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Judiciary and Administrative Committee

City of LaCrosse



To whom it may concern,

We are requesting a waiver be granted regarding the use of parcel 017020235080 (2134 Grandview Ave.) as a rental property. An order has been issued to stop using this property for rental purposes (Ref no 11266). The property has been rented to a single family these last seven years. The family consists of two professionals, a Business Systems Analyst for the Trane Company and an Educational Consultant. Regina and Anthony Jones also have a daughter who is currently in her senior year in high school. Regina and Anthony have been wonderful neighbors, have taken good care of our house, and have been contributing members of our community while living in the Grandview house.

The intent of the rental moratorium is clear and my wife and I agree with what the City of LaCrosse hopes to accomplish by putting the moratorium in place, but the forced removal of a family such as this from their home is surely not what the City wishes. In fact, the moratorium is designed, as we understand it, to try to make sure more homes in the neighborhood are occupied by families like the Joneses.

The rental agreement we have with the Jones family came about as a result of our inability to sell the Grandview home at the end of 2007/beginning of 2008 as the real estate situation began to deteriorate. The Jones family was looking for a better place to raise a child than an apartment complex, and we were looking for some way to avoid having a mortgage on a second property draining our finances. Our preference would have been to sell the property, but that appeared unlikely to happen. Since then the Jones family has lived in the property paying the same rent as agreed upon at the start. When they no longer have a need for the Grandview house, our intent is to sell the house. We do not want to be landlords, but we continue this arrangement because we have no intention of selling the property out from underneath Regina and Anthony. Our hope is that once Regina and Anthony no longer need this house, another family will purchase it and enjoy living in the house.

So, we respectfully request an opportunity to appear before the Judiciary and Administrative Committee to discuss this matter and hopefully obtain a waiver that will allow the Jones family to continue living in the house.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. McNamara".

Kevin McNamara