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Via email gilmanj@cityoflacrosse.org

Mr. Jason Gilman
City of La Crosse
Planning Department

Via email acklint@cityoflacrosse.org

Mr. Tim Acklin
City of La Crosse
Planning Department

Re: 1120 Caledonia Street

Dear Mr. Gilman and Mr. Acklin:

Based on last night's Plan Commission meeting I am writing to respond to several issues raised. First, I want to ensure that everyone understands that sexual offenders and violent offenders are not eligible for sober living with Driftless. There will not be any sexual offenders or violent offenders living at 1120 Caledonia Street, I have included a copy of the application for residency which explicitly states our prohibition of sexual and violent offenders. Second, I have included an amended Driftless Housing Services Operation Plan, which provides some additional detail regarding the position of the housing manager, including the requirement that they attend a sober living workshop which will provide them additional training on housing management and that they must have already been sober for 1 year prior to being eligible for the position of house manager.

I have also included a copy of the revised site plans based on concerns raised this week. As can be seen by the plans, there is the addition of a dumpster area, near the parking area along the alley. Further, the bedrooms on the main floor have been removed.

Driftless remains committed to work through issues with the City but does require some reasonable accommodation on the City's behalf. This is a housing use which is needed in the City of La Crosse and in this neighborhood. The goal of Driftless is to help incorporate those disabled persons who suffer from substance abuse issues into the community in a positive manner. Allowing them to live together provides a kind of support that they do not have

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individually. I have also included with this letter a memo prepared by our attorneys with respect to the effect of the Fair Housing Act on sober living facilities.

If you have any additional questions or would like any further information or revisions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,

Austin Reinhart

cc: Mayor Tim Kabat (via email)
City of La Crosse Common Council (via email)

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