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27 Waldorf Road
Newton, MA 02461

Dear Aldermen:

I am in the early stages of establishing a very modest chocolate-making business, Beth's Chocolate, from my home kitchen. This is more of a hobby than a business, since my main professional focus is consulting for the children's media industry. I am seeking a special permit to allow for more than three customers at any one time, who may park on Waldorf Road.

My kitchen is a certified residential kitchen, so I am now able to sell the chocolate confections I make to individuals, which I do on occasion, usually around holidays like Valentine's Day. When I do offer chocolate for sale, it is delivered by mail or in person. Individuals may come to my house at a mutually convenient time to pick up their order. There is no signage on my house and no set business hours, so there is rarely any other significant parking or foot traffic related to this aspect of the business.

I also plan to offer chocolate-making classes, where I show people how to prepare (temper) the chocolate and use it to make truffles, bonbons, bark, and other confections. My preferred class size is 3 to 6 people. However, there may be occasions where I would accommodate up to 12 people; for example, if there were a group that asked for a class together. It's also possible that 7 or 8 people sign up for a class and I wouldn't want to turn them away.

I primarily plan to offer these classes on weekends, but there might be times when a weekday class is more convenient for participants. Most likely I would offer just a few classes each month. I don't expect to hold any classes in July and August when the weather is too warm for making chocolates.

We usually have one or two cars parked on our driveway, so there is room for at least one additional car. There is ample parking along Waldorf Road for additional cars. Classes would run about three hours. I have talked with my neighbors about my plans and they have no objections to the additional on-street parking required for my classes. (I have attached some letters of support.)

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,



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