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Subject: FW: 1428 Adams St. Hardship

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To: Reinhart, David

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Dear Mr. Reinhart,

My husband and I are requesting a hardship exemption for rental moratorium for 1428 Adams. St.

We bought our house almost five years ago. Less than six months after we bought our house, my father was diagnosed with cancer. After having our first son, we decided to try to move back to the Neenah area to be closer to my father, to help with his care, and to spend as much time as possible with him as his cancer was terminal. When we moved, we had no idea how long we would be away or when we would move back to La Crosse. Prior to moving, I was blessed to have gotten an internship placement in the Fox Valley area and ultimately was hired on full time at my internship site. Because we had lived in our house less than two years when we moved, we could not afford to sell it as we would lose money.

At the time we moved, I thought I had registered our house with the city, but either I never registered it or let the registration lapse. That was a very hectic time in our lives and it is very possible that the house was never registered. I take full responsibility for that. Since we began renting the house, we have taken great care to find good renters that fit in well with our neighborhood and that would take good care of our house. Our most recent renters were neither and we regret the situation. Those renters have since moved out after only two months. We are applying for the hardship exemption to the city ordinance as we are not in a financial position to afford to pay the mortgage on our house on Adams St. without renters. We are looking into the possibility of selling the house, but, again, we can not afford to keep the house empty while paying a mortgage.

My husband was informed that we should plan on appearing, in person, in front of the city council on October 1, 2013. We both plan on making this a priority and plan on appearing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or my husband David. My cell number is 608-385-5743 and my husband's cell number is 920-358-3571. I am unavailable on my cell phone during the day as I work in a correctional facility and do not have access to my phone. My husband is available all day most days.

Thank you very much for your time and my husband and I sincerely apologize for our oversight. We would appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Megan Thumann