

# CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS

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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 Robert Trent of 225 Biltmore Drive, Colonial Heights, Virginia.

As of January 19, 2022 I have received a response from 224, 227 as well as 223 Biltmore Drive. All neighbors have approved Mr. Robert Trent to have an additional animal on his property.

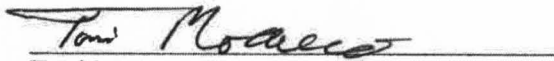
Mr. Trent has up to date medical records for all of his current animals and was a pleasure to work with during this process. He currently has four indoor cats, two canines and has adopted a third special needs canine from Colonial Heights Animal Services.

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 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 so 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Toni Moracco", is written over a horizontal line.

Toni Moracco

Colonial Heights Animal Services Animal Control Officer