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Rental Hardship Waiver City Code 8.07I

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La Crosse City Clerk,

I own a house at 325 So. 17th St. that has been for sale for some time I was lead to believe that because it was for sale it did not need to be registered as a rental property. I have recently been informed that it needs to be and have been advised by the inspection department that there is a moratorium on single family rentals and that I had to apply for a hardship waiver. The house has been rented for over a year the agreement I have with the tenant is that I will give them a 60 day notice if the house is sold. The realtors have been getting some showings but no serious offers yet. My wife and I are retired and living on social security we bought the house we are in so her father could move in with he was handicapped, his wife died and he needed to be in a home with everything on one floor, he has since passed away. I should have made the offer on the house we live in contingent on the sale of the one in the city but I did not, but hind sight is not worth a plugged nickel. My hardship is that without the rental income I could not afford my current obligations. The Taxes on the house are \$6200 per year insurance is \$600 per year and if it was vacant utilities could run up to \$1000 per year plus up keep. I have lowered the price three times in hopes it would sell it is just about 100 years old and is well under the assessed value it seems that people expect to buy a historic home with all the new home amenities. If this home sits vacant it will just deteriorate and become an eyesore, as it is the tenants do a good job keeping it up. We have owned this house for over 38 years and have updated it over the years we have paid our taxes and obligations loyally. We would appreciate the waiver with hopes that it well sell in the near future.

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