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During the summer, we rent our home, our primary residence, as a short-term rental. We also have a large family and coordinate community (school, neighborhood, church, etc.) events on our property. My husband is on faculty at the Air Force Academy and we are very engaged with the cadets. Since we completed our 2400 sq. foot barn earlier this year, we have been consistently asked if we can rent it to small groups for gatherings. As my husband and I have considered this, we certainly want to respect both our neighbors and government. Therefore, we have identified the following guidelines for potential events, should your team approve this use.

1. 4-6 per year
2. Maximum 100 participants (contingent upon your approval)
3. No commercial advertisement - word of mouth only
4. Parking would mostly occur on our property, although the house is located on a county road and legal overflow onto the road may occur
5. County ordinance quiet hours policy would be observed

We are not interested in rezoning, as this is not a commercial endeavor, but, rather, an opportunity to serve our community. We believe the advent of social media platforms and increased technology over the past two decades have severely affected interaction of our youth (and adults), creating isolation and withdrawal from in-person interaction. By selectively accommodating these events, we hope to increase positive social connection that improves our culture.

If the guidelines above are not suitable, I would like to know how they can be adjusted to fit your criteria for special use approval.

According to Table 5.2 for accessory uses of a RR-5 parcel, I believe this might fall under the Residential Accessory and Structures Uses (6), whereby special use may be granted.

Thank you for your consideration.

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