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ATTENTION: KATHRYN FRIEDLE,
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
LANDS DEPARTMENT

RE: JONATHAN RICHARDSON PROPERTY, C-TBS-00-3300

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER DATED JUNE 1, 2015, I MUST STATE WITHOUT RESERVATION THAT I OPPOSE ANY CONSTRUCTION AND/OR OPERATION OF AN ANIMAL KENNEL ON HIS PROPERTY.

MR. RICHARDSON IS A VERY NICE GENTLEMAN WITH FOUR DOGS THAT, ALONG WITH MY OWN DOBIE PUPPY, HAVE CAUSED GREAT DISRUPTION IN OUR COMMUNITY.

MR. RICHARDSON DOES NOT HAVE CONTROL OVER HIS DOGS; THEY TRAVEL AS A PACK CAUSING ME TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT SAFETY FOR MY DOG, MY GRANDCHILD AND MYSELF. THE LEARNING CURVE OF MY DOG WHO IS CURRENTLY 2 YEARS OLD AND STILL ACTS AS A PUPPY, CHALLENGING MY CONTROL AND TRAINING DOES NOT RELIEVE ME OF MY RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESTORING PEACE IN OUR AREA. THEREFORE I DO NOT BLAME MR. RICHARDSON'S PETS FOR THE ENTIRE LEVEL OF DISTRESS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE RESIDENTS ARE NOT TALKING TO OTHERS BECAUSE OF THE BARKING AND DOGS ROAMING THE NEIGHBORHOOD. IN ADDITION TO THE ANGER AMONG THE NEIGHBORS, ONE OF THE COUPLES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SOLD THEIR HOME AND MOVED OUT OF STATE RATHER THAN HAVE TO LIVE ACROSS THE STREET FROM MR. RICHARDSON'S DOGS.

WHEN I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BRIEFLY WITH MR. RICHARDSON ABOUT HIS PLAN FOR A KENNEL, HE COMMENTED THAT HE WAS GOING TO PLACE IT AT THE FAR EDGE OF HIS PROPERTY SO HE WOULDN'T HEAR THE DOGS WHEN HE WAS IN HIS HOUSE. JUST BECAUSE HE MIGHT NOT HEAR THE DOGS BARK DOES NOT MEAN THAT MY PET WON'T HEAR THE DOGS AND WILL RESPOND AS SHE CONTINUES TO IN SPITE OF MY EFFORTS TO LIMIT HER BARKING. BECAUSE MY DOG IS WEARING A BARK COLLAR AND STILL BARKS IF I AM NOT RIGHT THERE TO CORRECT HER, ANY ADDITIONAL DOGS IN THE AREA WILL INCREASE THE NOISE THAT MY PET INDULGES IN CONTINUING TO CAUSE DISTRESS FOR THE ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD.

I PLAN ON ATTENDING THE MEETING ON THURSDAY EVENING BUT AS I WORK ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON MAY NOT BE THROUGH WITH MY TASKS UNTIL AFTER THE MEETING BEGINS, I AM GOING TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO YOU IN PERSON AS WELL AS SENDING COPIES TO ALL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,


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