

Mr. Eggebrecht,

My wife sent a letter on July 27, 2016 regarding Marlowe and is currently attempting to find a home for him if we are unable to keep him based on the city's final ruling. I am writing to have the dangerous animal declaration removed from both animals as my wife seeks options for us to take based on your decision. I understand that changes will need to be made for the animals and would like to offer several solutions and a request for time to implement them.

I understand that the animals need better training as they are both energetic dogs and seek attention from any person that they meet. They approach people seeking attention and with the size of the animals, especially Marlowe, strangers can be put off by the animals and act fearful of them if they have never had experience with animals their size. We walk them on the city trail north of I-41 near Thrivent weekly and have never had an incident with other walkers or bicyclists we encounter. I would like to have the opportunity for both animals to be placed in obedience training to control their urge to approach people for attention. Neither animal to date has had such training and I fully understand that was a failure on my part and also believe it will help mitigate risk in the future.

The first incident with the animals happened because of a faulty lock on our rear door that has since been replaced and no longer fails to seat properly. I am also proposing several changes to the rear porch to have it closed off with a gate to block entrance down the steps to the driveway to limit access from the house to general public. I will also install a new stairwell to the back yard with its own gate so the animals have direct access to the yard from the porch and not have to go through the driveway. This way the animals will have multiple barriers to further limit an occurrence of the first incident. The back yard currently has a 6-foot wooden security fence around the perimeter with only one gated exit.

We currently do possess fully enclosed metal kennels in our basement for both dogs. Both animals currently stay in the kennels when we are not home or are sleeping. We will continue to use them in this fashion and we will add locks to them as listed in the policy documents we have received from the city. We will also post signs on the front of the house and gates to the back yard that state "Beware of Dog".

I am asking for a stay on the dangerous animal requirements for a period of 6 months. With this extra time, I would like to have opportunity to do the above modifications to our home to ensure an added level of security and enroll both animals in training. At the end of their training I would ask for another hearing to present the recommendations and opinions of the trainers on the behavior and temperament

of both animals for the City of Appleton to review at that time. If we fail to complete any of the above items in an agreed upon timeline we will surrender the animals at that time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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