



## Legislation Text

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Use Permit Application No. 17-00011 by David Riddick to allow the operation of a private school at Central United Methodist Church, 227 Chapel Street [LRSN 2001911]

### **Background Statement:**

Use Permit Application No. 17-00011 by David Riddick is a request to permit the operation of a private school for approximately fifty (50) students between two and eighteen years of age at Central Methodist Church, 227 Chapel Street [LRSN 2001911]. The property is currently zoned One Family Residential (R-8) which allows for private schools with a use permit.

The applicant currently has a school called Beauty for Ashes Contemporary School of Dance (BFACSD) located in Downtown Hampton at 5 Queens Way, Suite A and is looking to relocate to Central United Methodist Church; the church will remain in operation. The proposed school will occupy approximately 4,000± SF of space on the second floor of the church. The applicant is proposing to offer a variety of educational services Monday through Friday 10AM-8:30PM, Saturday 8AM-5PM, and Sunday 1PM-2PM.

The Hampton Community Plan (2006, as amended) recommends mixed use development for this parcel and some of the properties east of the subject site. The Hampton Community Plan (2006, as amended) details the city's economic development objectives to attract and retain businesses. BFACSD is a small business that has existed in Hampton for a few years. Retaining this school in Hampton would further the goal of business retention in the comprehensive plan. The Youth Component of the Hampton Community Plan (2006, as amended) details the importance of creating a safe and caring community where youth have access to fun and educational opportunities that help prepare them for adulthood and a desire to reinvest in their community. The Downtown Master Plan (2004, as amended) also recommends the subject property as mixed use development as a way to create a vibrant community.

Staff has identified several conditions based on the proposed use's operational characteristics. Staff is recommending a condition for hours between Sunday 1PM-5PM, Monday through Friday 8 AM until 9PM, and Saturday 8AM-7PM. A capacity condition will permit approximately 66 occupants or the maximum capacity determined by a City building official, whichever is fewer. Other conditions relate to various state and city codes and ordinances.

Based on the analysis, staff recommends approval of Use Permit Application No. 17-00011 with seven (7) conditions.

### **Recommendations:**

Staff Recommendation:

Approve with seven (7) conditions

Planning Commission Recommendation:  
Approve with seven (7) conditions