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Sally Nusslock
West Allis Health Commissioner
Health Department

Dear Mrs. Nusslock,

Hello, My name is Ayame Metzger and I represent Steve and Cheryl Colgrove. The Colgroves live in West Allis and have a pet pot-bellied pig named "Piggy". It is our belief that Piggy is not a wild animal as described by Section 7.12 (1)(a)(i)(b), as potbellied pigs are domesticated and do not, nor has the breed ever, lived in the wild.

However, if it is your interpretation that the Colgroves' pet pig is not allowed by statute, we respectfully ask that you allow the Colgroves more than 30 days time to remove Piggy. The Colgroves' are respectfully asking for 365 days and have a Plan of Action to be followed during that time. The Colgroves' plan is outlined below:

Plan of Action

1. The Colgroves intend to petition the West Allis Common Counsel to clarify Section 7.12 to specifically exclude Pot- bellied pigs from the definition of the Wild Animal, or to add a new section to specifically allow pet pot-bellied pigs in West Allis. They have sought the signatures of fellow residents and neighbors and will be submitting paperwork in order to be heard at the next Common Counsel hearing.
2. Failing an amendment to Section 7.12(a)(a)(i)(b) or the creation of a new section, the Colgroves plan to move outside of the city of West Allis. They need time to sell their home in New Mexico in order to purchase a new home or have the funds to move to a new rental. Due to the housing market, they believe this will take another year to accomplish.

It should be noted that during the time that Piggy has lived in West Allis, she has been micro-chipped and vaccinated. The Colgroves also carry health and liability

insurance for Piggy. If you grant the Colgroves request for additional time, they will continue to keep Piggy's immunizations up to date and to carry insurance.

The Colgroves would like you to know that have they hand raised Piggy from the age of 5 weeks old and that she a part of their family. The Colgroves were not aware that they were breaking any ordinances, and would like to comply with the code, they are simply requesting that you allow them additional time to make arrangements. The stress on and Steve and Cheryl if given 30 days time to remove their pig would be substantial, and the effects of removal on Piggy, should she have to be removed from her family due to lack of time to move as a family, could cause lasting illness and emotional damage.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Steve and Cheryl and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ayame Metzger", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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