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MUSEUM of  
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**Franklin Planning Board**  
Franklin Municipal Building  
355 East Central Street  
Franklin, MA 02038

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Dear Members of the Franklin Planning Board,

On behalf of the Children's Museum of Franklin, I am writing to respectfully request a waiver of all Planning Board, BETA Group, Inc., and any related fees associated with our application and approval process.

The Children's Museum of Franklin is a newly established 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created to serve the children and families of Franklin and the surrounding communities. Entirely funded through generous community donations, our mission is to provide enriching, educational, and engaging experiences that foster creativity, connection, and lifelong learning for children of all ages.

As a nonprofit, every dollar we receive goes directly toward creating a welcoming, inspiring, and inclusive space for families. Any additional costs—including municipal or consultant fees—directly impact our ability to open our doors and fulfill our mission. Waiving these fees would significantly ease the financial burden on our organization and accelerate our ability to bring this much-needed resource to life.

In addition to providing vital enrichment opportunities, the museum will also serve as a catalyst for economic activity in Franklin. By attracting families and visitors to our town, we will support local businesses, create jobs, and contribute to the continued vibrancy of our community.

We are incredibly grateful for the support we've received from local families, businesses, and community leaders thus far, and we are hopeful that the Planning Board will consider this request in the spirit of partnership and community investment.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to making Franklin a wonderful place to live, work, and grow.

Sincerely,

Meg Hagen & Erin Gallagher  
Co-Founders & Executive Directors  
Children's Museum of Franklin Inc.