

December 18, 2013

Ms. Teri Lehrke, City Clerk:

Members of the City Council of La Crosse:

We would like to ask that our following request be put on the agenda for the December 30th council meeting.

We are writing to request a waiver to register our rental property in the city of La Crosse. We found out today, that it has not been registered. We were completely caught off guard by this! On August 27th, 2003 we registered our properties, at 1915 Wood St. and 1919 Wood St. with the Rental Inspection Department. We continue to be registered with that department and compliant with inspections. We were told today by Mr. David Reinhart that, as of January 01, 2009, a new ordinance was enacted that we should have registered for separately. We did not know this, and are certain we never received any correspondence, advising us of this new ordinance. If it was our responsibility to know of this ordinance change, we apologize! We certainly would have taken care of this, as we want to be in compliance with the law. Our property tax bills never show any lottery credit, which would be consistent in identifying them as rental property.

It would create significant hardship for us, in trying to meet our mortgage on these properties, if we were not granted the waiver. In addition, it would create huge hardships for our renters as one of our 92 year old relatives rents one of the dwellings. It would cause her very great physical and emotional stress, if she had to move, at this time in her life. Our other renters are two non-traditional college students, who also help our 92 year old aunt, when we are not available. In addition, other neighbors are ready to help, if needed. This is very reassuring to both our Aunt and ourselves! We are not professional landlords. We bought these two properties to keep them in our family, as they were owned by Larry's grandmother and grandfather. Please consider our request for this waiver! If our waiver is granted, we will fill out the necessary paperwork to become compliant immediately! Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

*Larry & Linda Gloede*  
Larry & Linda Gloede



December 28, 2013

Ms. Louisa City Clerk

Member of the City Council of La Grange

We would like to see the following request be put on the agenda for the December 31st council

We are writing to request a waiver to register our rental property in the City of La Grange. We found out today that it has not been registered. We were completely caught off guard by this. On August 27th, 2013 we registered our properties at 1915 Wood St and 1917 Wood St with the Rental Inspection Department. We continue to be confused with that department and complaint with inspection. We were told today by the City that a new ordinance was passed that we should have registered our properties. We did not know that and we certainly never received any correspondence advising us of this new ordinance. It was our responsibility to know of this ordinance change. We certainly would have taken care of that as we have in the compliance with the law. Our property tax bills never show any extra credit, which would be consistent in notifying them as rental property.

It would create significant financial hardship in trying to meet our mortgage on these properties if we were not granted the waiver. In addition, it would create large liabilities for our tenants as well. Our 9 year old daughter rents one of the buildings. It would cause her very great physical and emotional stress. It is hard to move at this time in her life. Our other rental six two bed apartment buildings also rent to our 25 year old son, who is a disabled veteran and is not available for employment. We are not professional landlords. We bought these two properties to keep them in our family as long as we can. Please consider our situation. We will fill out the necessary paperwork to become compliant immediately if you grant your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jenny & Linda Glode

