

From:
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To:
City of La Crosse Judiciary and Administration Committee

Re:
Request for waiver of ordinance 8.07 (l) for house at 717 Division St., and official order Ref. No. 11340

By this letter we request that the above listed property be granted a waiver from the moratorium on new rental registrations.

We purchased the house in the summer of 2008 for our daughter to live in while she attended Viterbo University. While she does not pay rent, she has generally had one or two roommates who did pay rent that helped offset our mortgage and tax payments. The city was aware of the use at the time, as they required rental inspections, the most recent one happening in 2012. We assumed that the property was registered, and were quite surprised to be informed that we were in violation of the registration requirement and the moratorium. The city inspector I talked with informed me that a new registration system had been instituted in June of 2012. We were never informed of this by the city.

Our daughter Aila is no longer a student, and is now a small business owner. Until the business grows, it does not provide her enough income to pay us rent, or rent in another location, or even to pay her winter utilities. She is living there alone at present, but she is not allowed to get a roommate or two, it would put a definite strain on her finances as well as ours.

We have always strived to maintain the house as well as our own. For us, the property is way to help our daughter, not to make a profit. We think it is nicest looking house on the block, and we intend to keep it that way.

Thank You for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Greg and Diana Meeuwsen