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I currently live in a one bedroom apartment above a garage on the property. The garage stores personal items and items used for my home business. My goal for the proposed building is to store items that are normally left outside like firewood, trailers, a lawn mower and a boat. It may also store small recreational vehicles in the future. My hope in building this structure is to have a neat property with no equipment out in plain sight. I hope to avoid needing to purchase instant garages to keep my belongings under cover. I am applying for conditional use home occupation 3 due to the size of the structure being over 2500 sq.ft. The design I have chosen is appealing, will complement the current structure, and will be less of an eyesore than having trailers and other equipment out in the driveway. I get many compliments on the design and appearance of my current structure and feel the same will be said about the proposed structure.

The percentage of use for personal vs. business will vary depending on the time of year. At certain times of year, it may be up to 60 percent business, and at other times it could be as low as 25 percent business. My business is run out of my home, but is serviced based. I never have customers coming to me.

The building will have power but no running water and will have no impact on the community's resources.

I am a lifelong resident of Charlotte and am involved in the community by way of helping with events such as town meetings and plays at the elementary school. I am committed to keeping the rural feel of Charlotte while supporting growth and improvement through payment of taxes. It is important for the sustainability of a town to help small, local businesses thrive.