

## City of Newton, Massachusetts

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Barney S. Heath Director

## **ZONING REVIEW MEMORANDUM**

Date: March 16, 2021

To: John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services

From: Jane Santosuosso, Chief Zoning Code Official Neil Cronin, Chief Planner for Current Planning

Cc: Two Wells Ave Equity Ind. Part., Applicant

Steven Geller, Bright Horizons

Barney S. Heath, Director of Planning and Development

Jonah Temple, Assistant City Solicitor

RE: Special Permit to allow an oversized secondary wall sign

Applicant: Bright Horizons Day Care		
Site: 2 Wells Ave	<b>SBL:</b> 84034 0002K	
Zoning: LM	Lot Area: 436,175 square feet	
Current use: Office	Proposed use: Office and day care center	

## **BACKGROUND:**

The property at 2 Wells Avenue consists 436,175 square feet in the Limited Manufacturing zone in the Wells Avenue office park. It is improved with a three-story office building and 477 surface parking stalls constructed under special permit. The petitioner proposes to construct a 373 square foot wall mounted secondary sign on the front façade.

The following review is based on plans and materials submitted to date as noted below.

- Zoning Review Application, prepared by Steven Geller, Bright Horizons, dated 2/4/2021
- 2 Wells Ave Sign powerpoint, prepared by Steven Geller, Bright Horizons, dated 2/4/2021

## **ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS:**

1. Section 5.2.8 limits the size of a secondary wall sign to 1 square foot per linear foot of building wall or 50 square feet, whichever is less. The building is 280 feet wide, resulting in a maximum size of 50 square feet. The petitioner proposes a 373 square foot wall-mounted sign along a 150-foot band on the parapet of the building. A special permit per sections 5.2.8 and 5.2.13 is required to allow a secondary sign in excess of 50 square feet.

Administrative Site Plan Review		
Ordinance		Action Required
§5.2.8	Request to allow a secondary sign in excess of 50 square	S.P. per §7.3.3
§5.2.13	feet	