

**WEST ALLIS COMMON COUNCIL
LICENSE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE
CITY OF WEST ALLIS**

**In the Matter of the
Complaint Against**

COMPLAINT

**Carolyn Wardius,
d/b/a New Life Cat Rescue**

**STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE)**

Sally Nusslock, being duly sworn, on oath deposes and states as a complaint against Carolyn Wardius as follows:

1. That the complainant is the Health Commissioner for the City of West Allis.
2. That the information contained in this complaint comes from the complainant's review of official records maintained by the City of West Allis, which records complainant believes to be reliable and accurate.
3. That Carolyn Wardius is the holder of an Animal-Related Permit to operate a pet shop under West Allis Revised Municipal Ordinance Section 7.124(2), issued by the West Allis Health Department, and is located at 7911 West Becher Street, West Allis, Wisconsin.
4. That Carolyn Wardius does business under the trade name "New Life Cat Rescue."
5. That as a condition of her Animal-Related Permit, Wardius was limited to 40 cats being present on the premises.
6. That on November 14, 2012, Environmentalist Daniel Koralewski of the West Allis Health Department performed an inspection of New Life Cat Rescue due to an odor complaint from a tenant living above the business premises.
7. That Koralewski observed 58 cats on the premises and noted an extremely strong

- odor of cat urine and feces inside the business and outside the front door.
8. That due to the conditions, Koralewski ordered Wardius to install an adequate ventilation/ vent fan on the premises. In addition, he ordered Wardius to clean all the cages, litter boxes, bedding, floors, walls, and carpets on the premises.
 9. That on November 13, 2014, Koralewski inspected the premises of New Life Cat Rescue due to a referral from the West Allis Fire Department and complaints about the number of cats and odors at the business.
 10. That Koralewski observed 55-60 cats on the premises and noted a very strong odor of cat urine and litter boxes.
 11. That due to the conditions, Koralewski notified Wardius on November 13, 2014 by letter that the Health Department would not be renewing her license after it expired.
 12. That on January 27, 2015, in response to three citizen complaints received in December 2014 and January 2015, Koralewski inspected the premises and observed 48 cats at the premises and a heavy cat odor on the premises.
 13. That the conduct of Carolyn Wardius, d/b/a New Life Cat Rescue, is contrary to West Allis Revised Municipal Code Sections 7.123(3)(b), 7.123(3)(c), and 7.124(3)(b); substantially relates to the permitted activity; and is grounds for non-renewal, suspension, or revocation of her Animal-Related Permit.

WHEREFORE, Sally Nusslock requests that Carolyn Wardius d/b/a New Life Cat Rescue be summoned to appear before the License and Health Committee of the West Allis Common Council to answer this complaint and, if the material allegations of the complaint are denied, that a hearing be held to determine whether the Animal-Related Permit of Carolyn Wardius should be revoked, suspended, or not renewed.

Dated at this 13 day of March, 2015.

By: Sally Nusslock
Sally Nusslock
West Allis Health Commissioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 13 day of March, 2015.

Patricia J. Findley
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Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission expires: March 12, 2017

