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Community Bible Church
6005 Edmondson Pike
Nashville, Tennessee 37211

Re: Reasonable Accommodation for Religious Use
6005 Edmondson Pike

Community Bible Church and Olive and Ark (the “Church”) has requested a reasonable accommodation for the use of property located at 6005 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, Tennessee. The Church seeks to use a portion of this property for a combined daycare and workspace (for parents/family members of the children) up to 70 persons, including staff, children, and adult members. This coworking and child care functions operate as part of Olive and Ark, which serves as a ministry extension of Community Bible Church. Olive & Ark exists specifically to further the church’s religious mission through faith-based programming centered on biblical teaching, prayer, and Christian discipleship. It is not structured as a traditional commercial daycare or office concept, but as an outreach ministry designed to serve families through Christ-centered instruction and spiritual formation.

The Church states that the property is suitable for such purposes and a substantial burden would be imposed if it were not able to operate the mission onsite.

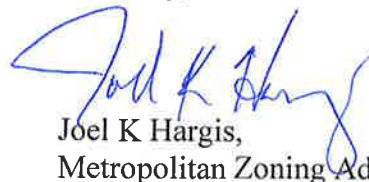
The Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. §2000cc, mandates that no local government shall implement a land use regulation that imposes a substantial burden on the religious exercise of a person, including a religious assembly or institution, unless the government demonstrates a compelling governmental interest and that such regulation is the least restrictive means of furthering the compelling governmental interest.

The Tennessee Religious Freedom Restoration Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §4-1-407, mandates that no local government shall implement a land use regulation that impinges or curtails the religious exercise of a person, including a religious assembly or institution.

Based upon the facts and law set forth above and advice of legal counsel, I grant the request for the reasonable accommodation for the proposed use. All required permits and approvals will be needed, and this accommodation governs only the land use provisions. All applicable setbacks, life safety and other governmental approvals will still be required.

If you disagree with this accommodation, you may file an appeal with the Board of Zoning Appeals within 30 days of the date of this letter. Once 30 days after the date of this letter has elapsed, no appeal may be filed. To file an appeal, please email the Board of Zoning Appeals at bza@nashville.gov to request an "Item A Appeal" and reference the location stated in the letter.

Sincerely,



Joel K Hargis,
Metropolitan Zoning Administrator