

September 16, 2013

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La Crosse City Clerk and Inspection Department
400 La Crosse Street
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Re: Request for waiver of restrictions due to financial hardship

City Clerk and Inspection Department:

This letter is written to explain circumstances preceding, and ultimately facilitating, a request for waiver of restrictions due to financial hardship.

On 7/31/13, I purchased my first home in the county of La Crosse, located at 3260 33rd Street South. I was excited make it my own and had hopes of living here in the Coulee Region for many years to come.

Unfortunately, shortly after closing on the mortgage, I was offered a job opportunity outside of the area. The offer came with the expectation of relocating more than 90 miles from La Crosse, which created the current predicament of searching for an entirely new place to live. Since the majority of my finances have been directed toward the current property, I will be unable to purchase in the new location for several months, if not longer. Renting will also be difficult without having sufficient funds for an additional down payment unless I am able to rent the existing property.

This led me to change my goal of home ownership to that of finding quality renters. I began showing the house to prospective renters, and decided to allow a young couple, one of whom accepted a position at a Gundersen Lutheran, and the other with a construction management background, to rent the property. It is my belief that the couple I chose would be responsible and caring of the property and would continue to improve the curb appeal during their lease. I will be conducting reference and background checks and will verify rental and payment history before finalizing any agreement.

In addition, I have secured local personnel that will be responsible for overseeing the upkeep and maintenance of the property while I am out of the area. It is my goal to continue to improve the property as long as I own it. Not having the option of renting, however, will cause me to turn down an opportunity that may not present itself again.

Please consider my request for waiver, and contact me at 608-387-0603 if you have any questions or require more information.

Sincerely,

Craig Masters