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Dear Mike,

Please include with comments concerning the animal services code amendment on Tuesday.
Thank you.

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Council Member Zoltanski,

I am writing today with regarding to Item #6 on the City Council Agenda for Tuesday, February 4th on the proposal of amending the maximum number of household dogs allowed in Sandy City. This is something that has been near and dear to my heart since, well, we moved to Sandy in 2008. This is something I have approached a City Council member on in the past and been told that the City “doesn’t care” unless somebody turns you in. Which was an astounding thing as a citizen to be told.

Well guess what? After living here since 2008, we had a neighbor (whom we do not share a property line with) turn us in for having too many dogs. They did not have a complaint on the dogs barking, or on the loose, or even being a nuisance. They did it because they could and they were mad at us about something different entirely. As just about anybody on my street will tell you, it’s very common for people to have over two dogs. I’ve even had a neighbor point out how silly it is as we are one acre lots. I could have four horses or a hundred chickens, but only two dogs.

I’d like to stop here to say that after we were turned in, the City was amazing. Both Code Enforcement and Animal Services worked with us on rectifying the issue and we now have a Hobby permit. We have three dogs and our basement renter has two. That doesn’t seem like an abnormal amount of dogs. They are house dogs and can be found sleeping on the bed with us at night as they are family.

But back to the maximum number of dogs, I would like to comment. First of all, I know this is an important topic to many. I know many people who are afraid to speak out as they have more than two dogs and do not want attention brought to them. Whatever feedback you

receive, please keep in mind that there are numerous citizens in support who will not contact or speak on behalf of this.

As it stands currently, as you surely know, the number of dogs and cats per household varies by city. It is often confusing and something that many people do not consider when buying a house. It wasn't something we considered. We considered farm animals, but never gave a thought to dogs when we moved here from Cottonwood Heights in 2008.

I would like to point out that the largest city in Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, follows code and ordinances that put an emphasis on licensing and responsible pet ownership. Salt Lake County Council Member Bradshaw can explain how it works better than I can.

Sandy City has made great strides since 2015 when the City Council first passed no-kill, then again in 2018 when the City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits at retail establishments. As one of the largest cities in the County, I feel Sandy City should be a leader and should be in tune with what both Salt Lake County and Salt Lake City do. This would also ease confusion and misunderstandings when it comes to people considering moving to Sandy City. How frustrating it would be to live in Salt Lake City, Midvale, Holladay, Millcreek, Bluffdale, White City, or unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County and find out that you either have to give up a family member, risk being turned in, or move elsewhere. In addition, West Jordan allows up to four dogs per household.

Getting the Hobby permit as it stands is not feasible for many. My understanding is that the number one reason citizens are denied is because the way the lot is configured, a kennel cannot be positioned on the lot to meet the minimum distance required to an occupied dwelling.

In addition, since the last time (2008) Title 3 was revised, a lot has changed in the world of animal rescue. Every year more and more people are choosing to adopt from reputable rescues and more and more people are choosing to foster dogs and cats (and even rabbits). Salt Lake County has addressed this with 8.03.110, a Permit for foster animals. I ask that Sandy City consider a similar ordinance.

Thank you for your time,