

**REPORT OF COMMUNITY MEETING REQUIRED BY
THE CHATHAM COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE**

To: Chatham County ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Date: 8/30/2022

Proposed Zoning: Special Use Permit - Child Day Care
in Residence ≤ 12 kids

The undersigned hereby certifies that written notice of a community meeting on the above zoning application was given to the adjacent property owners set forth on the attached list by first class mail on (date) Aug 4, 2022. A copy of the written notice is also attached.

The meeting was held at the following time and place: Entrance to Public Library
Aug 19, 2022 at 5:30 - 6:00 pm

The persons in attendance at the meeting were: Lori Lay

The following issues were discussed at the meeting: None of my neighbors
attended the meeting

As a result of the meeting, the following changes were made to the rezoning petition: None

Date: 8/30/2022

Applicant: Lori Lay

By: _____

Please submit this Report to the Chatham County Planning Department located at 80-A East Street, Dunlap Building or mail it to Angela Plummer, Zoning Administrator, PO Box 54, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

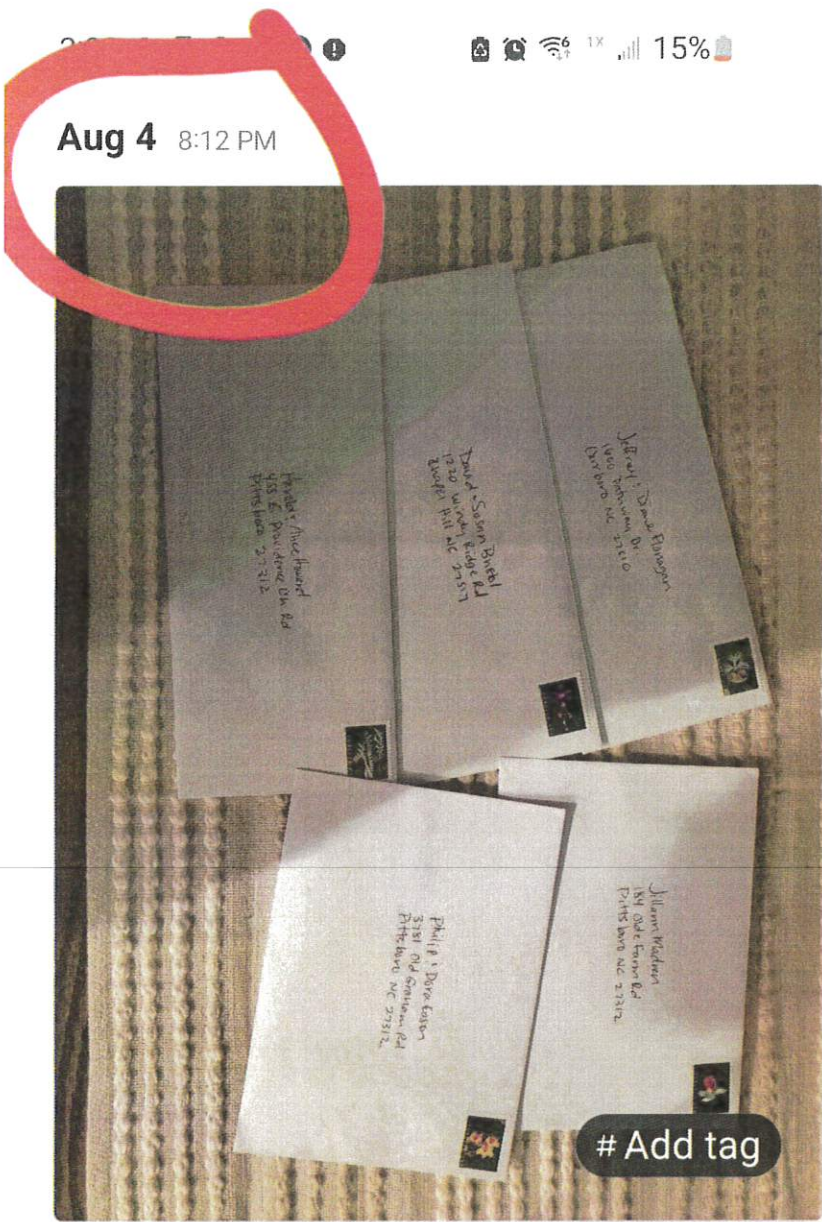
(A receipt or stamp from the US Postal Service showing the date of mailings shall be provided with the application submittal)

Aug 4, 2022

Hello Neighbor,

My name is Lori and I have lived at 3721 Old Graham Road for 21 years. I have run a licensed family childcare home (home daycare) in my residence since April 2019. I have over 16 years of experience teaching young infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in a licensed childcare setting as well as over 15 years of administrative experience as a director in licensed childcare programs. I am familiar with NC licensing rules and regulations and have a perfect inspection record. I have two degrees in this field of study; a bachelor's degree in Child Development and Family Relations and an associate degree in Early Childhood Education. I currently provide childcare for five children/families, and I am currently licensed for 8 children (5 preschool aged children and 3 school aged children). During the Pandemic, all five families had a baby! And these families have been scrambling to find quality childcare as I have been at capacity and have not had a spot open to provide care for the younger siblings. Chatham County is a childcare desert and finding quality infant and toddler care is at crisis level of difficulty. I have only had one child age out since I opened three and a half years ago, and my next open availability is not until August of 2024! This is not a problem unique to my program. Childcare facilities all over the county, state, and the nation, are at capacity and many programs were shuttered during the pandemic. We are truly in a childcare crisis. To accommodate these current families and serve these children, I have decided to increase my capacity by 2 children which requires a license change (from small home daycare to large home daycare). Nothing will change as far as anyone would be able to tell from the outside. The only thing that would change is that a few of my current families will drop off two children in the morning instead of one. At the time that I began caring for children in my home in 2019, home daycare was a permitted use for our zoning district. Last year the ordinance changed and now I will need to apply for a special use permit in order to make any change such as increasing the number of children that I can care for from 8 to 10. Part of that process requires me to notify my neighbors of my intent and hold a community meeting to provide an opportunity to discuss my plans. I will hold this community meeting at the Pittsboro Library on Friday, August 19th from 5:30-6:00pm. I have invited you and 4 other neighbors whose property is adjacent to mine. I will be holding a placard with my name so that you may find me. You are not required to attend. I am simply required to offer a meeting. There will not be any more information to share than what I have already expressed in this notice. It's just an opportunity for you to have a conversation about any concerns or questions that you may have about my plans to care for 3-10 children in my home between the hours of 7:30-5:00 M-F. I am already doing this (3-8 children). I would simply be adding a couple of siblings to my existing group. See you then if you choose to attend.

Lori



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