



Application for **SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Department of Planning and Development Review
Land Use Administration Division
900 E. Broad Street, Room 511
Richmond, Virginia 23219
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Application is hereby submitted for: (check one)

- special use permit, new**
- special use permit, plan amendment**
- special use permit, text only amendment**

Project Name/Location

Property Address: _____ Date: _____

Tax Map #: _____ Fee: _____

Total area of affected site in acres: _____

(See **page 6** for fee schedule, please make check payable to the "City of Richmond")

Zoning

Current Zoning: _____

Existing Use: _____

Proposed Use

(Please include a detailed description of the proposed use in the required applicant's report)

Existing Use: _____

Is this property subject to any previous land use cases?

Yes No If Yes, please list the Ordinance Number: _____

Applicant/Contact Person: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _() _____ Fax: _() _____

Email: _____

Property Owner: _____

If Business Entity, name and title of authorized signee: _____

(The person or persons executing or attesting the execution of this Application on behalf of the Company certifies that he or she has or have been duly authorized and empowered to so execute or attest.)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _() _____ Fax: _() _____

Email: _____

Property Owner Signature: *Alicia Clinton* *Max Richmond*

The names, addresses, telephone numbers and signatures of all owners of the property are required. Please attach additional sheets as needed. If a legal representative signs for a property owner, please attach an executed power of attorney. **Faxed or photocopied signatures will not be accepted.**

NOTE: Please attach the required plans, checklist, and a check for the application fee (see Filing Procedures for special use permits)

City of Richmond
Special Use Permit for Wildlife Rehabilitation
Applicant's Report: Adrianna Clinton
January 13, 2022

Background

Wildlife Rehabilitation Permits. The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) licenses wildlife rehabilitators to provide care for injured and orphaned wildlife. The goal is to return wildlife to their natural habitats. DWR requires extensive hands-on training and supervision and 6 hours of course education annually. Wildlife Rehabilitators are subject to State rules and regulations and inspections and must submit reports to DWR each year. In Virginia, Wildlife Rehabilitators are not allowed to request donations for services, but can accept donations.

The Need. There are only 100-200 permitted wildlife rehabilitators in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Each year the demand for wildlife rehabilitation far exceeds the capacity of area wildlife rehabbers. I understand the number of wildlife rehabilitators is declining due to the difficulty of the work, high level of stress and rising out of pocket expenses. The public's awareness of human impact on wildlife has only increased as COVID-19 has more people interacting with natural areas, this has caused a surge in the number of calls for help for our native wildlife.

Applicant Proposal

I am a member of AWARE, Alliance of Wild Animal Rehabilitators & Educators. AWARE is an all volunteer non-profit organization working with concerned citizens and wildlife rehabilitators. AWARE has relationships with local veterinarians, who assist with diagnosis and treatment, and with large facilities such as the Wildlife Center of Virginia. Animal control officers, police, vets and the general public may assist with transporting orphaned and injured animals for wildlife rehabilitation. AWARE provides educational programs to organizations and schools, primarily in the Richmond Metro area. All proceeds from programs go to the care of injured and orphaned wildlife so they can be returned to the wild.

I obtained my first Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit in 2017 and have worked with our mentors for over five years. On January 22, 2020, DWR informed me that I must obtain a Special Use Permit from the City of Richmond. I am, therefore, requesting a Special Use Permit to provide wildlife rehabilitation of small animals at my home at 1514 N 22nd street.

Rehabilitation area. I use my upstairs office with a fully closed door (11foot x11 ft) as my rehabilitation room (see attached photo). After the baby animals have reached a certain size indoors and injured animals have sufficiently recovered, they must become acclimated to the outdoors in cages. I have several secure cages located in the privacy fenced area of my property that meet the needs of small animals. Once acclimated, the animals will be returned to their native habitat.

Why the special use will not be detrimental:

My outdoor rehabilitation area is secluded and out of sight of the public. There will be no impact to any of the neighbors. I have my own off street parking for my vehicles and will not impact roads or streets. These small animals will not roam at large in the neighborhood as they will be kept in locked cages securely behind the privacy fence.

I hope that my proposal will be approved so that I can carry on this valuable service to the community saving lives as a volunteer.