**PETER B. CARZASTY**

February 16, 2021

To: City of Newburyport/Zoning Board

From: Peter B. Carzasty, Co-Owner

 35 Temple Street

 Newburyport, MA 01950

RE: Extension of approval of zoning permit for 35 Temple Street

Dear members of the City of Newburyport Zoning Board,

On February 23, 2020, the board approved a zoning permit for adding an addition to the property at 35 Temple Street.

The addition consists of a one-bedroom and complete bath addition to accommodate my physically impaired brother, Steven M. Carzasty. The plan is for him and his partner, co-owner, Mark MacKay, could relocate back to Newburyport, where they lived at 35 Temple Street from 1987 to 1998.

My brother is currently on total disability and is home-confined at this stage in his life in Seattle, Washington. The addition to be built to the existing federal disability codes was to have begun construction in the fall of 2020.

Scheduled construction (originally October 2020) was hauled for a variety of reason beyond our control:

* The onset of Covid-19
* Suspension of a loan application
	+ I am assuming the cost of the project. I have my independent communications consulting business (in performing and visual arts arenas) that has been severely affected by Covid-19. Resuming a full roster of clients (and income) is currently projected to ‘kick in’ once both performance venues and museums are fully operational across the country.

I am seeking an extension of the zoning approval/permit for an additional six months beyond the standard six-month extension due to mitigating circumstances. The earliest work can be expected to begin in the spring of 2022 due to weather restrictions and securing the proper contractor in the highly competitive market. We have selected a firm and wish to remain on their ‘future’ rosters, but given the high demand, we are told that spring 2022 is the earliest they could begin.

I hope you will consider the initial reason for the zoning approval and the current circumstances and grant an extension till April 1, 2022.

With sincere thanks for your consideration, I am,

Peter B. Carzasty

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