

To Whom It May Concern

I am submitting this permit request in regards to a pre-existing garage on the premises of my property at 642 State Road to which I would like to make into an art studio. The studio would be used for painting and fabric dyeing which are two interests of mine. In order to dye the organic fabric, I use, I would like to add a washing machine to finish the fabrics I am dyeing, the sink for handwashing & water access, and the bathroom so I do not need to enter my house to use the restroom while in the midst of a possibly messy art project.

My process for this fabric dyeing is as follows:

- I wash fabric in the washing machine.
- I soak fabric in concentrated baking soda bath in a plastic container.
- Wrap/bundle fabric and submerge in a dye bath in a plastic container.
- Once dye process is complete, I let air dry.
- Wash the dyed fabric.

The dyes I plan to use are:

- The most eco-friendly dyes available.
- Non-Toxic
- Non-hazardous
- Comply with all safety guidelines in Massachusetts & California (which has stricter guidelines)

There is minimal waste product generated.

- Everything will be disposed of properly.
- Any solids I generate will be dropped off at Edgartown Dump's hazardous waste collection day.
- Nothing will be dumped on site.

On a personal note, my husband and I are members of United Scenic Artists Local 829, in this field we are responsible for painting, sculpting and rendering scenery for Television, film and stage. With our combined 30 years' experience in this field, we have been required to properly handle a wide range of materials, with an extremely wide range of sensitive and hazardous materials. We have experience and training to understand and recognize potentially hazardous materials, and know how to stay safe both individually, ecologically and environmentally. Having a studio in my own home has been a dream of mine ever since art school and I am very excited to finally have a space to create in.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Heather & Alex Garzero