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RE: Appeal of Wagtime's 24-hour boarding kennel Certificate of Occupancy at 1412 Q Street NW - **BZA appeal number 17092**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a concerned resident of 1408 Q Street NW Washington, DC 20009. I would like to support the appeal of the Zoning Administrator's Decision to allow a 24-hour boarding kennel named Wag Time LLC to be operated on the premises of 1412 Q St, NW. I firmly believe that the Certificate of Occupancy for the business named Wag Time was issued in error and in violation of DC municipal laws and regulations.
The laws indicate that Wag Time can operate as a grooming facility, but the Zoning Administrato's logic behind permitting occupancy for a 24-hour boarding kennel for dogs seems insufficient and in clear violation of the law and is disruptive to the neighborhood and even unsanitary.

Since the appeal covers the legal violations in greater detail, I choose to write to you to illustrate some of the points being made by the appellants.

Noise: Wag Time has outdoor "running" or "airing" area for their boarders. Each day dogs can be heard barking incessantly for hours on end. Cars dropping off and picking up dogs from the "kennel" services often block traffic, leave their engines running, and cause other cars blocked behind them to honk in the morning and evening. Dogs coming to and from Wag Time often get into fights on the street which is not only noisy, but potentially dangerous for dogs, owners, and nearby pedestrians. The dog barking, car noise, and dog fighting have clearly lowered the quality of life in this neighborhood and often make simple relaxation at home or even sleeping difficult.

Hygiene: There is often a strong odor of canine fecal matter and urine coming from the direction of Wag Time's outdoor area. Perhaps even worse, someone at Wag Time has often simply hosed dog waste into the alley behind the building. These are not only problems of odor and unsightliness, but also of public health and safety. In addition, the patrons of Wag Time often stop in front of the nearby buildings of Q Street to relieve their bladders and deposit fecal waste - much of which is often left to rot on the sidewalk or in the nearby grassy areas, gardens and lawns. This has clearly had a visible impact on neighborhood hygiene, but it is also a nuisance for pedestrians who step into the remaining fecal deposits.

Noise and deteriorating neighborhood hygiene are only two of the many difficulties that the neighborhood must endure as a result of the Certificate of Occupancy for the 24-hour kennel.

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I wholeheartedly support Appeal number **17092**.

Thank you.

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