

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Victor Martins. I am writing this letter to ask for an extension to our permit for the project located at 395 Somerville Ave. My father and I met with Emily Hutchings in May to discuss this project. We explained that my father had a slew of health issues in the last two years that caused us to delay the project.

First, he got covid December 2020 and survived much to the surprise of his doctor. According to the pulmonary specialist, he had seen people half his age with half of the lung inflammation die from covid pneumonia. It was a miracle that he survived. To make sure that there was no blood clotting we had an MRI done. We found a brain tumor. At 82 he had brain surgery, and the tumor was successfully removed. The road to recovery was long and there was concern of the tumor growing back. As of a few weeks ago there was no new growth!

We feel that with the worst behind us we can move forward with this project, but we need more time. This project means a lot to my father and this building means a lot to my family. It's a huge part of where I grew up. I lived there, as did my aunt and uncle. My mother ran her hair salon for almost 30 years in the commercial space.

With all this being said, we thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope you grant us approval for an extension.

Best,

Victor and Isaias Martins