#### KANE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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# APPLICATION FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AND/OR SPECIAL USE

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#### Instructions:

To request a map amendment (rezoning) for a property, complete this application and submit it with all required attachments to the Subdivision and Zoning Division.

When the application is complete, we will begin the review process.

## The information you provide must be complete and accurate. If you have a question please call the subdivision and zoning division, and we will be happy to assist you.

1.	Property formation:	Parcel Number (s):
	iormation;	0s746 Wenmoth Rd 12-18-400-018 0s734 Wenmoth Rd 12-18-400-019
		Street Address (or common location if no address is assigned): 0s734 Wenmoth Rd. 0s746 Wenmoth Rd. Future Address for new residence behind 0s734 Wenmoth Rd.

2. Applicant	Name	Phone
Information:	Anita Graham	210-391-5145
	Address	Fax
	0s746 Wenmoth Rd.,	
	Batavia, IL 60510	Email
		anita@5starlearningranch.com

3. Owner of	Name	Phone	
record information:	Todd & Anita Graham	Todd-847-921-4024	
		Anita-210-391-5145	
	Address	Fax	
	0s746 Wenmoth Rd.		
	Batavia, IL 60510	Email Todd-titant@att.net	
		anita@5starlearningranch.com	

#### Anita Graham, et ux (5 star learning ranch) Amendment to an existing daycare Special Use

**Special Information:** The Petitioner has operated this daycare since they purchased it in 2011. Due to the growth of the business and the waiting list of additional children to be enrolled, the Petitioners are seeking an Amendment to the existing Special Use. This Amendment requests increasing the capacity of the daycare from 19 to 45 children. It would also allow them to remodel buildings for the additional use.

Analysis: The Kane County 2040 Land Resource Management Plan designates this area as Countryside Estate Residential. The gross density should not generally exceed an average of one dwelling unit per four acres of land.

#### Staff recommended Finding of Fact:

1. The Amendment will allow the daycare to increase enrollment and make improvements to the property.

Attachments:

Location Map Township Map

Petitioner's finding of fact sheet

### Findings of Fact Sheet - Map Amendment and/or Special Use

 The Kane County Zoning Board is required to make findings of fact when considering a rezoning. (map amendment)

 You should "make your case" by explaining specifically how your proposed rezoning relates to each of the following factors.

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1. How does your proposed use relate to the existing uses of property within the general area of the property in question?

The property is currently zoned for 19 children in day core. Our plan is to amend this special use to allow an additional 35 children in the building. This would help meet the needs of area families who have been on a waiting list for years.

- 2. What are the zoning classifications of properties in the general area of the property in question? Child Care, Farming, Residence, Church & Business
- 3. How does the suitability of the property in question relate to the uses permitted under the existing zoning classification?

  In the past, DCFS has licensed a small part of this building. The area could hold 19 children, as each child must be given at lease 35 square feet of space. If the remainder of building were measured by DCFS, it should be able to be licensed for at least an additional 45 children, including the second floor.
- 4. What is the trend of development, if sny, in the general area of the property in question?
  5-Star Learning Ranch has existed for almost 6 years and it was a school for several years before it was purchased by the current owners. We mouth Rd. is a mixture of businesses, churches and residents. They have not changed in the time that 5-Star Learning Ranch has been there.
- 5. How does the projected use of the property, relate to the Kane County 2040 Land Use Plan? Under the section Healthy Build Environment for Kane County, Kane County 2040 Land Use Plan states "Kane County supports a built environment that is carefully planned, promotes healthy choices, improves our quality of life, and enhances and preserves our natural resources." 5-Star Learning Ranch's expansion will allow children to be physically active on the nearly 6 acres of property it sits on. This is something that is not found in corporate child care centers. The children have also had the opportunity to plant fruits and vegetables on our property. Children pick these crops when they are ripe, and they are consumed during lunch that same day. Our teachers also hope to start raising some livestock soon. What a great experience this would be for the children of Kane County to experience!

Under Healthy Living, Kane County 2040 Land Use Plan States, "The National Prevention Strategy makes specific recommendations and actions including: Improving education and employment opportunities.

When my husband and I purchased Little Bit Country Preschool in 2011, there were 3 people employed. 5-Star Learning Ranch has now employed 12 people. This expansion will increase that number to 16. Currently, 90% of our employees, are Kane County residents.

## Findings of Fact Sheet - Special Use



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5-Star Learning Ranch		2.3
0s734 Wenmoth Rd.	June 5, 2017	CC
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- The Kane County Zoning Board is required to make findings of fact when considering a special use.
- Special Uses shall be considered at a public hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals. In its report of findings of facts, recommendations shall be made to the County Board following the public hearing. The Zoning Board will not recommend a special use unless the following items are addressed:
- 6. Explain how the establishment, maintenance or operation of the special use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare. In order to ensure all of the above, we have hired Mackey Enterprises. This company is ensuring that our wetlands are protected, that any structures created will still allow for proper drainage, and a traffic study has been performed to determine any safety precautions that need to be taken. 7. Explain how the special use will not be injurious to the use, enjoyment and value of other property in the immediate vicinity. All neighboring land owners have been notified by Certified Mail about our attempt to ammend the special use of our property. Engineers hired are ensuring the flooding will not occur to neighbors' properties. New fencing will ensure the safety of children at our school and privacy for neighbors. 8. Explain how the special use will not impede the normal, orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property. As mentioned above, we have hired engineers to assist in maintaining orderly development. We are being informed as to what materials need to be used for proper storm drainage. All recommendations will be implemented. 9. Will adequate utility, access roads, drainage and other necessary facilities be provided? Please explain: Yes. Our engineers will provide drawings of our property with these things outlined.

Yes.	A traffic study has been performed to determine if anything will need to be done.
11. Wi	the special use conform to the regulations of the district in which it is located? Pleas
exp	ain:

# Expansion Description of 5-Star Learning Ranch

5-Star Learning Ranch is a Preschool and Child Care program located at 0s734 Wenmoth Rd. in Batavia, IL. (Building C) The business was purchased in 2011 and has grown consistently year to year. However, from September of 2015 to September of 2016, we accumulated 92 children on a waiting list. It was at this point in time that we decided we needed to expand our school. In March of 2017, we purchased the property at 0s746 Wenmoth Rd (building A), which is next to our school's property. We have learned that this property is zoned for child care and can hold up to 19 children.

We are requesting to have the special use of this property at 0s746 Wenmoth Rd. (Building A) amended to allow a capacity of 45 children. This would allow us to accommodate a number of children currently on our waiting list. The renovation would include a classroom for infants, toddlers, a two-year-olds, a 2 ½ hour preschool program, along with our before and after school child care program.

In addition to these classrooms, we'd like to renovate the kitchen area to be more user friendly for the number of children we will feed daily. The kitchen will not have an open flame. All the cooking will be done in ovens and microwaves.

Our current school building, located at 0s734 Wenmoth Rd, (Building C) will have very little renovation done to it. We would just like to add a wall to turn the current infant/toddler classroom and office space into a storage and work area for the teachers.

Finally, we would like to place a temporary office building between the two school buildings (Building B). This will contain administration offices, a teacher lunch room, teacher restrooms and a laundry/janitorial room. This will also be where parents check children in before walking to their child's classroom building. We hope to provide covered walkways to protect families from harsh weather conditions.

The new school building (Building A) will need sheds (Building E). These are accessory storage buildings to house items required by DCFS.

We will be working with DCFS, the Kane County Health Department, the Fire Marshal, and Kane County to ensure that all regulations are being followed.

In the future (approximately 1-2 years) we hope to build a family home in the back of the property (Building D). This will be approximately 2,500 square feet.

#### To summarize:

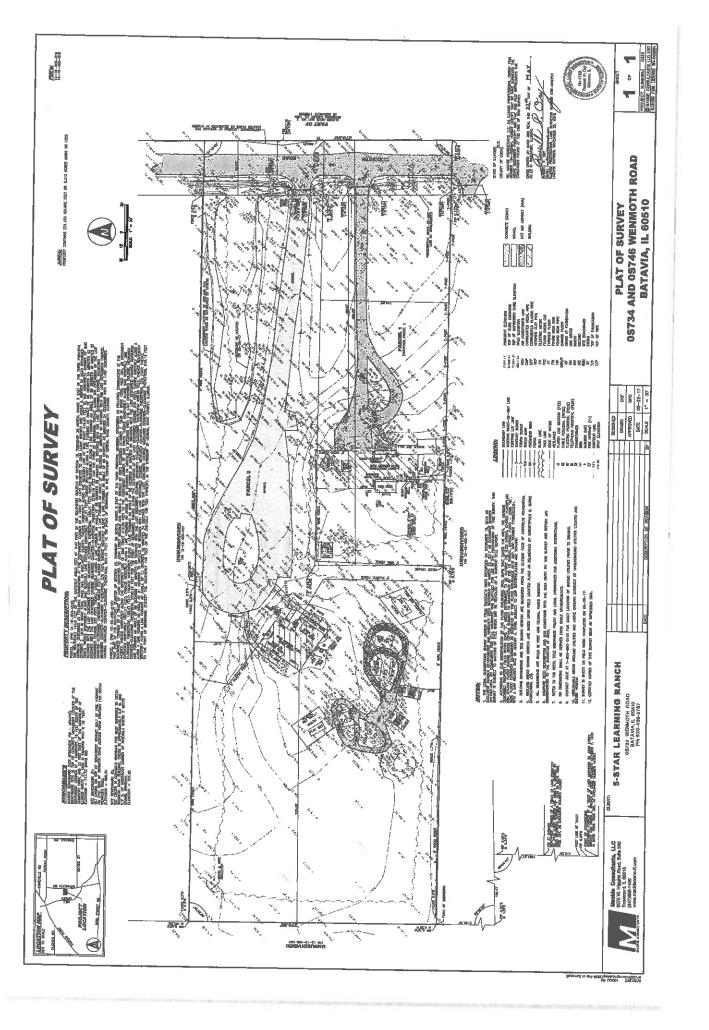
Building A – New building to be renovated to hold approximately 48 children

Building B -Temporary office building to meet the needs of Admin. & Staff

Building C – Current school building will hold 40 children

Building D – Future residence of Todd & Anita Graham

Building E – Sheds needed for storage of items required by DCFS



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