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**Sam Hubbard
Development Planner
Department of Planning and Community Development
Village of Arlington Heights
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005**

Dear Sam Hubbard,

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to submit a business proposal for the village of Arlington Heights. I would like to introduce myself, my name is Hector Barreiro owner and operator of Midwest Tattoo Therapy since September of 2020. I am inquiring to switch locations to further expand my company by the demand of the tattoo community. This includes serving a larger amount of people in the community with the needed help of other artists, without the need to commute to the city for a reputable tattoo establishment.

I have been a professional tattoo artist for eleven years and currently operate in Kildeer Illinois in a salon based studio. Prior to this, I worked at Forever Ink in Chicago for two years. Aside from that I was a traveling artist and a guest artist at several different shops around the Chicago land area and Northwest suburbs. I am nearing my one year lease in June and I am currently seeking to manage a store front from where I can teach and provide a home base for tattoo artists like myself. The location I am currently operating from does not provide me with the substantial space and tranquility needed in order to better serve my clientele. I currently operate Monday through Sunday by appointment only and I average about forty to sixty tattoos a month depending on the size, placement and detail of the tattoo. This can range anywhere from thirty minutes to eight hours per tattoo. I also provide professional piercing services with the hopes of providing customizable merchandise in the near future. I am currently the

sole proprietor and artist of the business but with your approval I am looking forward to expand and offer employment to others in the tattoo community.

The address of the building I am looking to relocate is located on 19 North Wilke Road in Arlington Heights, IL 60005. This establishment is currently equipped and was utilized as a dental practice. The rooms are already built to provide the artist and clients the privacy and comfort they are seeking. There will be four to six private rooms, three of these rooms will be equipped for tattooing and one room for piercing. In the shop there will be three to four artists including myself. The majority of the piercings will be done by myself or other certified and licensed piercers. The tattoos will also be done by certified/licensed tattoo artists as well as apprentices. The apprentices will undergo elaborate training and thorough explanation of the many processes of tattooing. The artists and piercers operating in this shop will be required to have an up to date blood borne pathogens certificate and will practice professional sanitation procedures. This includes the proper disposal of needles, the necessary barriers to protect both the artist and client, the proper set up and break down of a station before and after a tattoo session and the proper sterilization of equipment with medical grade disinfectant cleaner.

The hours of operation at Midwest Tattoo Therapy with your allowance would be **Monday-Thursday 12pm-10pm, Friday-Saturday 12pm-12am** and closed on **Sundays**. I plan to not only create opportunities for fellow tattoo artists and surrounding businesses of Arlington Heights, but also maintain family integrity. As a previous resident of Arlington Heights, I am confident Midwest Tattoo Therapy will only fill the need for the growing demand in the Arlington Heights area and the Tattoo Artists industry.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herta Baurine". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.