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Honorable Members of the  
West Allis Common Council  
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.  
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Dear Honorable Common Council Members:

This letter is to inform you that I am vetoing File Number O-2008-0052, an Ordinance to create Section 7.125 of the West Allis Revised Municipal Code relating to Pit Bulls.

There are two reasons I am vetoing this ordinance.

- I am concerned with the lack of public input that was involved on a matter of this magnitude. I do not feel that the residents of West Allis were given adequate time to share their opinions and ideas with their elected officials.
- My second reason is due to a similar "Vicious Dog Ordinance" that is on the December 16, 2008 agenda. While I agree with the intent of the pit bull ordinance, I feel a law that applies to all vicious dogs and not just one specific breed would better serve the residents of the City. Public safety is of the utmost importance to me, and I feel this "Vicious Dog Ordinance" will offer a broader and more effective approach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Devine".

Dan Devine,  
Mayor

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