

June 1, 2026

This is my response to the request for approval of PZ 26-019- To allow a Child Caring Institute in a R-30 zoned District of 5780 Warren Farm Road

I have attempted to get information for several months about child abuse and neglect in regard to the applicant's request for setting up a residential child care home in the city of Powder Springs GA. It was my understanding that the applicant had reported that she had other child care and group homes in other cities and counties. However, the City Manager was not able to get clarity to me regarding this issue. It just seems logical and legally prudent to want to ensure that an applicant who wants to set up as a child care residential home would be vetted for child abuse and neglect as an initial first step. Without this information, I can not consider or approve this applicant for a residential child care program.

In addition to this concern, there are other red flags that do not seem to have been addressed at this time by the City and Council as follows:

- Co-mingling of 18 year old in foster care in a residential child care institution.
- Clarification as to whether this child care residential is taking in girls and boys. Again there is the concern about co-mingling.
- There has not been compliance at this time with code requirements from Planning and Zoning.
- It does not seem clear that the quality of care has been fully addressed so that we have a smooth and seamless plan of care.

As a result of the above concerns, I have not approved the application for the residential child care program.

Signed: 

Patricia A. Wisdom, Council At Large, City of Powder Springs, GA