



## Request Letter for Time Extension to BZA case 20056 Final Order for Special Exception

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Date: June 04, 2021

Re: BZA Application 20056 Special Exception Relief for a Child Care Development Center at  
5216 Astor Place, SE (Square 5308, Lot 0027)

Children in Safe Hands, LLC Child Care Development Center, 5216 Astor Place, SE was granted special exception relief to allow a Child Care Development Center Use in a Residential Use Group D zone. "PURSUANT TO SUBTITLE Y § 604.10, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVED PLANS AT EXHIBIT 5 AND WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: 1. The facility shall serve no more than 40 children. 2. There shall be no more than 12 staff persons on-site at any one time."

Having been granted relief per BZA application 20056 in a final order we now seek an extension of time to this order and request the board of zoning grant a time extension for BZA case 20056. We make this request in good faith because of the covid-19 pandemic that the country has been through and is now going through has had a dramatic effect on the financing of our project.

The board is allowed to rule favorable on an extension when requested by the applicant when the applicant demonstrates there is good cause for the extension.

Our request is allowed under subtitle y section 705 C item (1) which states "An inability to obtain significant project financing due to economic and market conditions beyond the applicants reasonable control." The BZA exception that we were granted was to convert a residential home into a child care center. The covid-19 pandemic created a hardship in the childcare industry where many centers were closed and funding became somewhat impossible to obtain. In September of 2019 Our project was in a funding pool of proposed projects and had met the first round of tentative approvals. With the onset of the covid-19 pandemic the funding program was suspended pending the outcome of the pandemic. At that time, it became all most impossible to receive funding in the childcare industry. We as individuals also faced a hardship as a result of the pandemic. We have not given up hope on our goal to open a child care center, but we are requesting additional time to bring this goal to fruition. We do believe that the pandemic will end and society will come back to normal and the child care industry will bounce back and funding will be made available in the upcoming year. We are requesting a year extension for our BZA case 20056 order.

Respectfully submitted  
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