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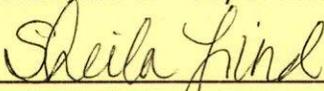
River Heights City PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the River Heights Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting beginning at **5:30 p.m.**, anchored from the River Heights City Office Building at 520 S 500 E. Attendance can be in person or through Zoom.

- 5:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance
- 5:35 p.m. Adoption of Previous Minutes and Agenda
- 5:40 p.m. Public Comment on Land Use
- 5:50 p.m. Public Hearing on Charlotte Johnson's Kennel Conditional Use Application
- 6:05 p.m. Public Hearing on Curtis and Margie Oakden's Kennel Conditional Use Application
- 6:20 p.m. Discuss the Number of Dogs Allowed in Kennel Ordinance
- 6:30 p.m. Adjourn

Posted this 17th day of March 2022



Sheila Lind, Recorder

To join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86010301662?pwd=MFpWVgxQS9MVm1zemZZXFRMmZFUT09>

Attachments for this meeting and previous meeting minutes can be found on the State's Public Notice Website (pmn.utah.gov)

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River Heights City Planning Commission

Minutes of the Meeting

March 22, 2022

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6 Present: Commission members: Noel Cooley, Chairman
7 Heather Lehnig
8 Cindy Schaub, electronic
9 Troy Wakefield
10 Recorder Sheila Lind
11 Tech Staff Mayor Jason Thompson
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13 Excused Commissioner Lance Pitcher
14 Councilmember Blake Wright

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16 Others Present: Charlotte and Braden Johnson, Brian Evans, Curtis
17 Oakden, Marcia Baker, Ryan and Valerie Merrell, Brian
18 Anderson, Ken and Geri Sorensen, Randall and Cathie
19 Thunell
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Motions Made During the Meeting

23 24 Motion #1

25 Commissioner Lehnig moved to “approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022, Commission
26 Meeting with corrections, as well as the evenings agenda.” Commissioner Wakefield seconded the
27 motion, which carried with Cooley, Lehnig, Schaub, and Wakefield in favor. Pitcher was absent. No
28 one opposed.
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30 Motion #2

31 Commissioner Schaub moved to “approve the Kennel Conditional Use Permit application as
32 submitted by Charlotte Johnson, with the following conditions: 1) Approval is for three dogs only, 2)
33 The permit will go away at the time she moves and, 3) She will continue to keep her dog’s noise level
34 to a minimum as she has been.” Commissioner Lehnig seconded the motion, which carried with
35 Cooley, Lehnig, Schaub, and Wakefield in favor. Pitcher was absent. No one opposed.
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37 Motion #3

38 Commissioner Lehnig moved to “accept the Kennel Conditional Use Permit of Curtis and
39 Margie Oakden with the following conditions; 1) puppies stop coming over within 7 days and don’t
40 come back, 2) Barking collars on the two male dogs with encouragement to have them neutered, 3)
41 Sully out of the house within 60 days, 4) A maximum of 3 dogs and, 5) the permit goes away if the
42 Oakdens move from the property.” Commissioner Wakefield seconded the motion, which carried
43 with Cooley, Lehnig, Schaub, and Wakefield in favor. Pitcher was absent. No one opposed.
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Proceedings of the Meeting

The River Heights City Planning Commission met at 5:30 p.m. in the Ervin R. Crosbie Council Chambers on March 22, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Prior Minutes and Agenda: Minutes for the March 8, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting were reviewed.

Commissioner Lehnig moved to “approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022, Commission Meeting with corrections, as well as the evenings agenda.” Commissioner Wakefield seconded the motion, which carried with Cooley, Lehnig, Schaub, and Wakefield in favor. Pitcher was absent. No one opposed.

Public Comment on Land Use: Valerie Merrell, of 359 S 550 E, asked if the Commission would consider amending the fence code so they could put up a fence that worked with their property. The code currently states their fence needs to have a 14.5’ setback on their side yard (on a street). She listed a power cable, an irrigation ditch, existing trees, and a rock retaining wall that would all interfere with a fence at 14.5 feet. A transparent fence was not an affordable option. She stated they want to comply as best as they can and asked again if they would consider an amendment to the code to allow for special conditions, such as theirs. Commissioner Cooley thanked her for her comments and said the Commission would discuss her request later.

Public Hearing on Charlotte Johnson’s Kennel Conditional Use Application: Charlotte Johnson explained she bought a dog for her son last year and didn’t realize she needed a kennel permit for three dogs. She no longer intends to foster additional dogs, as stated on her application. She has dogs for anxiety and depression. She explained how her yard is set up. A section of the fence fell, and the landlord is going to replace the full fence and gate, with solid vinyl so the dogs can’t see through. They mainly have the dogs inside but let them out as needed. If they bark, she brings them right back in. She has talked to several of her neighbors, and they are fine with her dogs. She has an 85-pound lab/terrier, a 10-pound chihuahua/terrier and 40-pound shepherd mix.

Commissioner Cooley read written comment from her neighbors, Valerie and Alan Ringer, Lacy Susman and Joshua Horton, who were all in favor of Ms. Johnson’s request.

Valerie Merrell (in attendance) said her family is also fine with Ms. Johnson having a third dog.

Brian Evans explained his property is on the west side of Ms. Johnson’s. He informed that certain dog barks are like needles on a chalkboard for him. He has called animal control a couple times because of barking. The officers talked to Ms. Johnson and told Mr. Evans that she didn’t seem interested in barking remedies. Her dogs are not always inside, and they bark when they’re outside. He believes the dogs will not stay in the yard where Ms. Johnson says they will. He is retired and would like to live in peace.

Commissioner Lehnig read comments from Randall Thunell (Ms. Johnson’s landlord), who was in favor of the dogs. He gave some background on things they are doing to remedy the barking. He said Ms. Johnson is very responsible for her dogs.

Cathie Thunell (the landlord’s wife) reiterated they had built a dog run on the east side, to help mitigate barking at Mr. Evan’s fence. She felt Ms. Johnson had really tried to do what’s best. While she recognized Mr. Evan’s right for peace and quiet, Ms. Johnson also has a right to have dogs.

88 Randall Thunell reiterated the process he is in to replace the old fence and gate with vinyl
89 which would help even more. Commissioner Cooley asked when the repair would be finished. Mr.
90 Thunell said someone will be coming tomorrow to give a bid.

91 Commissioner Lehnig asked if the dogs are ever outside when she's not home. Ms. Johnson
92 said only if they are in the south dog run. She discussed some methods of training they have worked
93 on. She is not in favor of muzzling but has taken other measures. She discussed the animal control
94 visits four years ago and explained how she worked on the items they addressed with her. There
95 have been no complaints from Mr. Evans since 2019.

96 Commissioner Cooley asked about the third dog, and if it was more of a barker than the other
97 two. Ms. Johnson said it barks as much as other dogs in the neighborhood. She felt Mr. Evan's
98 comments were grossly exaggerated. When the dogs bark it's only for minutes. An officer told her
99 that Mr. Evans has filed complaints about other dogs in the neighborhood. She has done a lot of
100 work to train and take care of her dogs, so they won't be a bother. She said she doesn't complain
101 when Mr. Evans is making noise with his nail gun while working on his projects.

102 Commissioner Wakefield informed that he doesn't like when he's in his yard and gets barked
103 at by a neighbor's dog. He appreciated Mr. Evan's comments. He noted there were five neighbors in
104 support of Mr. Johnson's request and one against. He would be amiable to approve the third dog,
105 with restrictions. If animal control were called out again, the city may need to review the permit.

106 Commissioner Schaub also felt supportive of allowing the permit.

107 Conditions were discussed. Commissioner Cooley suggested bark collars. Ms. Johnson was
108 not comfortable with bark collars.

109 **Commissioner Schaub moved to "approve the Kennel Conditional Use Permit application as
110 submitted by Charlotte Johnson, with the following conditions: 1) Approval is for three dogs only,
111 2) The permit will go away at the time she moves and, 3) She will continue to keep her dog's noise
112 level to a minimum as she has been." Commissioner Lehnig seconded the motion, which carried
113 with Cooley, Lehnig, Schaub, and Wakefield in favor. Pitcher was absent. No one opposed.**

114 Public Hearing on Curtis and Margie Oakden's Kennel Conditional Use Application:

115 Commissioner Cooley read from Oakden's permit request. Mr. Oakden said they have four dogs now
116 because their son is living at home with his dog. He plans to move out in the next month. They have
117 one puppy that hasn't been sold but they want to keep him if they can't find it a home. The female,
118 who had all the puppies, has been spayed. His dogs consist of one husky, two husky/shepherd mixes
119 and a German shepherd (his son's dog).

120 Marcia Baker, of 339 E 700 S, said the German shepherd (Sully) had lived at the Oakden's
121 house for the three and a half years she had lived in her home. The dogs bark at her and her friends
122 constantly while they are in her backyard. She said there are currently seven dogs in the Oakden's
123 backyard: four adults and three puppies. She loves dogs, has trained them, and didn't have
124 objections to dogs. She was doubtful that Mr. Oakden's son would be moving out due to the current
125 housing shortage. She was glad to hear the female had been spayed. She expressed concern with
126 the puppies crying during the day because Sully often grabs them by the neck and shakes them.

127 Ken Sorensen's property (367 E 700 S) shares a fence with the Oakdens. He felt two dogs
128 were one too many. He asked how long puppies can stay and was informed that the city code states
129 up to four months. Mr. Sorensen said he can't go out in his yard without the dogs barking at him and
130 it gets very annoying. He hoped the Commission would reject Mr. Oakden's request to have more
131 than two dogs in his yard.

131 Brian Anderson, of 331 E 700 S, said he shares 125 feet of fence with the Oakdens. He has
132 watched the Oakden's deal with nine puppies and knows Mr. Oakden is motivated to have his son
133 and dog move out. Mr. Andersen supported Mr. Oakden's request because the dogs don't bark at
134 him. He pets them at first and then they don't bark. He said dogs naturally have a pecking order and
135 Sully wasn't damaging the puppies at all. He recommended Sully leave the property within 60 days
136 and the puppies go to homes within four months of age. He said Mr. Oakden deserves the benefit of
137 the doubt.

138 Commissioner Cooley asked for clarification on how many dogs the Oakdens really have. Mr.
139 Oakden said they tend some of the puppies during the day while the owners figure out how to
140 accommodate them. He said he can end that right now. They let all the dogs out at 7:00 am and
141 then bring them in around noon for a while, and then they go back out.

142 Commissioner Schaub asked if they have a dog door. Mr. Oakden said, "No." Commissioner
143 Lehnig asked if the males are neutered. Mr. Oakden responded, "No."

144 Commissioner Cooley addressed the barking. Mr. Oakden said some of the neighbor's
145 children bother the dogs and it gets them barking.

146 Commissioner Schaub brought up the letter from Anna Anderson and read it. She was not in
147 favor of four dogs. It was pointed out that she is the landlord to the house next door and doesn't live
148 in the neighborhood.

149 Commissioner Cooley pointed out that large dogs do make more noise. Mr. Oakden said he
150 will get bark collars for the two larger dogs for when he is not home.

151 The Commission discussed conditions. Commissioner Lehnig would like to see the male dogs
152 get neutered; it is highly recommended in the city's ordinance. She also mentioned no more dog
153 sitting the puppies during the day, and having the son move out within 45-60 days. Commissioner
154 Wakefield recommended, even if Mr. Oakden's son doesn't move out, his dog should, after 60 days.
155 They also mentioned barking collars. Commissioner Schaub felt the permit should go away if the
156 Oakden's move from the home.

157 **Commissioner Lehnig moved to "accept the Kennel Conditional Use Permit of Curtis and**
158 **Margie Oakden with the following conditions; 1) puppies stop coming over within 7 days and don't**
159 **come back, 2) Barking collars on the two male dogs with encouragement to have them neutered, 3)**
160 **Sully out of the house within 60 days, 4) A maximum of 3 dogs, and, 5) the permit goes away if the**
161 **Oakdens move from the property." Commissioner Wakefield seconded the motion, which carried**
162 **with Cooley, Lehnig, Schaub, and Wakefield in favor. Pitcher was absent. No one opposed.**

163 Discuss the Number of Dogs Allowed in Kennel Ordinance: Commissioner Cooley brought up
164 the city ordinance stating that a kennel permit allows, "three or more dogs." Commissioner Lehnig
165 had done some research with surrounding cities and shared some of her findings. She suggested a
166 maximum of four dogs. Commissioner Wakefield didn't see a reason to have more than 2 dogs.

167 Commissioner Cooley read a letter from Mike Jablonski and Cindy Johnson in support of dogs.

168 Commissioner Wakefield suggested tying the number of dogs to the amount of acreage on the
169 property: Commissioner Cooley felt it came down to the dog owner and that having more than four
170 was excessive. The city would still require a Kennel Conditional Use Permit, at which time the
171 Commission could determine if they thought it appropriate for the owner to have three or four dogs.

172 Commissioner Schaub felt three dogs was plenty. Commissioner Wakefield pointed out that
173 these days people seem to need emotional support dogs. However, he didn't feel the city should
174 allow more than three dogs. He suggested the commission consider the number of neighbors who

176 say no to an applicant's request. Commissioner Cooley said the code needs to be very explicit on the
177 number of dogs allowed. He reported that Commissioner Pitcher told him he would be okay with
178 three dogs, but no more than four.

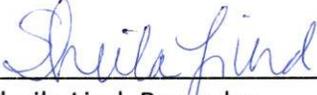
179 Commissioner Lehnig suggested allowing four, because that was the number other cities
180 allow.

181 Commissioner Cooley suggested scheduling a public hearing for the discussed change. He said
182 Jabba (Andy Bentley) has requested a site review and visit for the next meeting. He proposed a tour
183 of the property at 6:00 pm and the site analysis/pre sketch meeting afterward on April 12.

184 Commissioner Cooley asked all to consider Valerie Merrells' request to change the fence code.
185 The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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191 Noel Cooley, Commission Chair



Sheila Lind, Recorder

March 22, 2022

My name is Valerie Merrell and I'm here to address a land use issue. I'd like to ask the council to consider amending the current fence code to allow provisions for properties with special conditions.

Our property is on a hill and we have a steep slope; it is not on a corner so there are no safety issues of seeing around a corner. Our backyard runs along the main road, which code states requires a 14 ½' setback from the road. There are specific conditions on our property that interfere with this code:

- 1) a power pole with a cable that extends out and into the ground at about 9'-4" from the edge of road,
- 2) an irrigation canal that cuts through the back corner and would interfere with fencing at 14'-6"
- 3) existing trees that are 14'-6" from the asphalt,
- 4) a rock retaining wall that is about 11' from the road

In addition, our home is located in an older area of the city and doesn't have curb and gutter or park strips like new homes and subdivisions being built. We are willing to comply as best we can, but with the current code we are not able to install the fence per city requirements, due to the preexisting conditions on our property. I know there is an option of a 70% transparent fence but this is not affordable or ideal for us and many residents. Please consider making an amendment to the code to allow for special conditions such as ours, as this is a diverse city and many of the homes and lots simply don't work with the current code.

Thank you,
Ryan and Valerie Merrell
359 S 550 E
River Heights

Public hearing date: March 22, 2022

River Heights City
Kennel Conditional Use Permit Application
The Keeping of Three or More Dogs

Name of Dog Owner: Charlotte Johnson Date: 2/22/22

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Address: 560 River Heights Blvd, River Heights, UT 84321

Number of dogs requested: 3-5 Property for animal support (sq ft): 1000 Sq ft +

Description of shelter provided, care of animals, etc: Dogs are kept inside, have access via dog door to a dog run area on the east side of the house.

Dogs are ~~not~~ only let out back when supervised to limit any excess barking. Completely fenced yard, trees for shade, Dogs have all their yearly shots including rabies, are all fixed and kept on leashes. Request for 3 dogs with the possibility of fostering in the future.

Application fee is \$100 and is nonrefundable.

Date paid 2/22/22 Check number VISA By Sf

After receipt of the application and fee, the city will schedule a public hearing with the Planning Commission, within one month. Neighbors within 300 feet of your property will be notified of your request, intent and of the hearing.

If granted, the conditional use permit shall be on indefinite duration, non-transferrable but subject to revocation for violation of City Code or regulation, or failure to meet imposed conditions. Revocation will be only by majority vote of the River Heights City Council after written notice to the permit holder has been served and a hearing has been held.



Sheila Lind <office@riverheights.org>

Kennel Conditional Use Permit

1 message

Joshua Hortin <joshua.m.hortin@gmail.com>
To: nhcooley@comcast.net, office@riverheights.org

Tue, Mar 22, 2022 at 4:40 PM

Hello,

We are writing because we can't attend the meeting. We are the east neighbors of 560 River Heights Blvd. We are writing to let you know that we don't have any particular objections to the kennel conditional use permit. We don't believe that 2 dogs will be significantly less noisy than 3. We've spoken with Charlotte about plans to block the view of the street from the dogs which we believe will help with occasional barking.

Thanks,
Joshua Hortin



Sheila Lind <office@riverheights.org>

Kennel Conditional Use Permit

1 message

Brian Evans <wildblueyonder33@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 10:20 AM

To: nhcooley@comcast.net, Sheila Lind <office@riverheights.org>, Brian Evans <wildblueyonder33@gmail.com>

Commission Chair Cooley,

My name is Brian Evans and I reside at 550 River Heights Blvd. I received the notice of Kennel Conditional Use Permit of the renter residing at 560 River Heights Blvd. I am writing to express my opposition to granting this permit. Whereas I do plan to attend the meeting on Tuesday, 22 March, I wanted to put in writing my reasons and rationale for opposition.

First, I want to be clear that I *do not* dislike dogs or animals. I grew up with dogs and my ex-wife and I owned a dog. However, unsocialized and/or untrained dogs or animals are not to blame, but rather the owners who do not take the time to train and socialize them.

Secondly, for full disclosure I have called animal control two or three times in the past for the two dogs there at the time. They were in violation of the River Heights Noise Nuisance Ordinance. The responding officers spoke with me afterwards and said they informed the owner of ways to curb barking, but that the dog owner didn't seem interested. The owner has been better at getting the dogs inside when they go into a barking frenzy, but...

This barking frenzy is often set off by me simply walking into my backyard. They hear me and begin aggressively barking. This has been exacerbated by the addition of the third dog, who has a sharper and more pronounced bark. It seems to have simply followed the lead of the older dogs, barking when I'm in my backyard or on my back deck.

Third, whereas the letter states the dogs have access to the east side of the house via a dog door, they are still often in the yard on the south side of the house, which is adjacent to my back yard. When the barking begins, the renter coaxes them back into the house. It can take some time for them to retreat into the house.

Fourth, a fence does not mitigate or mute the barking of dogs. They hear a noise, and that's all it takes for them to start barking. Aggressively. Even keeping them on the opposite side of a house does not mute barking, especially of the third dog, which has been on the property since approximately last fall. The fact the dog owner may be interested in two additional dogs to these three is unnerving. I enjoy living in River Heights, and simply want to enjoy a calm, peaceful environment. Having a number of dogs that go into a barking frenzy when they are outside and hear or see a person or other animal is simply untenable.

I ask that the commission and the city please deny the Kennel Conditional Use Permit. I am a permanent resident and own my residence at 550 RHB. I live a quiet, peaceful existence in

retirement and would like to continue to do so, without the continued menace of several barking dogs.

Thank you.

Brian Evans



Sheila Lind <office@riverheights.org>

Charlotte Johnson's petition

1 message

ALAN VALERIE L Ringer <ALANRINGER@msn.com>

Sun, Mar 20, 2022 at 9:08 PM

To: "office@riverheights.org" <office@riverheights.org>

We are not going to be able to come to the meeting Tuesday night when you will be discussing Charlotte Johnson's petition for a kennel license, and possible dog fostering. We did want to give our input though. We are fine with the 3 dogs. Charlotte is VERY responsible with her dogs and we have not had ANY problems with her or them at all. She takes very good care of her dogs and is considerate of us as neighbors (we live right behind her). She never lets them run loose. We are fine with the 3 dogs but feel like 5 dogs is too much. We feel unsettled when we think about her having 5 dogs to take care of. We appreciate Charlotte and how responsible she is with her dogs and enjoy having her as our neighbor.

Alan and Valerie Ringer

Public hearing date: Mar 22, 2022

River Heights City Kennel Conditional Use Permit Application

The Keeping of Three or More Dogs

Name of Dog Owner: Curtis & Marjorie Oakden Date: 3-2-22

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Address: 6916 Summerwild Ave 03-071-0008

Number of dogs requested: 4 Property for animal support (sq ft): 5,000

Description of shelter provided, care of animals, etc: They come inside the house and have doghouse outside, we have a fully fenced yard and they don't get out or go out front without a leash we are asking to have 4 dogs for now however Sully the german shepherd belongs to our son and he is moving out as soon as he finds a place that will leave us with 2 unless we cant find a home for the last puppy, we just had now fixed so there will be no more puppies so the total will be 3 we try to keep them quiet but they do howl at sirens, ~~they are~~ they are super friendly dogs

Date paid 100.00 Check number 322 By SJ

After receipt of the application and fee, the city will schedule a public hearing with the Planning Commission, within one month. Neighbors within 300 feet of your property will be notified of your request, intent and of the hearing.

If granted, the conditional use permit shall be on indefinite duration, non-transferrable but subject to revocation for violation of City Code or regulation, or failure to meet imposed conditions. Revocation will be only by majority vote of the River Heights City Council after written notice to the permit holder has been served and a hearing has been held.

Commission Chair Noel Cooley
Planning Commission
River Heights City
520 S 500 E
River Heights, Utah 84321

In Re: Curtis and Margie Oakden Request for Kennel Conditional Use Permit for Four Dogs

March 22, 2022, at 5:30 pm
Dear Commission Chair Noel Cooley:

I am Marcia Baker and I live at 339 E 700 S in River Heights. My property adjoins the Oakden's property for the length of my backyard. When I moved here in September 2019, the Oakdens had three adult dogs. This winter, some puppies arrived. The Oakdens currently have 5 dogs: three adults and 2 puppies. One of the adult dogs is their son's dog, named Sully, a German Shepherd.

Like the Oakdens, I love dogs and have a dog that I love very much. I trained my dog, Raisin, and she is a qualified pet therapy dog for which we have had many grand adventures. I have been a dog trainer for many years and worked with teenagers in a holding facility to teach them how to train dogs.

In my view, several issues need to be resolved in a timely manner before granting a conditional kennel permit.

1. Excessively barking dogs must be confined indoors or re-homed.

For 3 1/2 years, the Oakden's son's dog, Sully, has barked at me, my family and any company I have over to enjoy my very nice backyard. It is a loud bark and it does not stop when I scold the dog or try to make friends with him through the fence.

While I tried reaching the Oakdens to discuss this issue, it wasn't until last September that I had an opportunity. Curtis assured me his son was moving out soon, taking Sully with him, and that it would not continue to be a problem. However, this has not occurred in the six months since we talked.

Let's be realistic. We all know that there is a lack of affordable housing in the valley. Very few of these landlords allow pets, especially large ones. Some do not allow certain breeds, unfortunately including, German Shepards. My friend who is on the board of CRIC and my own experience on the Deacons of First Presbyterian Church confirms that the chances of Curtis's son finding an affordable place to live is nearly zero. This means that there would continue to be 5 dogs.

My backyard was designed and built by Vern Budge who is a hard landscape architect. One of the main reasons I bought this house is because it has a beautiful backyard with decks, a brick terrace, lovely raised beds with built-in benches, and an arbor. While the house is small for entertaining, I knew I'd enjoy the backyard with my friends and family. Because of the barking, I'm not able to enjoy my backyard as I planned.

2. All kenneled dogs must be spayed or neutered.

I wonder if these dogs are spayed or neutered. I suspect that the two puppies have been up for adoption but have not been placed. If the puppies and the adults are not spayed/neutered, what is the plan if additional litters occur?

3. Puppies must be separated from adult dogs that bully them.

Currently, I hear the puppies crying throughout each day. I have seen Sully grab one of the puppies by the neck and shake them. This will lead to fearful, aggressiveness in the puppies.

I regret this situation with my neighbors, the Oakdens, and hope that we can come to a resolution we can all live with. I know they have good hearts. And I've enjoyed hearing children happily playing in their backyard in the summertime. I look forward to being able to enjoy my backyard too.

Respectfully,

Marcia Baker

Marcia Baker
339 E 700 S
River Heights, UT 84321

River Heights City

I'm not in favor of 4 dog permit
That is just too many dogs in the
River Heights area.

re: Oakdens KCUP
application

Sincerely,
Anna M. Andersson

3-18-22

Owner of property at
698 Summerwild Ave

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2022 March 22 Proposed Dog Ordinance

5-2-1 Kennel: Land or buildings used in the keeping of up to and no more than four (4) dogs over four (4) months old.

5-2-4 A. 1. "No residence within River Heights shall at any time own or license more than four (4) dogs. Each residence must obtain and maintain a kennel license when owning, harboring, or boarding three (3) or at most four (4) dogs."

Move the current paragraphs down one. So we would now have 5-2-4 A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

As I looked at other surrounding cities, I found that dogs and cats were limited and the combined number could not exceed 5 (Smithfield) and Logan 6. I would need to introduce Cattery in Definitions and I wasn't sure if our council wanted to go this direction.

*Regards,
Heather*

March 22, 2022

To: River Heights Planning Commission
From: Michael Jablonski, Cindy Johnson

Re: Comments on Agenda Item: "Discuss the Number of Dogs Allowed in Kennel Ordinance"

"Animals are such agreeable friends—they ask no questions; they pass no criticisms."

George Eliot

We have had a kennel license in River Heights since 1999. We have renewed our kennel license every year since then.

When we got the kennel license in 1999 the ordinance said it allowed "... the keeping of three or more dogs."

We have had more than three dogs at times and most of the dogs that we have had over the years were abandoned by their previous owners. We rescued them from the shelter, giving them all a loving home for the rest of their life's. We have never, ever, allowed our dogs to disturb our neighbors.

We have known many people in Cache Valley over the years that have, or have had, more than three dogs. Like us, they too are responsible dog owners. Like us, they adopted animals from a shelter.

There is a dark side to Cache Valley in the treatment of dogs and cats. The shelters are full of abandoned dogs and cats. People dump them and they end up on the streets and into the shelter. These animals deserve good homes and proper care.

Since we moved into the Riverdale neighborhood in 1987, we have taken in over 20 cats (not all at once) that had been dumped in Riverdale by bad people. The dumping of unwanted cats and dogs in Cache Valley is common. It happens all the time. I wonder how these people explain the disappearance of a dog or cat to their children.

It is appropriate to allow a responsible household with adequate facilities to have three or more dogs. We think the kennel license ordinance should allow the keeping of three or more dogs.

People that are willing to give these animals a good home deserve respect and support.

If problems arise, there is a remedy: revoke their kennel license.