

**ATTN: Billings City Council Members**  
**RE: Variance for parking at 1420 Broadwater Avenue**

We are requesting a variance from the City of Billings for the parking at 1420 Broadwater Avenue. The city code requires 46 parking stalls for a gym. Our site has 20 parking stalls without the ability to expand.

We have spoken to each one of our neighbors as far as joint use parking is concerned. While every one of them are positive about sharing parking they are hesitant to sign a 10 year joint use agreement because they do not know how long they will be there and some of them lease the property as opposed to owning it.

\*TLC Lingerie has parking in the back they are willing to share particularly in the evening because they are closed.

\*Plaza Arcade and Bar is willing to share parking as our hours are opposite of their hours.

\*First National Pawn is willing to allow use of unused parking but the management of the business is not the owner.

\*The Reserve Center was very open to allowing our clients to use their parking except one weekend a month when they have drill.

The current owner of the 1420 Broadwater property shared that the city has previously approved other variances due to the parking issue for past businesses housed in this location.

The Adaptive Performance Center is a 501 (c)(3) organization designed to provide an adaptive fitness environment for service members and veterans with disabilities in Billings, MT. with the goal of reducing the veteran suicide rate. Participating in physical conditioning side by side will help them recreate the bond they had with their comrades when they served and will provide relief from symptoms of PTSD, depression, and anxiety in a way that just mental health and rehabilitative services cannot achieve. Providing a fitness environment allows a sense of normalcy among veterans with significant physical disabilities who may have been isolated from participating in more conventional sporting activities since their injury.

The Adaptive Performance Center is a single point of contact for veterans and service members with disabilities of all branches and ages to gather, talk, support and encourage success within the membership. Once these bonds have been renewed and the symptoms associated with anxiety, depression and PTSD decrease, the inherent competitive drive among military personnel comes to life and their participation in sports activities and competitions will be automatic.

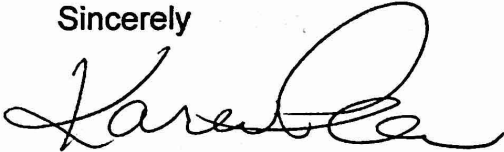
The Adaptive Performance Center is a place where veterans can come and learn to work their body again in a gym environment not a rehab facility. They engage

side by side with other veterans experiencing much of what they are going through. They start to take back control of their body and work with their injuries by using adaptive equipment and alternatives for lifting.

Many of our members will be transported by the VA, DAV, MET Transit and family members who will drop them off and pick them up. While we understand there is no way to factor that in to calculations we do not expect to exceed our current parking.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Karen Pearson, CEO



Mitch Crouse, COO