



Application for **SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Department of Planning and Development Review
Land Use Administration Division
900 E. Broad Street, Room 511
Richmond, Virginia 23219
(804) 646-6304
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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: 1812 W. Main, 1817 Floyd Date: 03/18/2019
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")

LAND USE ADMINISTRATION

Zoning

Current Zoning: R-7

Existing Use: parking lot

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Proposed Use

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

Existing Use: accessory parking + special events
parking lot

Is this property subject to any previous land use cases?

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

Applicant/Contact Person: Elizabeth Oliver
Company: Visual Arts Center of Richmond
Mailing Address: 1812 West Main Street
City: Richmond State: VA Zip Code: 23220
Telephone: (804) 353-0094 ext 227 Fax: ()
Email: lizzieoliver@visarts.org

Property Owner: Visual Arts Center of Richmond
If Business Entity, name and title of authorized signee: Stefanie Fedor

(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: 1812 West Main Street
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Telephone: (804) 353-0094 Fax: ()
Email: sfedor@visarts.org

Property Owner Signature: [Signature]

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)

Proposed Use

The Visual Arts Center of Richmond (VisArts) proposes to use its parking lot, located on its 1817 Floyd property, for up to five fundraising events per year. These events are usually tented but may not be in some circumstances. Our Collectors' Night gala, typically held in March, is always tented and has been held on the 1817 Floyd Avenue lot for the past decade.

Any event held on the property will end no later than 11 p.m. and all residential neighbors with property bordering the lot will be notified about the event, in writing, at least one week (7 days) prior. In the past, we have always abided by both practices.

VisArts' fundraising events collectively contribute more than \$600,000 to the organization's \$2.3 million budget. As a non-profit organization, being able to use our parking lot as a venue for our special events is vital to the success of our organization. The money we raise at these events goes directly back into our community and makes the City of Richmond a better place to live.

The Visual Arts Center of Richmond has helped Richmonders make art since 1963. We offer more than 1,000 art classes each year in clay, wood, fiber, painting, photography, printmaking, glass, metal, drawing, writing, decorative arts and other visual media.

In addition to our tuition-based programs, we partner with Richmond Public Schools and community organizations such as the Peter Paul Development Center, Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School, the Faison School for Autism and Northstar Academy for Autism to offer special art-making workshops free of charge to youth, senior citizens and people with special needs. One of our favorite programs is an afterschool art program that brings hundreds of Binford Middle School students to the center for classes and tours of our exhibitions. Each year, we host the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, which recognizes the work of young artists in all of the public and private middle and high schools in the Greater Richmond area.

All told, VisArts touches the lives of more than 40,000 people through its classes, exhibitions, community outreach programs, camps, workshops and special events. We appreciate your consideration of our application for a special use permit.