

January 24, 2022

Gordon Jewish Community Center of Nashville  
801 Percy Warner Boulevard  
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

RE: Reasonable Accommodation for Religious Institution LED Sign

To whom it may concern:

The Gordon Jewish Community Center of Nashville has requested a reasonable accommodation for the property at 801 Percy Warner Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee for an electronic message center for the center's use. The Gordon Jewish Community Center states that it is essential to its religious mission to be able to communicate its ministries and programs to the community in furtherance of its work.

The Center states that this property is suitable for such purposes and a substantial burden would be imposed if the center were not able to operate the electronic message center at this location.

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 for the proposed sign.

Sincerely,

Joel K. Hargis  
Metropolitan Zoning Administrator