

**CITY OF APPLETON
BOARD OF HEALTH**

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A Wisconsin Municipal Corporation,
Petitioner,

vs.

CRAIG AND LINDSEY MICKELSON

As owners of: "Chief: Great Pyrenees Mix, Brown and Black, L-, R+ 2028" and "Cello: Labrador Retriever Mix, Black and White, Male, L-, R+ 2028",
Respondent.

STIPULATION

The City of Appleton, by Humane Officer Matthew Fillebrown, and the animals owners Craig and Lindsey Mickelson, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

1. That Craig Mickelson and Lindsey Mickelson (collectively the "Mickelsons") are the owners of the dogs known as "Chief" and "Cello".
2. That the Mickelsons are subject to the March 4, 2026, Order Declaring Animal Dangerous ("Order") issued by Humane Officer Fillebrown.
3. That Sec. 3-131 of the Appleton Municipal Code requires an owner or caretaker of an animal that has been declared dangerous to immediately comply with leashing, muzzling, and confinement requirements of Sec. 3-132 of the Appleton Municipal Code and with all other requirements in that section being satisfied within thirty (30) days of the dangerous declaration.
4. That on or about March 6, 2026, the Mickelsons filed an appeal of the Order declaring Chief and Cello dangerous animals ("Appeal").
5. That the Appeal specifically requests that Chief and Cello be allowed to be present in their "fully fenced backyard without the requirement of being muzzled or on a leash" and reconsideration of the "liability insurance requirement."
6. That the Mickelsons are willing to postpone their Appeal hearing to the Board of Health until May 13, 2026, upon the Board of Health approving this stipulation.

7. That Humane Officer Matthew Fillebrown is agreeable to modifying the confinement and leash and muzzling requirements of the Order to allow Chief and Cello to be present in the enclosed portion of the Mickelsons' backyard without being leashed or muzzled until the May 13, 2026, Appeal hearing.
8. That Humane Officer Matthew Fillebrown is agreeable to extending the thirty (30) day requirement of the Order for the Mickelsons to procure liability insurance until the May 13, 2026, Appeal Hearing.
9. That the Parties reserve their right to present evidence on the Appeal at the May 13, 2026, Board of Health meeting.
10. That the Parties have had the opportunity to review and discuss this agreement with counsel or have decided to forego that opportunity and, in either case, enter this agreement freely and voluntarily.

NOW THEREFORE, based upon the foregoing it is requested by the parties:

1. That the Board of Health grant the Parties' request to modify the confinement and leash and muzzling requirements as set forth in Sec. 3-132(c) and (d) of the Appleton Municipal Code to allow Chief and Cello to be present in the enclosed portion of the Mickelsons' backyard without being leashed or muzzled until the May 13, 2026, Appeal hearing.
2. That the Board of Health grant the Parties' request to waive the liability insurance requirement as set forth in Sec. 3-132(g) until the May 13, 2026, Appeal hearing.
3. That, except as described above, all other requirements of a Dangerous Animal pursuant to Sec. 3-132 of the Appleton Municipal Code shall be complied with by the Mickelsons within thirty (30) days of the March 4, 2026 Order.

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Matthew Fillebrown
Humane Officer, City of Appleton

Date: 3-11-26



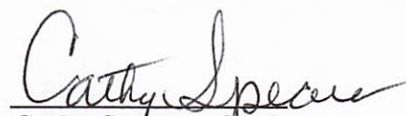
Craig Mickelson
Owner of Chief and Cello

Date: 3-11-26



Lindsey Mickelson
Owner of Chief and Cello

Date: 3/11/26

APPROVED BY BOARD OF HEALTH ON: 3/11/26 BY: 
Cathy Spears - Chair

Conditioned upon inspection and approval (of fencing/enclosure)
of Appleton Humane Officer. MM CS MMF CS