

EXHIBIT 7
VARIANCE STANDARDS

1. *The variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Title and the adopted Comprehensive Master Plan; and*

Petitioner is seeking a variance from Chapter 9, Off-Street Parking and Loading, Section 6-9-3:6, Schedule of Off-Street Parking Requirements for Parking Class Number 5, which requires 10 stacking spaces for a daycare, preschool, or nursery school that exceeds 5,000 square feet in area. The variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Title and the adopted Comprehensive Master Plan, because it will have no effect on the surrounding property. There will be no increase in traffic as a result of this variance nor will there be any effect on the use or enjoyment of the surrounding property. Rather than have cars stacked, Petitioner's procedures require parents to park and accompany their children into and out of the daycare facility. There will be plenty of parking provided on the site. Further, having parents park and accompany their children into and out of the facility will provide for the safe transfer of children into and out of the facility, and maintain the flow of traffic on-site. Therefore, the variance is in harmony with the purpose and intent of this Title and Comprehensive Master Plan.

2. *Strict enforcement of this Title would result in practical difficulties or impose exceptional hardships due to special and unusual conditions which are not generally found on other properties in the same zoning district; and*

The Preliminary Engineering Plan does show that the required spaces can be maintained on the Property, but Strict enforcement of this stacking requirement may cause a

disruption in the flow of traffic during peak periods, imposing practical difficulties on Petitioner's drop-off and pick-up procedures. Petitioner's procedures do not allow for drop-off and pick-up of children by stacking and waiting to transfer children into and out of the facility. Due to the age of the children in attendance at the Montessori Campus, the Petitioner's drop-off practices and procedures require parents or authorized persons to park their vehicle, accompany their children into the facility, and sign them in. Petitioner's pick-up procedure requires that parents or authorized persons, park their vehicle, sign out their children and accompany them back to their cars. Petitioner utilizes this procedure effectively at its other locations in South Naperville and throughout the country. Further, these conditions are generally not found at other B-5 properties in the district because these facilities were not previously permitted in the B-5 District.

3. *The variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood and will not be a substantial detriment to adjacent property.*

Approval of the variance requested will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood nor be a substantial detriment to adjacent property. As stated above, the area is commercial and institutional in nature. Allowing Petitioner to maintain its procedures which Petitioner has found to be safe, effective, and efficient at its other locations, will not have a detrimental effect on the character of the neighborhood. Having parents park and accompany children into and out of the facility rather than waiting in line to drop-off or pick-up their children will have a positive effect on the neighborhood and adjacent property by providing for the orderly and efficient drop-off and pick-up procedures and maintain traffic flow on-site.