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Churches in Lake Worth, Florida, are being told they need to acquire permits in order to stay in business †and those t hat don't are being subjected to what critics describe as Soviet-style code enforcement hounding.

Several churches in the South Florida region have reported to Fox News that they've been ordered to obtain busine ss permits, or face fines and closures. But one in particular has come under an egregious city attack. Fox News reported city officials sent out a code enforcement officer, decked in a hoodie, to spy on one Southern Baptist church that had gathered in a coffee house.

"Government employees are public servants and prohibited by the Constitution from inhibiting religious freedom,â€ said Mat Staver, the founder of Liberty Counsel, a religious liberty law firm, in an interview with Fox News. "That is a far cry from sneaking around and into a church and acting like KGB ...

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