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City Clerk of LaCrosse,

I herby request that the City Council grant permission to continue renting our property at 1111 Division Street to my wife's brother and his fiancée until such time as they are financially able to purchase the home. It has been a rental property through a series of previous owners. Because we followed the rules and registered the property as required by city ordinance we are now being set upon by the city.

My history with this property has my name on the deed transfer three times. During the time I served as president of First Lutheran Church the church purchased this property and the adjacent houses on the east and west with the intension of adding to the minimal parking space on the church grounds. After five years it became quite certain that city politics would not approve this use any time in the foreseeable future. So, all three properties were sold. 1111 Division was sold on a contract for deed and several years later the buyer was unable to continue making payments. It became apparent that I would be dealing with finding another owner for the property. At that time my brother in law was going through a divorce and needed a place to live. I decided that buying the property myself and renting to him until he was in a position to assume ownership would solve both problems. I never have had any interest in being a landlord and this the only rental property we have ever owned.

My wife's brother has lived in this home for the past six years and takes care of it as his own. (Yes he does plant flowers). It is our hope that he will become an owner and become the last in a long string of renting occupants.

Sincerely,



John and Jacquelyn Fuchsel

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