

October 17, 2026

Dear Dane county zoning committee,

Please accept this letter as our strongest objection to the renewal of CUP 02682 for the LaFleur dog kennel. If you feel that you must renew it, we kindly request that you renew it for the shortest amount of time possible.

We live at one of the properties closest to the kennel, and we were promised throughout all of the hearings that we would not hear any dogs from that property. Unfortunately, since the place opened, we can hear barking almost any time that our windows are open.

Please see below for a list of the times that we have heard barking from that property. Please note that the Lafleurs stated in a recent town meeting that they recently got a 3 month old puppy. However, this barking goes back to May, before they got a puppy. In addition, we can clearly hear different dog "voices," and sometimes multiple dogs. And we have occasionally heard dogs that were barking inside of their building.

Most of the barking we can hear is from dogs that are outside and most likely corresponds with drop off or pick up times. It is our understanding that Dane county unfortunately waived the requirement that they put some sort of drive up sound shielding for the drop off area. This is especially concerning, since the most likely time dogs will be barking is when they are excited, in the morning, outside, and being dropped off, and their own sound study recommended an outside sound barrier for the drop off area.

The Lafleurs stated in the town meeting that they often have 5 to 10 dogs for daycare. Our concern is that the barking could get much more frequent if they get closer to caring for their allowed 30 dogs per day, and we would like the county to continue to monitor this situation. This is especially important if (as they claimed in the town meeting) that much of the barking is coming from their own personal dog. It is unlikely that they will be able to control 30 dogs barking if they can't control their own dog.

In addition, we are very concerned because we have seen the Lafleurs walk a dog off leash, *on public property* on multiple occasions. This is on the newly opened bike path to the south of their property. The barking that they claim comes from their own personal dog, but began before they got that dog, and the Lafleur's regularly walking of a dog off leash on public property, is deeply concerning because this permit was granted based on the promise that they are expert animal handlers.

For the above reasons, we request that you deny renewal of this permit. If you must approve it, we ask that you approve for the shortest amount of time possible.

We apologize if we were supposed to have been constantly complaining every time we heard barking over there. We were only just informed by the town that we should have been continuously complaining about this since they opened the kennel. We will definitely be informing the town, county, and sheriff regularly moving forward as requested by the town.

Sincerely,

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Dates/times that dogs could be heard barking at the Lafleurs from location: 1122 Feather Edge:

All dates in 2025, all times in AM unless noted:

5/11 10
5/27 4:45 pm
5/28 11:50
5/29 11
5/31 11:30
6/1 10:30, 12:05 pm
6/3 7:30
6/4 8:50
6/9 10:10
6/12 11:30
6/13 8:50
6/14 10:01, 10:35, 11:40, 2:05 pm
6/22 6 pm
7/3 12:27 pm
7/7 8:16 multiple dogs
7/18 7:01 multiple dogs
7/21 1:50 pm - 2:10 non stop barking
7/30 12:49-1:33 pm on and off barking
8/1 1:05 pm
8/2 7:42, 9:06
8/5 7:38
8/7 2 pm, 3:10 pm
8/20 3:10 pm
8/21 10:35
8/22 7:34 am, 8:37 pm
8/23 3:25 pm
8/24 8:26
8/26 10:54, 1:34 pm multiple dogs, and then person yelling at the dogs, and then neighbor dogs joining in
8/27 12:07 pm, 12:45 pm
8/29 6:15 pm
8/30 3:35 pm
9/2 7
9/4 8:06, 8:20, 8:29, 8:35
9/7 1:54 pm
9/8 10:55, 11:32
9/10 8:17
9/13 11:55
9/14 7:03, 7:32, 8:15, 11, 4:50 pm
9/18 3:089 pm
9/28 2:51 pm
9/30 8:49, 10:48
10/1 9:35, 4:45 p
10/6 905, 1001, 1011, 1021, 1054, 1121, 1139, 12:32 p multiple dogs