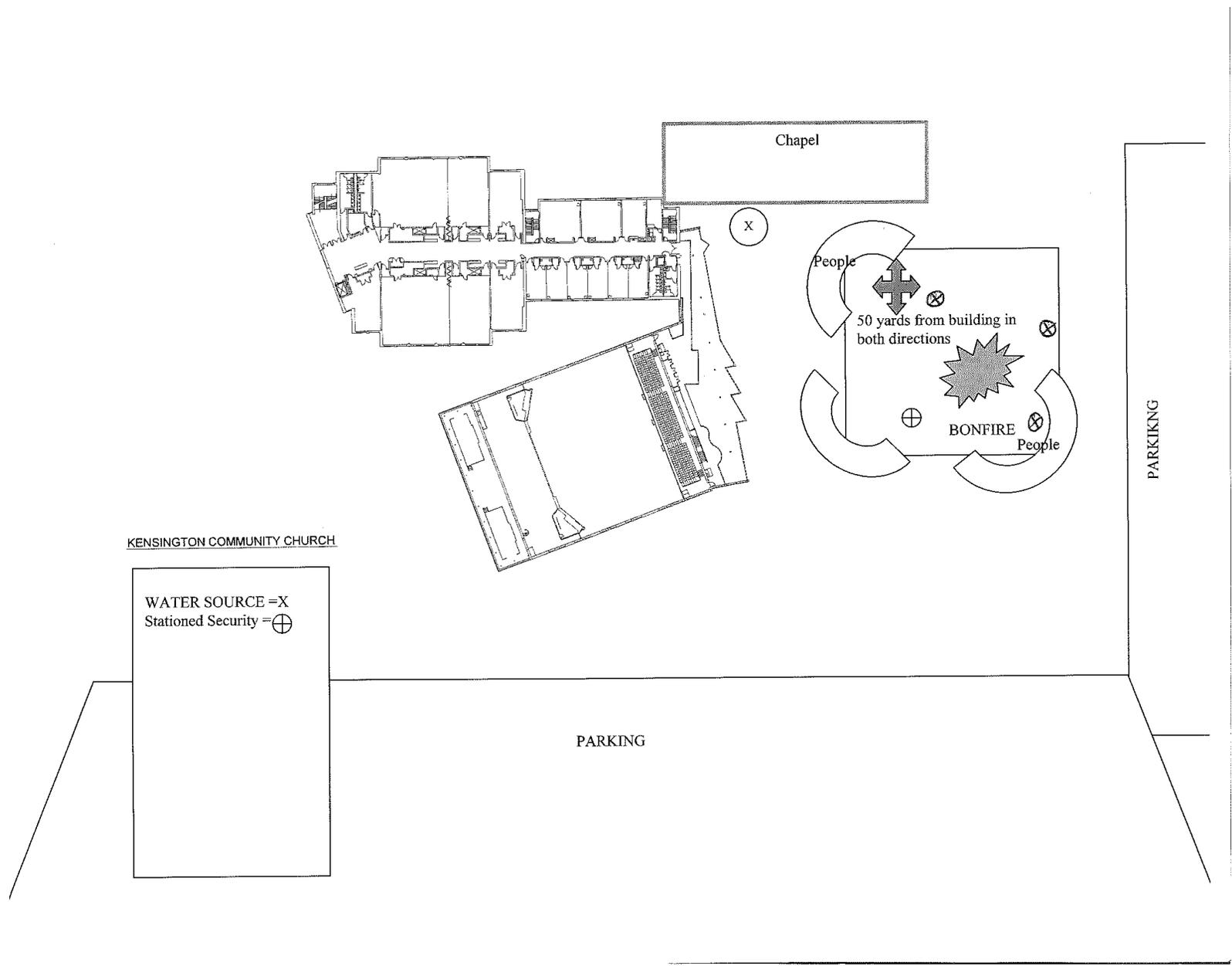
**Extinguishing the fire:** We plan to use our two water sources and shovels to put the fire out.

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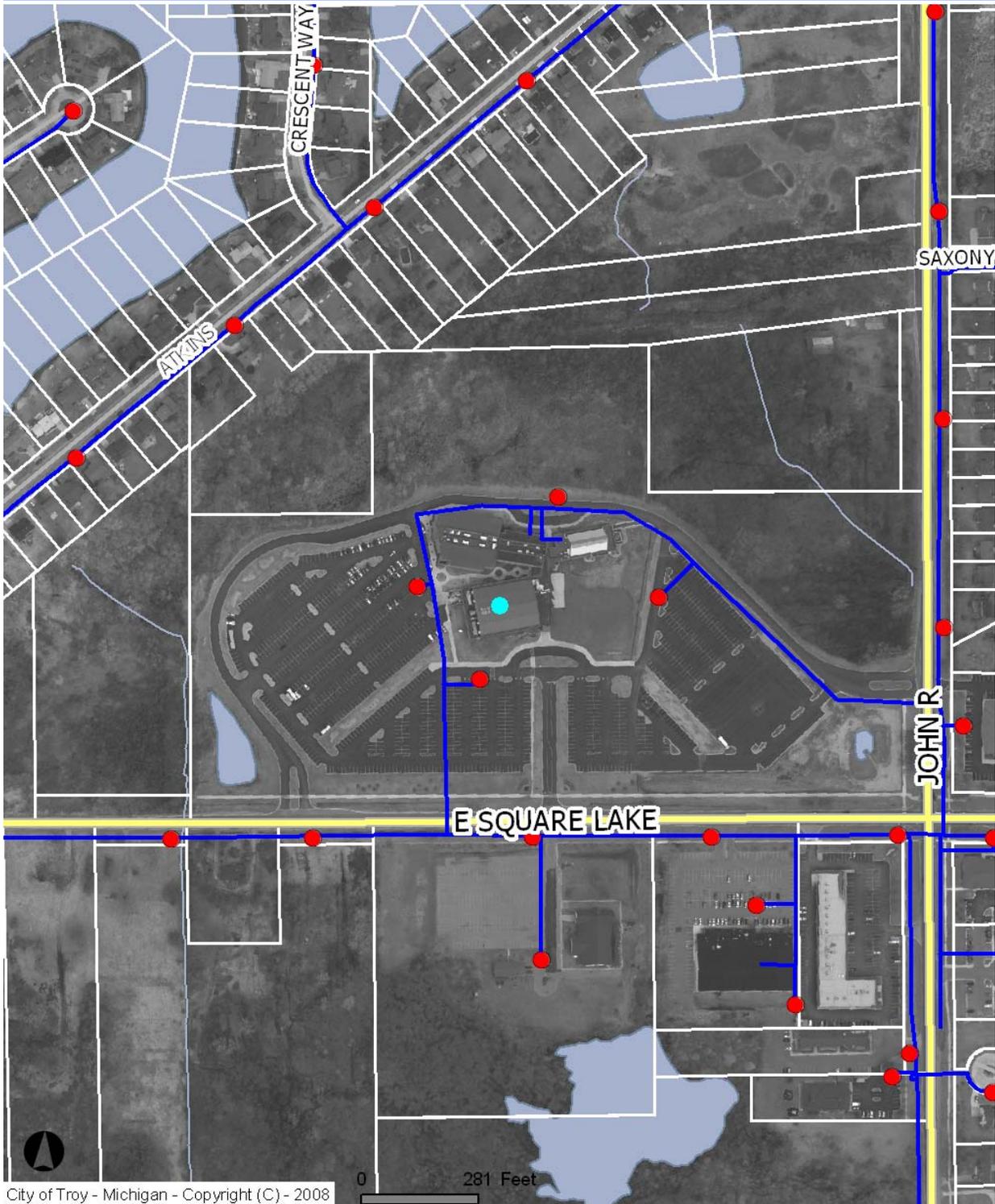
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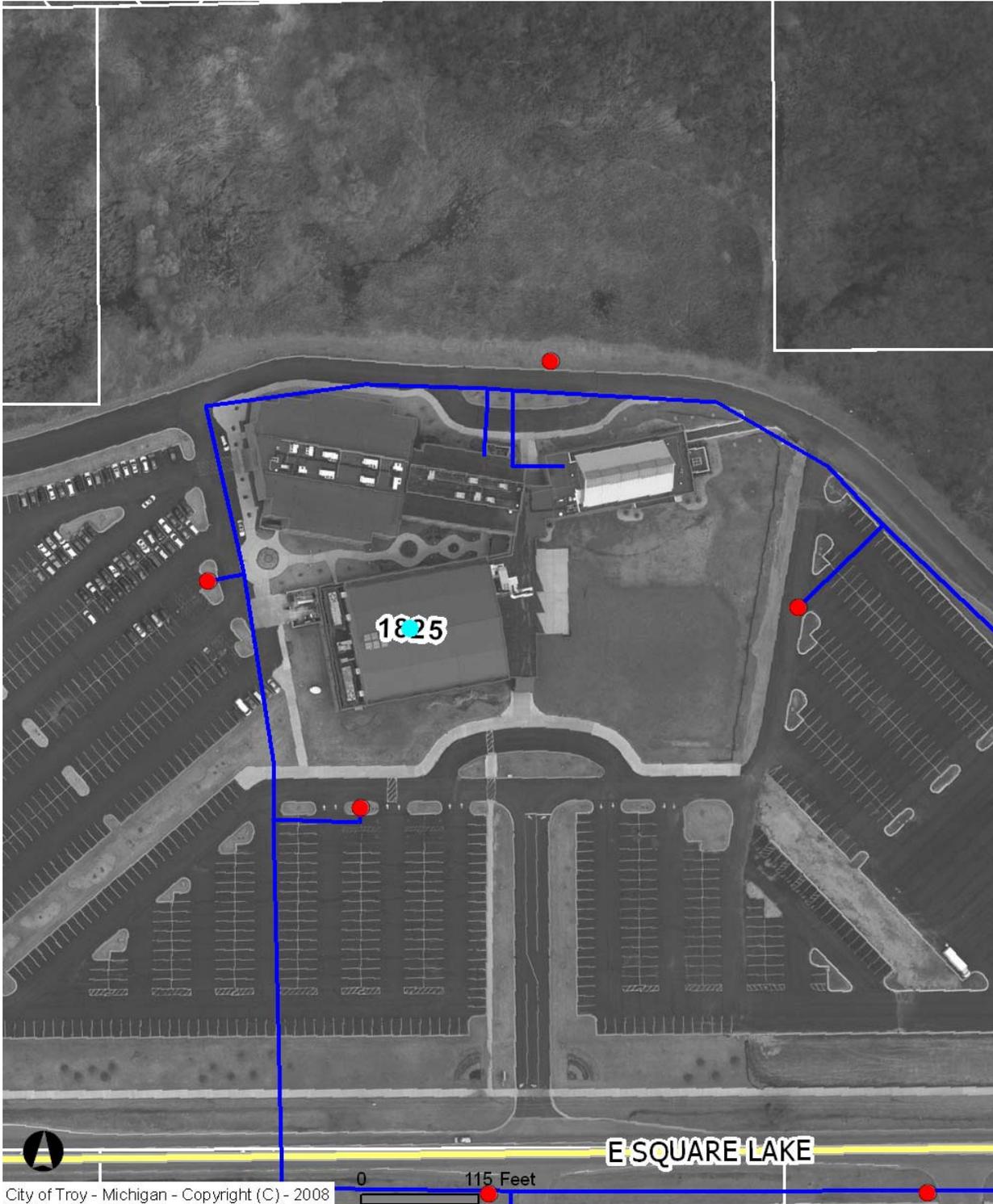
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