

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION**

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I/We, Karen S Saunders, as Owner(s), Contract Purchasers, or Owner's Authorized Agent of the property described below, hereby apply to the Franklin County Board of Supervisors for a special use permit on the property as described below:

Petitioner's Name: Karen S. Saunders

Petitioner's Address: 345 Hermitage Lane, Wirtz VA 24184

Petitioner's Phone Number: 540.520.9560

Petitioner's E-mail: adventuregirl60@gmail.com

Property Owner's Name: same

Property Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to Property from Rocky Mount: 122 North to right on Burnt Chimney Road. Right on Lovely Valley to stop sign. Right on Crafts Ford to Hermitage Road. Property on left - blue mailbox

Tax Map and Parcel Number: Map no. 047.00 - Parcel ID 0470007000, Parcel No. 070.00

Magisterial District: Union Hall

Property Information:

A. Size: Acreege = 6.71 of \_\_\_\_\_ Property:

B. Existing Zoning: A1

C. Existing Single family Land Use:

D. Is property located within any of the following overlay zoning districts:  
\_\_\_ Corridor District \_\_\_ Westlake Overlay District \_\_\_ Smith Mountain Lake Surface District

E. Is any land submerged under water or part of a lake? Yes  No If yes, explain.  
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Proposed Special Use Permit Information:

A. Proposed Short-term rental Land Use:

- B. Size of Proposed Use: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Other Details of Proposed Use: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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**Checklist for completed items:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Concept Plan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Application Fee

**\*\*I certify that this application for a special use permit and the information submitted herein is correct and accurate.**

Petitioner's Name (Print): KAREN S SAUNDERS

Signature of Petitioner: Karen S. Saunders

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: 345 Hermitage Ln.  
Wirtz, VA 24184

Telephone: 540.520.9560

Email Address: adventuregirl60@gmail.com

Owner's consent, if petitioner is not property owner:

Owner's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Received by Planning Staff** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clerk's Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RECPT. #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_

April 6, 2020

Department of Planning and Community Development  
1255 Franklin St., Suite 103  
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

To Whom It May Concern,

I am requesting a special use permit for short term rentals for my property located at 345 Hermitage Road, Wirtz, VA, which is currently zoned as A-1. I feel like no one will be negatively affected by the renting of my property. This 2-Bedroom cottage sits over the water, which is unique for Smith Mountain Lake, and is isolated as it sits on an almost 7-acre lot.

The proposed rental home is over 600' from the main road. When viewing the property from the main road, the 4-H Center is to the east and to the west is farmland and one lake-front property, which is occupied on a part-time basis. In the summer, when the trees are full of leaves, you cannot see this house, which is located over 300' away.

The reason I am asking for this special use permit is that my job has taken me to Florida for the next 10 years. I plan to retire back to Smith Mountain Lake so selling my home isn't an option. I'd also like to visit occasionally throughout the year so renting it full-time is not a favorable choice. I intend to use a rental company such as CB Rentals to rent the property for me. They will insure the individuals that rent the property are reputable.

Last, there are costs associated with maintenance and upkeep, which the rental income can assist with. This will insure that the property doesn't depreciate in value or become an eyesore for the lake and county, which we all love.

In closing, I appreciate your consideration of my request. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or my fiancé Danny DeWitt, with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Karen Saunders  
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Apt 246  
St. Augustine, FL 32080  
540.520.9560

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345 Hermitage Rd  
Wirtz, VA 24184  
540.525.9219

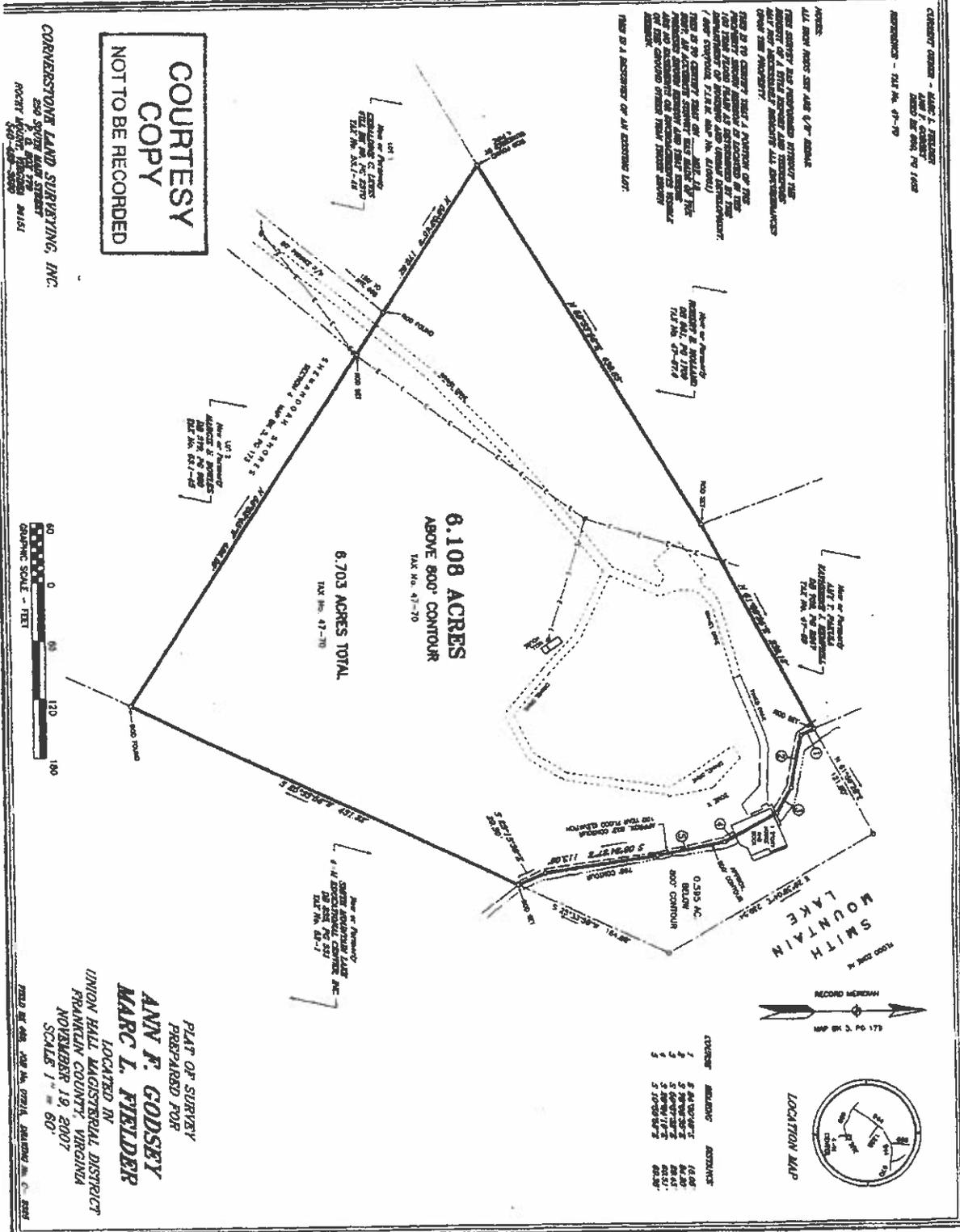


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