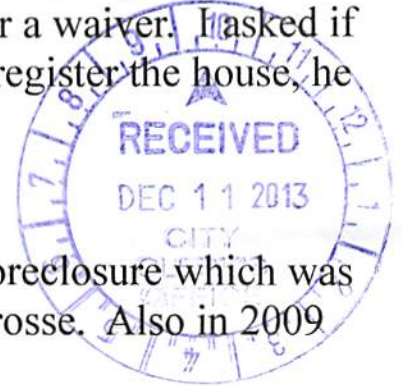


To LaCrosse City Clerk,

On the local news, we heard that people should register their rental property. To be honest, even though we didn't understand how this pertained to us, we called. Dave said that with the moratorium on until January 21, we would have to write a letter explaining our situation and ask for a waiver. I asked if we would wait until the moratorium was over and then register the house, he said we couldn't now and should write this letter.



In the spring of 2009 my wife and I bought a home in foreclosure which was pretty run down. The address is 2219 Prospect St. LaCrosse. Also in 2009 there was no registry for rentals as I understand it.

We did not buy this house with the intent of running it as a rental property, but as a home for our son. Our son for several years had been in trouble which resulted in some costly legal expenses. Therefore, this situation made it impossible for him to secure decent living accommodations in the LaCrosse area. Before we bought the home on Prospect St., he had rented about 12 rooms or apartments in LaCrosse that could be categorized as substandard living conditions or (slums) cheap, shabby living accommodations. He had no quality of life. During this time we had very little contact with him. He has had a hard time obtaining and holding onto employment because of the past events. Even though he hasn't been in trouble since we bought the home, his past is recorded on the internet and is still there to haunt him with every job application even though he has made restitution.

My wife and I are retired and living on a fixed income. We couldn't really afford it, but we bought the home as a last ditch effort to help our son. When we first bought it, he helped a little toward the mortgage giving him some pride in ownership of the home. Due to an on the job injury, however, he lost his full time job. We refinanced the home twice to make the payments more affordable for us while paying the closing costs. He helps when he can but has paid no money this year. However, he has been able to make positive

restitution for all of his old debts which is a major feat for him having only odd jobs and limited part time employment.

We bought this home because our son was essentially homeless and physically and mentally stressed. He had no money. We could go on and on but the fact is that this home gave him a stable home base, a sense of responsibility, and some positive self-esteem. He finally has seen a little success that was a long time coming. He was involved step by step in the improvements made to this house to make it his home. The neighbors all say it looks great. He is friends with many of his neighbors who all watch each other's' properties when one is gone. He is very proud of himself and his home and continues to work odd jobs while seeking a permanent position. He has plans yet to make even more improvements to the condition of the home.

You say he is a renter, but he pays no rent. He lives there with his two little dogs. He maintains the property inside and out and has only enhanced its value. Again this isn't a normal rental with transient tenants. The only occupant is our son.

We hope that our honesty has not backfired. It's hard to believe that we can't buy a home to help our son, let him live in it, fix it up, giving LaCrosse more tax money, and you could say "vacate" when we have also enhanced the value of the neighborhood. We feel that if the home gets taken away because of this moratorium, our son will once again regress to a state of depression and despair along with my wife and my self.

No one knows our son isn't the owner. The house really has never been advertised as a rental. We consider the home more of a healing factor because it has brought our son back into our lives and given him hope. We don't want to relive those days wondering where and how he was.

According to recent articles in the paper, he would be hard pressed to ever own property without our help. Also, this is a chance to get what you consider a rental back to a single family home if you give us a waiver and some time.

To sum it up, we never intended to be landlords nor has this home ever been advertised for rent. It was bought for our son and has helped him to straighten out his life. Would you please waive the Moratorium 8.071 for us so that our son can have continued success in life in a home that will eventually be his permanent home.

Thank you,

Eugene Terry Brandau
Linda Brandau

Eugene Terry and Linda Brandau

I have been thinking about you a lot lately and
 how much I have enjoyed our time together. I
 hope you are doing well and happy. I
 will be in touch again soon.

Thank you

With love,
 [Name]