

COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE

APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

☒ Request for a waiver, modification, variation or substitution permitted by Chapter 18 = \$457

☐ Variation to a previously approved Planned Development rezoning application plan or Code of Development = \$457

OR

☒ Relief from a condition of approval = \$457

Provide the following

☒ 3 copies of a written request specifying the section or sections being requested to be waived, modified, varied or substituted, and any other exhibit documents stating the reasons for the request and addressing the applicable findings of the section authorized to be waived, modified, varied or substituted.

Provide the following

- ☐ 3 copies of the existing approved plan illustrating the area where the change is requested or the applicable section(s) or the Code of Development. Provide a graphic representation of the requested change.
- ☐ 1 copy of a written request specifying the provision of the plan, code or standard for which the variation is sought, and state the reason for the requested variation.

Project Name : Homestay

Current Assigned Application Number (SDP, SP or ZMA) _____

Tax map and parcel(s): 12700000000700

Applicant / Contact Person DIANA CURRIER

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Owner of Record Diana Currier

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APPLICATION SIGNATURE PAGE

If the person signing the application is someone other than the owner of record, then a signed copy of the "CERTIFICATION THAT NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE LANDOWNER" form must be provided in addition to the signing the application below. (page 3)

Owner/Applicant Must Read and Sign

By signing this application, I hereby certify that I own the subject property, or have the legal power to act on behalf of the owner of the subject parcel(s) listed in County Records. I also certify that the information provided on this application and accompanying information is accurate, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing this application, I am consenting to written comments, letters and or notifications regarding this application being provided to me or my designated contact via fax and or email. This consent does not preclude such written communication from also being sent via first class mail.


Signature of Owner / Agent / Contract Purchaser

MAR 2020
Date

DIANA CURRIER
Print Name

434-831-2346
Daytime phone number of Signatory

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY APPLICATION#

HS 2020-38

Fee Amount \$

457-

Date Paid

3/13/20

By who?

D. Currier

Receipt #

120979

Ck#

251

By

Me

Requested Waiver under Special Exception
Albemarle County Homestay Regulations

Submitted by: Diana Currier

Property address: 4591 Old Sand Road, Schuyler VA 22969

Tax Map: 1270000000070

Exception Requested: Setback Waiver/Whole House Rental

While I recognize and appreciate the county's efforts to regulate the emerging transient lodging industry, capturing all possible use cases is an impossible expectation. The county endeavored to take most scenarios into account by dividing common situations into three large bins (residential, rural, and rural with land). Even so, with designations that broad, there are bound to be situations that slip through the cracks and get pulled into overarching and unfair regulations that were unintentional (I have to think nobody set out to adversely impact the lives of the most rural and poor residents who are simply trying to make ends meet). My case is a perfect example of one of these.

I am a retired schoolteacher living on a fixed income. My husband and I purchased the cottage next door after our neighbor died (mostly to gain more privacy due to the close proximity to our house – see attached satellite image).

My husband has since passed and I have been renting the cottage to supplement my income.

While the required setback of 125' might make sense in many neighborhoods, it should not be applied to my instance. My house (and the cottage next door) sit on a remote gravel road in the southernmost tip of Albemarle county. I have no neighbors within eyesight of my property – the closest driveway is across the street over 200' away – and includes a house set deeper back in the woods. The next nearest neighbor is over 600' away.

Given the extremely isolated and rural nature of my home and cottage, I request an exception of the 125' setback requirement. I am happy to get neighbors to sign something asserting that they don't mind me renting the cottage as transient occupancy or a homestay property. In my case, that would involve only three property owners – all of whom are between 200-600' away from the dwelling in question.

I am doing my best to comply with the new county regulations but I don't seem to fit into any of them perfectly... I have fallen between the lines and the disruption to my income is affecting me adversely. I respectfully request quick and fair resolution to my exception waiver request.

Old Sand Road

4585 Old Sand Road

