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August 25, 2022

Amber Brookhouse
5537 Park Ave
Hudsonville, MI 49426

RE: Application #: DF700413314
Mer's Daycare
5537 Park Ave
Hudsonville, MI 49426

Dear Ms. Brookhouse:

Attached is the Original Licensing Study Report for the above referenced facility. The study has determined substantial compliance with applicable licensing statutes and rules. Therefore, an original license with a capacity of 6 is issued.

Please review the attached documentation for accuracy and contact me with any questions. In the event that I am not available and you need to speak to someone immediately, please contact the local office at (517) 284-9730.

Per MCL 722.113g, this report must be filed in your Licensing Notebook.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JMB".

Jessica Miranda-Bevier, Licensing Consultant
Child Care Licensing Bureau
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enclosure

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU
LICENSING STUDY REPORT**

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

License #:	DF700413314
Licensee Name:	Amber Brookhouse
Licensee Address:	5537 Park Ave Hudsonville, MI 49426
Licensee Telephone #:	(616) 821-3042
Licensee:	N/A
Name of Facility:	Mer's Daycare
Facility Address:	5537 Park Ave Hudsonville, MI 49426
Facility Telephone #:	(616) 821-3042
Application Date:	07/11/2022
Capacity:	6
Program Type:	CHILD CARE FAMILY HOME (CAPACITY 1-6)

II. METHODOLOGY

07/11/2022	On-Line Enrollment
07/12/2022	Application Incomplete Letter Sent
7/12/2022	Contact – Documents Sent: Act & Rule books
07/22/2022	Inspection Completed-Heating Approved, including water heater
08/01/2022	Contact – Documents Received
08/01/2022	Application Complete/Orientation Needed
08/11/2022	Orientation Attended; Detroit - Virtual
08/18/2022	Contact - Document Sent; emails with provider; info about inspection, scheduling the inspection, assistant caregivers,
08/24/2022	Inspection Completed On-site; no full compliance
08/24/2022	Contact - Document Received; text with photos showing compliance
08/24/2022	Inspection Completed-BCAL Full Compliance

III. DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

A. Description of Facility

This child care home is a wood framed structure with a full basement located in a residential neighborhood near the intersection of 40th Avenue and Van Buren Street in Hudsonville.

Rooms and levels approved for child care use: The main level of the home is approved for child care use. The rooms on this level that will be used are the breezeway, kitchen, dining room, living room and three bedrooms.

Areas not approved: The basement level of the home is not approved as child use space. It is approved as a storm shelter.

Ages of children served: Ms. Brookhouse will provide care for children between the ages of birth to 12 years of age.

Equipment: There is a variety of age-appropriate equipment in the child care home. Ms. Brookhouse will purchase more equipment as children enroll.

Proposed days and hours of operation: The child care home will operate Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 7:00am to 4:30pm.

Previous or concurrent licenses, including children's foster care: Ms. Brookhouse has held a previous child care license DF700383060 at the same address. Ms. Brookhouse has not held a foster care license.

Exiting information (including second floor and basement): There are two remotely located exits from the main level of the home; the front door and a side door leading to the breezeway. The breezeway has two exits; one leading to the driveway at the front of the home and one leading out to the back yard of the home.

Outdoor play area description: The outdoor play area is located in the backyard of the home. The side of the backyard where the shed and fire pit are located are not approved for child care use. Ms. Brookhouse will place a visual barrier so children will not enter that side of the yard. The rest of the backyard is considered the approved outdoor play area. The back yard is completely fenced. In the outdoor play area, there is a small climbing structure that does not require surfacing. There is a trampoline in one corner of the backyard. Ms. Brookhouse is aware that child care children cannot use the trampoline.

Additional information:

- Pets? No Yes If yes, describe. There are two dogs, a cat, and some fish in the child care home. All pet supplies and equipment will be maintained inaccessible to children.
- Hot tubs or spa pool? No Yes If yes, are there appropriate barriers?
- Swimming pool? No Yes If yes, describe pool and barriers.
- Other water hazards? No Yes If yes, describe.
- Fireplace or wood burning stove? No Yes If yes, describe. There is an electric fireplace in the living room of the home. The hearth is flat and does not cause a tripping hazard.
- Fireplace/wood burner in use during child care hours? No Yes If yes, describe barriers to protect children from burns:

Explanation of variances, if any: There are no variances at this time.

B. Rule/Statutory Violations

The child care home is in full compliance with all applicable rules and statutes.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

I recommend issuance of an original license to this child care family home (capacity 1-6).



08/24/2022

Jessica Miranda-Bevier
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



08/25/2022

Katrice Sweet
Area Manager

Date