

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES ANIMAL ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
July 13, 2022**

Board Members Present:

John D. Caron, City Council Liaison
Jason Allen, Chief of Police
Abrial J. Barrett, City Clerk

Also Present:

Jeff Randazzo, Chief Animal Control Deputy
Billy and Susan DeBruhl, Petitioner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Caron. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Allen, seconded by Barrett to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022 meeting as presented.

Ayes: All - 3

3. BILLY & SUSAN DEBRUHL - REQUESTING 4TH DOG AT 22514 BEACH STREET

Background Brief: Billy & Susan DeBruhl are requesting a variance on Ordinance 6.5 Exception to Limitation on Number of Dogs or Cats.

Previous Action: The letter of request for variance states that the petitioner currently has three dogs and would like to register a fourth dog for their daughter. The dog will be traveling with her daughter on a sailboat for the next few years and requires a permanent address for proof of registration and vaccination.

Economic Impact: N/A

The petitioner gave an overview of their petition. Their daughter is traveling with the dog but it needs to have a permanent address for registration and vaccinations. Two neighbors supplied letters in support of their petition and the third house is not occupied. There is no neighbor to the east as their home is on the lake.

Mr. Caron asked about the picture of their dog Eve's cremation certificate.

Ms. DeBruhl stated that she added it as proof that it had passed away and to show there is not currently a fourth dog at the address.

Ms. Barrett asked why the dog needs a permanent address while traveling.

Ms. DeBruhl said that the marinas all have different rules and they need to have registration and vaccination records to match their current IDs. She said her daughter's current address is their address.

Chief Randazzo asked if they previously had four dogs at one time.

Mr. DeBruhl said yes.

Chief Randazzo asked if Mikey is neutered.

Mr. DeBruhl said no because he is a show dog. He said he is not being shown at present but is registered to show.

Chief Randazzo asked if Jake is neutered.

Mr. DeBruhl said yes and Tyson is as well. He said Zoe is also spayed.

Chief Randazzo said that since Zoe would be traveling, their daughter will need a health certificate that includes more than just vaccines. This is required to re-enter Michigan. Some other states also require them, especially Florida and Georgia. This should include things like, when she applied frontline, vet notes or any internal and external parasite prevention.

Ms. DeBruhl said her daughter gives Zoe simpatico for internal and external parasites.

Chief Randazzo said they should carry those vet notes with them as well.

Chief Allen said there have been no issues at their address.

Mr. Caron said he has no issues with this unique case and reminded the petitioner to take into consideration that when their daughter comes back home with her dog they would be at their limit.

Moved by Barrett, seconded by Allen to grant petitioner a variance to Animal Ordinance Chapter 6.5 Exception to Limitation on Number of Dogs or Cats allowing petitioner a fourth dog at 22514 Beach Street.

Ayes: All – 3

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

Motion by Barrett, supported by Allen to adjourn at 9:09 a.m.

Ayes: All – 3

Prepared by: Kendra Kroll
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by: Abrial J. Barrett
City Clerk