

# THE RETAIL BUSINESS HOLIDAY ACT

## APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION

Galleria Supermarket (name of business) hereby applies to the Council of The Regional Municipality of York for an exempting by-law pursuant to Section 4(1) of the Retail Business Holidays Act, as follows:

Business:

Galleria Supermarket

Location:

7171 Yonge St, Thornhill(7181 future address, after construction)

Holidays:

Boxing Day, Victoria Day, Family Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day, and Canada Day.

Hours:

7:30am to Midnight

Enclosed in support of the application is the following (itemize all of the material submitted in support of the application):

Encl.: 1c of Galleria Supermarket Cultural Portfolio

Dated at Markham this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010

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Signature

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Jeffrey Min, President  
Relationship to business

**1. Name, address and telephone number of the business:**

Galleria Supermarket  
7171 Yonge St. Thornhill ON L3T 2A9  
(7181 future address, after construction)  
905-771-1474

**2. Name, address and telephone number of the contact person:**

Galleria Supermarket  
7171 Yonge St. Thornhill ON Tel. 905-771-1474  
c/o KFT(Korea Food Trading, Head Office)

113 Viceroy Rd. Vaughan ON. L4K 2L5  
Attn: Mr. Jeffrey Min, President, (Tel. 905-907-9474)

**3. The name, or a description, including location, of the tourist attraction, or attractions, relied on:**

Galleria Supermarket is a tourist attraction for the 150,000 GTA residences of Korean extraction. We sell Korean foods, appliances and other goods in 48,000 sq foot supermarket. We are the largest in the GTA.

**4. If the retail business establishment to be exempted is located in the Town of Markham, the Town of Richmond Hill, or the City of Vaughan, is the business within 2 km of the tourist attraction?**

Galleria Supermarket is not within 2 km of a designated tourist attraction, however, we feel that it, in itself, serves as an attraction for tourists and locals alike in the Greater Toronto Area.

**5. Please indicate the category of tourist attraction (natural; outdoor recreational; historical; cultural; multi-cultural or educational).**

The categories in which we claim our exemption includes cultural, providing exposure about the Korean way of life through various events such as traditional Korean music performances and on-the-spot food sampling within the store for people who seek the familiar or the new. It also acts as a home away from home for recent immigrants allowing them to settle more easily in their new environment. Galleria Supermarket also promotes multiculturalism by participating in a number of local events where people of all backgrounds congregate to sample each other's national flavours. These events include everything from the Grocery Innovations Canada Expo, to Taste of Asia in Markham in June and the Thornhill Festival on Yonge Street in Vaughan / Markham in September. Galleria Supermarket also claims the Educational exemption because it provides many classes for people with many different interests. These include ESL, golf, music, art, calligraphy, and cooking. The latter is done in conjunction with George Brown College whose students participate in a culinary class at Galleria as part of a multi-cultural food course.

**6. Is the retail business establishment directly associated with the tourist attraction? If yes, explain the nature and extent of the association.**

Since we consider Galleria Supermarket to be a tourist attraction in itself, yes it is directly associated. Many customers have expressed that they would love to spend holidays at our store with their families because there is much to do, see and eat. Some are willing to come from as far as Nova Scotia. Galleria Supermarket also appears in the Toronto Tourism Guide as an attraction. Many

tourists see the supermarket in the guide and come to purchase ethnic Korean products to take back home.

**7. Does the retail business establishment provide goods or services on holidays primarily to tourists?**

The Galleria Supermarket provides multi-cultural goods for tourists to try and also provides services by fulfilling its duty as a cultural hub for the GTA by holding special events. We would like to extend these special activities to some of the holidays around the calendar such as Boxing Day, Victoria Day, Family Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day, and Canada Day.