

BURDEN OF PROOF STATEMENT

Special Exception Application

To:

Board of Zoning Adjustment
Government of the District of Columbia
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210 South
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application No. BZATmp6963

Property Owner: Kebrom Y. Kidane

Property Address: 5130 New Hampshire Avenue NW Washington DC

I, Kebrom Y. Kidane, owner of the subject property, respectfully request special exception approval to operate a home-based childcare facility at the above-referenced property.

I. Summary

The proposed childcare facility satisfies the requirements of Subtitle U § 251.6 and Subtitle X § 901.2. The childcare operation will be conducted in a safe manner, will be compatible with the residential character of the neighborhood, and will not adversely affect neighboring properties.

II. Qualification for Special Exception

Subtitle U § 251.6(a)

The proposed childcare facility will not create objectionable conditions related to noise, traffic, or neighborhood character. Children will be supervised at all times, and operations will be conducted in accordance with District of Columbia childcare licensing requirements.

Subtitle U § 251.6(b)

The facility provides sufficient indoor space for childcare activities. Floor plans submitted with this application demonstrate compliance with the requirement of at least thirty-five (35) square feet of floor area per child.

Subtitle U § 251.6(c)

The proposed use will not create unreasonable traffic or parking impacts. Drop-off and pick-up activities will occur during limited periods of the day and will be managed to minimize congestion and disruption to neighboring properties.

Subtitle U § 251.6(d)

The childcare facility is compatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood. The property will continue to function as a residence and no exterior alterations are proposed that would change the residential appearance of the home.

Subtitle U § 251.6(e)

The operation of the childcare facility will promote the health, safety, and welfare of the children served. The facility will comply with all applicable licensing, fire safety, and health requirements.

III. General Special Exception Review Standards

Subtitle X § 901.2(a)

The proposed childcare facility is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Map. Home-based childcare services provide an important community benefit while remaining compatible with residential neighborhoods.

Subtitle X § 901.2(b)

The proposed use will not adversely affect neighboring properties. The childcare operation will be conducted within the residence and will maintain the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

Subtitle X § 901.2(c)

Granting this special exception will serve the public good by increasing the availability of quality childcare services for families in the community.

IV. Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Board of Zoning Adjustment approve this Special Exception Application.

Respectfully submitted,

Kebrom Y. Kidane
Property Owner

Date: 06/04/2026