#### LOCAL LAW NO. of 2024

#### A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 325, ARTICLES III and XIII OF THE CITY OF HUDSON CODE

# BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUDSON AS FOLLOWS:

**<u>SECTION 1. TITLE</u>** This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. for the year 2024.

#### SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, INTENT AND PURPOSE

The City of Hudson Common Council finds that access to affordable, high-quality childcare is critical for working families. According to a publication issued by the New York State Department of Labor, Division of Research & Statics in 2023 entitled *Child Care in New York State*, there are 5.2 children under the age of six for every available licensed child care slot in Columbia County. The City of Hudson's Zoning law presently does not permit child day care facilities as a use in any of the City's zoning districts. It is the intent and purpose of this law to expand available locations for Child Day Care facilities in Columbia County by adding the use as a conditional use in all zoning districts in the City of Hudson.

#### **SECTION 3. STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY**

This local law is authorized by the Municipal Home Rule Law (Chapter 36-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York).

## <u>SECTION 4. AMENDMENT</u> Chapter 325 of the Hudson City Code is hereby AMENDED as follows:

- A. Chapter 325, Article III, Section 325-7 (A) is hereby AMENDED by ADDING the following:
  - (4) Family Child Care facilities.
- B. Chapter 325, Article III, Section 325-7 (B) Amended 3-16-1976 by L.L. No. 3-1976; 10-19-1993 by L.L. No. 10-1993; 12-19-2000 by L.L. No. 1-2001; 4-20-2004 by L.L. No. 3-2004; 1-30-2013 by L.L. No. 1-2013; 2-18-2014 by L.L. No. 2-2014 is hereby AMENDED by ADDING the following:
  - (7) Child Day Care facilities.
- C. Chapter 325, Article XIII, Section 325-42 is hereby AMENDED by ADDING the following:

**Child Day Care Facility:** A facility providing supervised care, preschool, and/or before or after school activities to three or more children for more than three hours a day and which is licensed or registered by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

**Family Child Care Facility:** A business or individual which is legally exempt from New York State Child Day Care licensing requirements and provides child care in a residence in which one or more of the children in care receiving child care services do not reside in that residence and which has no more than two children in care for more than three hours simultaneously per day.

## **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this chapter or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this chapter or any part thereof. The Common Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional, or invalid, or ineffective.

## SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Introduced:

Approved:\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded:\_\_\_\_\_

By:\_\_\_\_

Kamal Johnson, Mayor