

CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CPT Mike Foster

FROM: ACO Moracco

DATE: January 19, 2022

SUBJECT: Special Use Permit Findings

This memorandum is in regards to the Special Use Permit request made by Carli McCurry of 110 Lexington Drive in Colonial Heights, Virginia.

As of January 19, 2022, I have spoken with the neighbors at 108, 111 and 112 Lexington Drive. All residents provided approval for Ms. McCurry to have a special use permit.

I also met with Ms. McCurry at her residence of 110 Lexington Drive. The areas in which she keeps her rescue canines are all to Virginia State Law standards. The canines were also in good condition and are provided ample exercise and care. She currently has three personal canines and six additional foster canines. Ms. McCurry indicated that her goal for the future is to have a max of only two foster canines on the property. The foster animals on the property are not permanent.

Virginia State Animal Law indicates that a "Companion Animal" means any domestic or feral dog, domestic or feral cat, nonhuman primate, guinea pig, hamster, rabbit not raised for human food or fiber, exotic or native animal, reptile, exotic or native bird, or any feral animal or any animal under the care, custody, or ownership of a person or any animal that is bought, sold, traded, or bartered by any person. No agricultural animal, game species, or animal regulated under federal law as a research animal shall be considered a companion animal. The City code mirrors this definition.

In regards to City Code, the number of companion animals is set forth as follows: Except as otherwise provided herein, it shall be unlawful for any person to own, house, keep, board or have more than four companion animals at any one residence within the City unless permission to do so shall have first been obtained from City Council or unless there shall be at such residence a structure or other means reasonably suited for the provision of permanent shelter to the extent required in § 98-43 herein; any such required structure or other means being more than 300 feet from any other residence. The City Council shall consider the grant of such permission in those cases where the keeping of

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such animals does not create a health hazard. When it is proposed to keep more than four companion animals at any one residence within the City, application shall be made by the owner to the City Council, setting forth the number of such companion animals, the location of a kennel or other structure, if any, and the plans for its construction; and if, in the opinion of the City Council it is proper to do so permission may be granted for the construction of such kennel or other structure in accordance with the plans submitted and for the keeping of the companion animals, under such reasonable conditions as the City Council deems proper. The kennel or other structure shall be subject to inspection by an Animal Control Officer to ascertain compliance with the permit at any hour during the daytime, and the permit so granted by the City Council shall be revocable at any time when, in the sole discretion of the City Council, it is proper to do so in the protection of the public health.

At this time, I would agree to the Special Use Permit with the stipulation that she does not exceed the number of animals she currently has on the property and as soon as possible reduce her foster care animals to two canines.



Toni Moracco

Colonial Heights Animal Services Animal Control Officer

The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the plane was the fresh air. It felt like a breath of life after being cooped up in a small cabin for hours. The ground below was a patchwork of green fields and small towns, each with its own unique charm. I had heard that the countryside was beautiful, and now I knew it was true. The sun was shining brightly, and the birds were chirping happily. It was a perfect day to be out there.

As I walked through the fields, I saw a small stream flowing through the center. The water was crystal clear, and I could see the rocks at the bottom. A few fish were jumping out of the water, and I was amazed at how close they were to the shore. It was a beautiful sight, and I had never seen anything like it before.

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