



THE EMPATHY WELLNESS CENTER  
Healthcare & Wellness Services For The Community

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing today to request a Special Use Permit, for the property located at 1518 Perry Street, Richmond, VA 23224. I recently purchased the property to use as my primary place of residence and home business. The property is located at the corner of Cowardin Avenue and Perry Street, and is currently zoned for Assisted Living and has a building permit for Group Home. I wish to change the use of this property to a Wellness Center. I am a Family Nurse Practitioner, licensed by the state of Virginia. I have a passion for providing healthcare and wellness education to underserved populations and urban communities. The services provided at the wellness center will include community yoga classes as a means to promote physical and mental health by alleviating symptoms of stress, anxiety, and depression. Healthcare and counseling services will be provided which will include screening and treatment for psychological disorders such as suicidal ideation, anxiety and depression, as well as various morbidities such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and STDs. The wellness center will occasionally collaborate with local community churches and gardening coalitions to coordinate healthy food drives and health/wellness symposiums with free healthy food and medical supply giveaways (i.e. blood pressure monitors, etc.).

To prevent traffic overflow in the neighborhood, and also in light of COVID-19 guidelines of social distancing, visitors at the wellness center will only be able to visit by appointment or class pre-registration, this way parking and traffic flow can be mindfully managed.

The opening of a community wellness center at 1518 Perry street:

- Will not be detrimental to the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the community involved
- Will not create congestion in streets, roads, alleys, and other public ways and places in the area involved
- Will not tend to cause overcrowding of land and an undue concentration of population
- Will not adversely affect or interfere with public or private schools, parks, playgrounds, water supplies, sewage disposal, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences and improvements
- Will not interfere with adequate light and air

I am very excited about bringing health & wellness education and services to this community. Your consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Warm Regards,

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