



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

### County Board Agenda Item Meeting of January 27, 2007

**DATE:** January 22, 2007

**SUBJECT:** U-2899-96-2 USE PERMIT REVIEW for carpet and rug cleaning at 2147 Lee Highway (RPC #15-005-001).

**Applicant:**

Peter Bergmann, Bergmann's Cleaning, Inc.  
2147 Lee Highway  
Arlington, Virginia 22201

**C.M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Do not renew the use permit for the carpet and rug cleaning use at Bergmann's Cleaners.

**ISSUES:** None.

**SUMMARY:** The carpet and rug cleaning operations at Bergmann's Cleaners have been relocated to a Bergmann's facility in another jurisdiction. The applicant has informed the County that they do not wish to renew their use permit for the carpet and rug cleaning use. Therefore, staff recommends that the County Board not renew the use permit for carpet and rug cleaning.

**DISCUSSION:** The use permit for carpet and rug cleaning was originally approved by the County Board on November 16, 1996. The use permit was reviewed and continued for three years on November 8, 1997 and again for five years on November 18, 2000. During the staff review in November 2005, the County Board deferred renewal of the use permit to allow staff to perform an analysis of the use's environmental practices. Bergmann's Cleaning removed a discharge pipe that extended from the building into the storm sewer grate, properly redirecting all sump pump drainage to the sanitary sewer, and no outstanding issues remained on this site. The County Board renewed the use in April and October 2006 to allow the continued operations to coincide with plans to relocate the carpet and rug cleaning operation to a new facility outside of the jurisdiction. In December 2006, after a number of construction delays at their newly constructed building, the dry cleaning operations as well as the carpet and rug cleaning use moved to the new Bergmann's facility in Loudoun County. The applicant states that the Lee Highway facility will remain as a pick-up and drop-off location and all items will be transported from Lee Highway to the Loudoun facility for cleaning and processing. Therefore, staff

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff: Rasheda R. DuPree, DCPHD, Planning Division

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recommends that the County Board not renew the rug and carpet cleaning use at this location.  
PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

September 25, 1964	Denied a use permit (U-1629-64-1) for the operation of a carpet and rug cleaning business, excluding dyeing, for the site.
March 17, 1980	Approved a rezoning (Z-2172-80-3) from "R-5" to "C-2" for properties at 2124, 2126, 2130, 2138, 20th Street North, and 1924 North Uhle Street.
November 16, 1996	Approved use permit (U-2899-96-2) for the operation of a carpet and rug cleaning business, excluding dyeing, for the site with a review in one year (November 1997).
November 8, 1997	Continued use permit (U-2899-96-2) for the operation of a carpet and rug cleaning at an existing facility, with a review in three years (November 2000).
November 18, 2000	Continued use permit (U-2899-96-2) for the operation of a carpet and rug cleaning at an existing facility, with a review in five years (November 2005).
November 15, 2005	Deferred use permit (U-2899-96-2) for the operation of a carpet and rug cleaning at an existing facility, to the February 25, 2006 County Board meeting.
February 25, 2006	Deferred use permit (U-2899-96-2) for the operation of a carpet and rug cleaning at an existing facility, to the April 22, 2006 County Board meeting.
April 22, 2006	Renewed use permit (U-2899-96-2) for the operation of a carpet and rug cleaning at an existing facility with a County Board review in six (6) months (October 2006).
October 14, 2006	Renew the use permit for the carpet and rug cleaning use at Bergman's Cleaners with a review

by the County Board in three (3) months (January 2007).