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Judiciary and Administration Committee City of La Crosse

Dear City Council Members:

This letter is in reference to the Building and Inspection Department's letter of about 14 November 2013, entitled "Official Order to Discontinue Using Property as a Rental"—stating a reference number of 11347, and dealing with the property I own at 711 Winnebago St., La Crosse, and in accordance with the Municipal Code of Ordinances 8.07 (A), (B), & (I).

Following provision (5) of that Ordinance, I hereby appeal this order on the basis of "Hardship."

Reasons:

In purchasing that property in 1998 I complied with Wisconsin Statutes and completed a DILHR weatherization inspection for rental properties, and proof of that inspection is registered on the deed to said property, as filed with the County.

Since its purchase, I have employed it continually as a rental property.

I retain Federal Income Tax forms since that date giving evidence of my compliance with federal laws with regard to its use as a rental property.

I retain copies of most leases that I have signed with the different renters over the past fifteen or so years—all the leases have been in compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, as far as I know.

In all moments over the past fifteen or so years I have been in compliance with City ordinances, namely:

I have complied with inspectors' instructions for necessary modifications.

I have registered said property as a rental property.

The property has been inspected by City inspectors regularly.

Sincerely,

Bill Katra