

Dear Members of the Judiciary and Administration Committee

My name is Quintin Schaitel; I own the property at 823 21<sup>st</sup> South in the City of La Crosse. I recently received a letter stating I was in violation of Subparagraphs 8.07(A), 8.07(B) and 8.07(I). I am writing this letter to request a waiver for the above property in regards to the city's Rental Property regulations.

History: In November of 2005 I was hired as a Police Officer for the city of La Crosse. I followed the guidelines set forth with residency requirements and immediately moved to the city while I still had a property I was paying on in the city of Sparta. I then believed I would be a long time resident of La Crosse and purchased the above home in November of 2008. Since 1994 I have served both on active duty and reserve status. I switched to the Wisconsin National Guard in 2006 and my military service and time away greatly increased with trainings lasting sometimes more than a year at a time and a deployment. Without exaggeration I was gone more than I was home. I returned from a deployment in Iraq in 2011 and shortly thereafter resigned from the La Crosse Police department. I was torn between two strong commitments and continued with the military. I met with a number of realtors to inquire about selling my home in La Crosse but the housing market still is not where it was when I purchased the home in November of 2008 and would take a considerable loss with today's prices. I currently live in Sparta and still have a mortgage on my home in La Crosse. It has been rented a little over a year now and this goes a long way to help in the payments but does not cover all. I did not realize my home or situation was in violation to the city's code. This property is very well taken care and in a great neighborhood. I found a young professional couple who were recently married and I trusted to care for the home. I have had no issues with them or any of the neighbors. I will continue to maintain my property to very high standards to ensure it and my tenants act as model to the neighborhood.

I apologize for not being able to appear in person but am currently out of the state for further military training. Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated. I have listed my contact information below.

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Sincerely,