

EXHIBIT 4: PETITIONER'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Attachment 1

Statement of Intent

We are asking the Board to grant us a Special Exception of zoning for our property which we will use to operate an animal rescue. We are a federally recognized not for profit animal rescue. Laura Fodera is the property owner while her mother, Jennifer Fodera, is the owner and operator of All About Dogs Rescue Inc. Jennifer has been operating the rescue for over a year and a half in Indianapolis.

Under normal circumstances the rescue will have twelve dogs, as well as six personal dogs. The rescue will also be rescuing and fostering other animals including but not limited to, sheep, goats, horses and other animals which the rescue is currently zoned for. The rescue would also like the Special Exception to protect the current dogs on the property by allowing the rescue a reasonable amount of time to bring the current twenty-eight total dogs down to twelve for the rescue and maintain the six personal.

The owners are currently making improvements to the property, both on the personal residence and on the rescue side. They have, as of this date, installed privacy fencing to eliminate the risk of loose dogs, reduce noise and to be more esthically pleasing to the adjacent property owners as well as any future owners, removed a substantial amount of trash from the property and sprayed for ticks, fleas and other pests. They are currently accepting bids on insulation for the pole barn, which is used for housing the rescue dogs. They will have this installed as soon as possible, as this will reduce the noise level as well. There are landscaping plans in place that will be put into action over the coming months and into next spring, that include shrubs, trees, flowers and planters that will soften the harsh lines of the fencing, making the property more appealing visually and act as more of a sound buffer. Included are pictures of what the property looked like before, now and edited pictures to show where they intend to plant in the future.

The owner has plans for the residence, which include, updates to the landscaping, siding, driveway and mailbox. Not to mention the improvements that have already been made, which consist of, all new plumbing in the home, painting and flooring. The owner realizes that the property was not maintained properly by the previous owner and are doing everything in their power to rectify that situation with regular mowing and outdoor pest control.

Although they are a rescue, they are not a public business. The rescue will not be maintaining any signage that would declare who they are in direct sight of the road. They are planning at some point to paint their logo tastefully on the small silo on the right front side of the pole barn, which is partially obscured by the residence and six foot privacy fencing from Joliet Rd.

They are aware there are times of the day that noise levels heighten on the property. This is primarily due to when they are in the barn actively caring for the animals. They do their absolute best to keep these times to a minimum. Their daily schedule includes, between 8am to 9am begin feeding, watering and letting dogs out individually or in small groups (2-3) to exercise and cleaning the interior of the kennel space. The time it takes is between one and a half hours to two hours. They repeat this process between 3pm and 4 pm. They chose these times as they want to be respectful of their neighbors. They

realize the noise level rises and that the majority of people are leaving for work in the morning when they start and are just getting home as they are finishing. There are occasions that they cannot control the noise level, for example when there are improvements being made such as having permanent kennels installed or insulation installed within the pole barn. This is for the betterment of the facility and will only last a short number of weeks at most. This will also better the situation for all involved including adjacent property owners.

The address is not given out nor posted publically. For an adopter or volunteer to come to the property they must first fill out an application and then be approved as such unless they are known personally by the owners. They verify references and talk at length before they are approved. This is a home first and foremost, therefore, privacy is kept and traffic, to and from the property, will remain the same as though it was residence alone.

The rescue normally acquires its animals from Indianapolis Animal Care and Control, Hamilton County Humane Society and other shelters in the tri state area. All animals are transported by the owners and never by the general public.