

Dear Albemarle County Board of Supervisors,

First of all, thank you for your service to our local community. As a realtor and follower of local happenings, I am deeply appreciative of all the incredibly complex problems you all are trying to solve in unprecedented times.

Thank you for considering this Special Exception application for 1317 McCauley St. The special exception is to use our accessory structure for a Homestay. We have a detached garage structure just about 15 feet behind our main dwelling that we would like to use as a Homestay. My understanding is that we meet the other requirements as live on the property full-time, there is adequate parking for the one guest room, and we not plan to use the homestay for serving any food or special events. We've even spoken to the neighbors as well. And it meets the setback requirements.

As a realtor in the area, I have an understanding of how homestays are an important part of helping homeowners afford homeownership. And, it helps promote tourism in the area and grow the local Crozet economy. We live within walking distance to downtown Crozet, so guests would have easy access to contribute to the growing downtown Crozet scene, without absorbing more parking and street traffic. I also have developed an understanding of how to have strong rules and regulations for Airbnb guests. I'd like to think that this will help increase the housing supply in the area, as its increasing the density in our own area and allowing for more versatile use in the future.

Please let me know what other information would be helpful at this time!

Best,
Chris and Whitney Saxon