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Proposed Intended Use for 374 Turquoise Street Building:

We proposed to use about 14000 square feet of the Turquoise Street building for our use. The intended usage is for a Muslim Community Center. It will also provide a prayer hall for men and ladies. Proposed activities at this Community Center are as follows:

- Five daily prayers
 - Early morning, Noon time, Afternoon, Sunset, and Night-time prayers
 - Attendance is between 35-50 people.
- Friday prayer
 - Two services will be held consecutively starting at Midday Prayer time.
 - Each service lasts about 45 minutes.
 - Attendance between 200-300 (total for both)
- Classes on Islamic subjects for Muslims
 - Attendance: Between 20-30 people
- Seminars and Workshops for Muslims and non-Muslims
 - Attendance: around 70-100 people
- Outreach efforts within the local Muslim community.
- Outreach efforts for the non-Muslims with Islamic literature and books.
- Family and Marriage Counseling on as needed basis.
- Youth activities.
- Special night time prayers during the month of Ramadan
- Special activities on Muslim Holidays such as at the end of Ramadan
- Seminars and monthly Family Nights with emphasis on challenges youth face nowadays.
 - Attendance: around 70-125 people
- Programs and activities specifically for Muslim Ladies.
- Health, and Fitness classes and activities
- Multimedia Center.
- Bookstore and Gift Shop.
- Community social activities such as marriage and wedding ceremonies.

Operating Hours:

A Muslim is required to pray five daily prayers, preferable in congregation. The five prayers are as follows:

Dawn Prayer (Fajr)

Midday Prayer (Zuhr)

Afternoon Prayer (Asr)

Prayer after Sunset (Maghrib)

Night Prayer (Isha)

The timings of these prayers change throughout the calendar year. Winter days are short and summer days are longer. Typical schedule of congregational prayer in summer and in winter is as follows:

Summer:

Fajr	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
5:30 AM	1:30 PM	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	10:10 PM

Winter:

Fajr	Zuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
6:45 AM	12:30 PM	4:00 PM	5:15 PM	8:00 PM

Our operating hours are dependent upon these prayer times.

Note: The dawn prayer lasts about 15 minutes. And people coming to attend the prayer leave within few minutes of the prayer. Similarly after the nighttime prayer, people will leave. No activities take place after this prayer.

Other activities are scheduled usually between 9:00 am and sunset prayer. These would include the classes and workshops. Besides these daily prayers, weekly congregational prayer takes place on Fridays after Midday.