

## CITY OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS **BOARD OF APPEAL**

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MAYOR

October 1st, 2014

To Renewal Ventures, LLC c/o George W. Atkins III Ronan, Segal & Harrington 59 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970

Re: 162 Federal Street Decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant a request for a six (month) extension for exercise of the rights granted by the September 28th, 2009 Board Decision that approved Variances from minimum lot area per dwelling unit, and Special Permits to change one nonconforming use to another and to increase existing side yard setback nonconformity, to accommodate conversion of an office building to eight (8) residential units.

The Salem Planning Board met on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 to discuss your request for the approval of a six (6) month extension to exercise rights granted by the September 28th, 2009 Board Decision that approved Variances from minimum lot area per dwelling unit, and Special permits to change one nonconforming use to another and to increase existing side year setback nonconformity, to accommodate conversion of an office building to eight (8) residential units.

A letter submitted by Attorney Atkins, dated September 3rd, 2014, on behalf of Renewal Ventures LLC requests a six (6) month extension to exercise the rights granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals Decision on September 28th, 2009. The Decision was appealed to the Superior Court and an Agreement for Judgment amending the Decision was entered on September 5th, 2012. The Decision qualified under the Massachusetts Permit Extension Act and was automatically extended to September 28, 2014. The Assignee of the rights granted by the Variance/Special Permit decision dated September 28, 2009 is Renewal Ventures, LLC.

The requested six-month extension would commence on September 28th, 2014, which is the expiration date of the current Decision. The requested extension would expire on March 28th, 2015.

The Zoning Board of Appeals voted four (4) in favor (Ms. Curran, Mr. Dionne, Mr. Copelas and Mr. Tsitsinos) and none (0) opposed, to grant the approval of the six-month extension request to exercise the rights granted by the September 28th, 2009 Board Decision. This determination shall become part of the record for this project.

If you require further information, please contact Erin Schaeffer, Staff Planner, in the Department of Planning & Community Development at (978) 619-5685

Thank you,

Erin Schaeffer Staff Planner

CC: Cheryl LaPointe, City Clerk