

Dear Board of Health,

We are writing to request permission to allow our dogs to be present in our fully fenced backyard without the requirement of being muzzled or on a leash until a full hearing can be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Both documented incidents involving our dogs occurred as a result of containment failures caused by our gate being left open. Along with reinforcing procedures within our household to prevent future containment failures, we have resolved this possibility by installing a self-closing spring that closes the door and holds it closed after use.



We have also installed a metal plate to prevent the gate from being pushed open. The gate now needs to be pulled inwards when exiting the backyard. In addition to the plate, we have installed a latch that needs to be picked up and slid over to open the door.



The rest of our yard is completely fenced in. The side fences are 4' tall chain-link that we have extended with post extenders and wire fencing.







Our back fence is a 5' tall chain-link fence that we have extended with posts and wire fencing.



With these measures in place, we are confident our dogs will remain securely contained, and this modification to the ordinance will ensure public safety while permitting them a reasonable and humane quality of life.

Sincerely,

The Mickelson Family

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