

**Second Floor** 

First Floor

**Basement** 

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## **CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEAL** 

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge MA 02139

617-349-6100

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### **BZA Application Form**

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	General information				
The undersigned hereby p	petitions the Board of Zoning Appeal fo	r the following:			
Special Permit: X	Variance:	Appeal:			

PETITIONER: Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston C/O James J. Rafferty

PETITIONER'S ADDRESS: 907 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 300, Cambridge, MA 02139

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 6 Manassas Ave, Cambridge, MA

**TYPE OF OCCUPANCY: Institutional** 

**ZONING DISTRICT:** Residence A-2

**REASON FOR PETITION:** 

/Change in Use/Occupancy/

### **DESCRIPTION OF PETITIONER'S PROPOSAL:**

Petitioner seeks to convert use of existing institutional structure from religious housing (convent) to primary school.

### **SECTIONS OF ZONING ORDINANCE CITED:**

Article: 4.000

Section: 4.56.C.2 (Table of Institutional Use Regulations).

Article: 10.000

Section: 10.40 (Special Permit).

Original Signature(s):

(Petitioner (s) / Owner)

James J. Rafferty

(Print Name)

Address:

Tel. No.

6174924100

E-Mail Address:

jrafferty@adamsrafferty.com

Date: 9/10/20

### SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT

Please describe in complete detail how you meet each of the following criteria referring to the property and proposed changes or uses which are requested in your application. Attach sheets with additional information for special permits which have additional criteria, e.g.; fast food permits, comprehensive permits, etc., which must be met.

Granting the Special Permit requested for <u>6 Manassas Ave</u>, <u>Cambridge</u>, <u>MA</u> (location) would not be a detriment to the public interest because:

A) Requirements of the Ordinance can or will be met for the following reasons:

The structure is located outside the Institutional Overlay District and based on its use history is defined as being in Existing Lot Status (3). Sec 4.56.c.3 allows a Primary School upon the issuance of a Special Permit.

B) Traffic generated or patterns of access or egress would not cause congestion hazard, or substantial change in established neighborhood character for the following reasons:

Access to the school will occur through the site of the abutting primary school located on Buckingham Street. There will not be any vehicles dropping off or picking up students at the site.

The continued operation of or the development of adjacent uses as permitted in the Zoning Ordinance would not be adversely affected by the nature of the proposed use for the following reasons:

The adjacent uses include two existing elementary schools, neither of which will be adversely affected by this change from one institutional use to another. Similarly, the adjacent residential uses have harmoniously co-existed with the two primary schools for decades.

Nuisance or hazard would not be created to the detriment of the health, safety, and/or welfare of the occupant of the proposed use or the citizens of the City for the following reasons:

The primary school will operate in accordance with all health and safety requirements promulgated by the Department of Education.

For other reasons, the proposed use would not impair the integrity of the district or adjoining district or otherwise derogate from the intent or purpose of this ordinance for the following reasons:

The building has been an accessory use to the elementary school use on the St. Peter's parish campus since the 1950s, several decades before the adoption of the Institutional Use Regulations of Section 4.50 in 1980.

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### **DIMENSIONAL INFORMATION**

Applicant: Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston Present Use/Occupancy: Institutional

Location:907 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 300Zone:Residence A-2Phone:6174924100Requested Use/Occupancy:Institutional

		Existing Conditions	Requested Conditions	Ordinance Requirements	
TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA:		+/- 9,164 sf	no change	7,625 sf	(max.)
LOT AREA: RATIO OF GROSS		15,249 sf	no change	6,000 sf	(min.)
FLOOR AREA TO LOT AREA: <sup>2</sup>		.60	no change	.50	
LOT AREA OF EACH DWELLING UNIT		N/A	N/A	N/A	
SIZE OF LOT:	WIDTH	varies	no change	65	
	DEPTH	N/A	N/A	N/A	
SETBACKS IN FEET	FRONT	+/- 30'	no change	20'	
	_	(front on	_		
	REAR	Buckingham) +/- 100'	no change	20'	
	LEFT SIDE	varies	no change	10' (sum of 25')	
	RIGHT SIDE	varies	no change	10' (sum of 25')	
SIZE OF BUILDING:	HEIGHT	+/- 35'	no change	35'	
	WIDTH	N/A	no change	N/A	
RATIO OF USABLE OPEN SPACE TO LOT AREA:		+/-40%	no change	50%	
NO. OF DWELLING UNITS:		N/A	no change	N/A	
NO. OF PARKING SPACES:		0	no change	0	
NO. OF LOADING AREAS:		N/A	N/A	N/A	
<u>DISTANCE TO</u> <u>NEAREST BLDG.</u> <u>ON SAME LOT</u>		N/A	no change	N/A	

Describe where applicable, other occupancies on the same lot, the size of adjacent buildings on same lot, and type of construction proposed, e.g; wood frame, concrete, brick, steel, etc.

- 1. SEE CAMBRIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 5.000, SECTION 5.30 (DISTRICT OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS).
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CORPORATION SOLE
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