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CHARLOTTESVILLE MUSIC INSTITUTE (CMI)

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In support of the application for a Special Use Permit

County of Albemarle

Department of Community Development

CONCEPTUAL PLAN

The Charlottesville Music Institute (CMI) will offer the community certification in instrument training and music theory. Currently, there are no music schools in the central Virginia region that provide instrument training using a certified graded curriculum that measures growth and skill in both of these critical areas. Many universities in the US are struggling with students who apply to their programs and can play, but who do not know the fundamentals of music theory. CMI intends to address this deficit by offering certified lessons using the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (ABRSM) program in music instrument and music theory across the full spectrum of classic and electric instruments and voice. Our programs will serve all members of the community, and they will include community ensembles to enhance performance opportunities. CMI will also offer scholarship programs to the more financially disadvantaged members of the community. As the programs grow, so too will employment opportunities for the residents of Albemarle County.

CMI would like to lease 8000 ft² in an existing warehouse at 1740 Broadway Street in Albemarle County on a temporary basis for institutional use. This use is consistent with the guidelines described in Albemarle's Comprehensive Plan. The Broadway Street facility satisfies CMI's requirements for Phase I, encompassing a 5-year period, which are: adequate space to build a core structure; sufficient ceiling heights for acoustics (18 ft); adequate plumbing and utilities; sufficient parking; bays that can accommodate the movement of pianos in and out of the structure; easy access to major roadways; and affordability. CMI will enter Phase II as the 5-year period ends. That phase entails construction of a larger, permanent facility in an area of the county consistent with Albemarle's comprehensive plan for development. CMI will then rent the space at 1740 Broadway Street for storage, thus returning the warehouse space to light industrial use.