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RE: Reasonable Accommodation for Hope House  
401 Eastboro Drive Nashville, TN  
APN : 09113025600

To whom it may concern:

Hope House has requested a reasonable accommodation for the property 401 Eastboro Drive, Nashville, Tennessee for housing of up to six mothers and their children. Hope House is for any mother between the ages of 16 and 22 who have nowhere else to live and would otherwise be homeless. I grant this reasonable accommodation from the definition of family as defined in 17.04.030 of the Metro Code of Law.

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, I grant the request for the reasonable accommodation to use the property located at 401 Eastboro Drive, Nashville Tennessee.

If you disagree with this accommodation, you file an appeal with the Board of Zoning Appeals within 30 days of the date of this letter. Once 30 days has elapsed, no appeal may

be filed. To file an appeal, please email the Board of Zoning Appeals at [bza@nashville.gov](mailto:bza@nashville.gov) to request an “Item A Appeal” and reference the location stated in the letter.

Sincerely,

Joel K. Hargis  
Metropolitan Zoning Administrator