



BELLINGHAM ZONING BOARD

10 MECHANIC STREET
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019
(508) 657-2893 ZoningBoard@bellinghamma.org

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SPECIFY TYPE OF APPLICATION

(circle)

Appeal

Special Permit

Variance

APPEAL OF BUILDING INSPECTORS DECISION:

- ☐ Please attach a copy of the Building Inspector's letter/decision.

SPECIAL PERMIT: (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Principal Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Conforming Situation | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessory Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Occupation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Removal | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Apartment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other |

VARIANCE: (check all that apply)

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Yard Setback | <input type="checkbox"/> Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Lot Width |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Side Yard Setback | <input type="checkbox"/> Lot Frontage | <input type="checkbox"/> Percent Area Building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Yard Setback | | |

Petitioner:(type/print)

Signature Julie Griffin & Tiffany Griffin
Email Flaxie-14@gmail.com
Address 34 Phillip Dr. Phone 978-987-3638

Property Owner:

Signature Julie Griffin & Tiffany Griffin
Email Flaxie-14@gmail.com
Address 34 Phillip Dr. Phone 978-987-3638

Address of Subject Premises 34 Phillip Dr.

If no address, description of
property _____



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Dimensions of Lot:

Frontage: 230

Depth: 89.41

Area: 1.34 acres

Lot Width: 150

Zoning District(s) subject premises located: R

Assessor's Map: Lot: 67

Describe proposed activity:

Use 25% of home residence for dog boarding of
no more than 7 dogs @ one time

Are there any buildings on the premises (if so, please describe them including their dimension)?

Shed 12x16

Describe the subject premises (terrain, septic system, description of area, etc.)

Single family home w/ septic on corner lot
with Hwy 495 running length of front of house

How long have you owned the subject premises?

6 yrs

What is the present use of the subject premises?

Living area

State grounds for the Special Permit/Variance or Appeal: (please be specific)

Home business under article 7 sec 240-72
operate a kennel section 240-25 & 23

I attest that I, to the best of my knowledge have paid any and all real estate taxes, excise taxes, license and/or permit fees.

Owner: Julie & Tiffany Griffin

Signature

Julie Griffin Tiffany Griffin Date 8/12/22

Applicant: Julie Griffin & Tiffany Griffin

Signature

Julie Griffin Tiffany Griffin Date 8/12/22

Effective 8/2017

Please note: This application cannot be processed unless initialed by the Town Collector:

Town Collector: Date:

We board dogs for many reasons. It gives our clients peace of mind that their dog is in a safe environment and not locked up in a cage while they are away. It also provides socialization for dogs as well as my own in a safe and controlled environment (vs dog park). More importantly boarding dogs provides us better mental health because it reduces stress, anxiety and depression. There is also a financial aspect that if we were not able to board dogs it would become a financial hardship of losing 25,000/year.

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We would like to board up to 7 dogs in my house. I currently have a client list of about 40 dogs. We are not taking in any new clients. If special use permit is granted these are the following guidelines I will follow.

- No more then 7 dogs at a time will be allowed to board at my home.
- A cage will be available to all dogs that board if needed to separate.
- If barking continuously for a minute dogs will be brought inside.
- Corrective collar will be used for communicative dogs (See Client list)
- Vaccines/Rabies documentation will be on file on site for all dogs.
- Waste will be collected multiple times a day and kept in separate trash can inside a trash bag at least 20 feet away from all abutting lots and 100 feet away from any portable water supply.
- Dogs will not be outside if no one is home.
- Follow all Domestic Animal Regulations outlined by Town of Bellingham

Additional Accommodations if deemed necessary with Board approval:

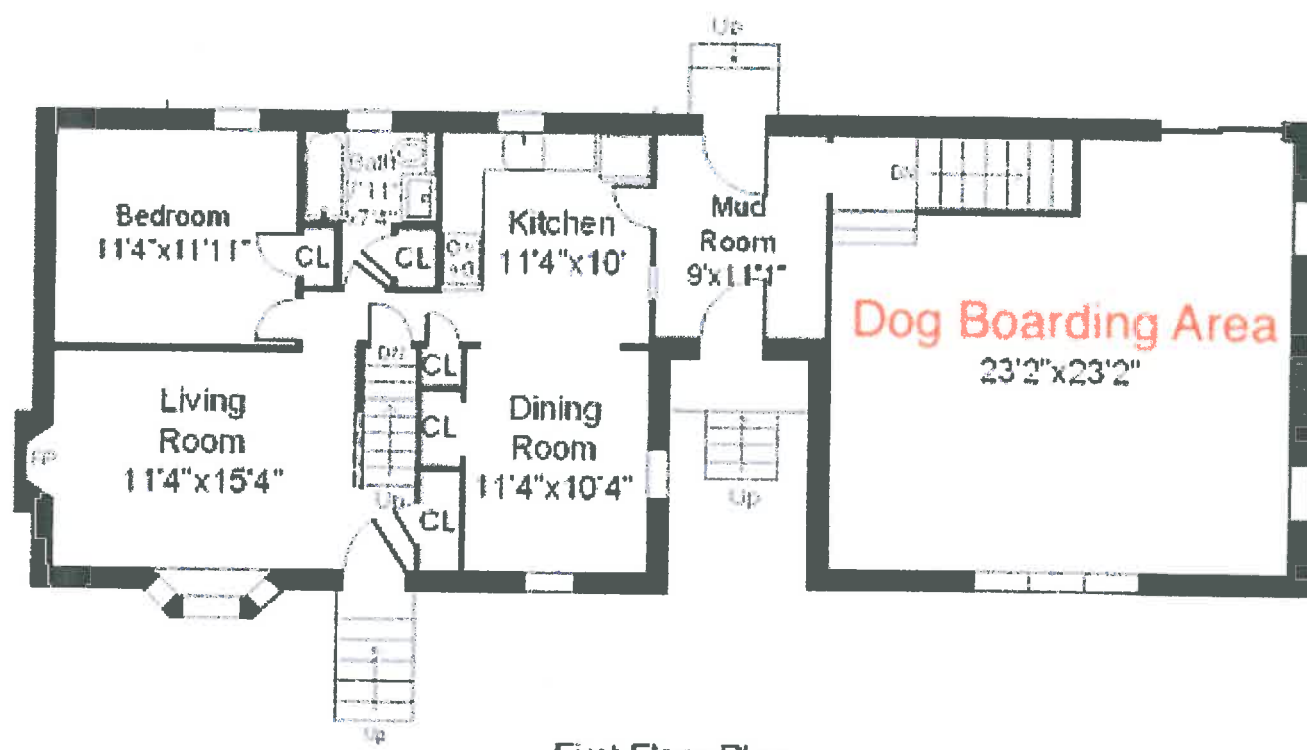
-Increase the height of privacy fence along rear of property line to help with sound. Currently the grade of my property is below rear neighbor and the top of my 6 foot privacy fence is at neighbors ground level of backyard. Ive included a photo of how I would like to extend the height by adding an additional fence within my property line that matches my current fence. (Appendix A)

-Will pay for installation of 2 Arborvitae for rear neighbor to put in front of his window to help with sound so he can sleep

-Will pay for sound proof curtains for rear neighbor to put in his window so he can sleep

Documents I've included for reference.

- 1-Calendar of the last 6 months and the # of dogs that were staying at my home
- 2-A weeks worth of documentation of dogs barking that can be corroborated with video footage from my security cameras.
- 3-Photo of some current clients
- 4-Letters of support from neighbors
- 5-Client list which includes communicative dogs
- 6-Photo of current privacy fence with additional fencing height if deemed necessary by board labeled Appendix A



First Floor Plan

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26	27	28	29	30	31	New Year's Day 1
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16	Martin Luther King Jr. 17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1 First Day of Black History	2	3	4	5

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Valentine's Day						
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President's Day						
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		First Day of Women's				
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Father's Day	Juneteenth (substitute)					
Juneteenth						
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Independence Day

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Dog Barking Minutes (15min total for 7 day)

Thursday 7/21

no barking before 7

Went to gym got home at 7:48

7:49 dog barked for about 15 sec

7:57 dog barked for 5 sec

8:01 dogs playing in backyard

8:05 all dogs inside

8:05- 12:06 dogs inside

12-1 dogs outside for 5 min each

1-2:30 dogs inside

2:30 dogs outside

2:51-3:35 dogs outside. 1 bark sister came home fin barked

3:35-5 dogs inside

5:10-5:30 dogs outside no bark

5:30-7:33 dogs inside

7:33-8 dogs outside barked once and then play bark

Total amount of time outside = 8640/sec 144/minutes 2.4/hours

Total amount of barking = 30/sec 0/minutes 0/hours

Friday 7/22

5:14-5:24 dogs outside no bark

5:37-5:40 dogs outside no bark

5:40-7:33 dogs inside

7:34 dogs outside and barked 7 sec

7:37 dog barks 5 sec

7:39 dog barked 2 sec

7:41 dog "alert" barks 15 sec

7:56 dog barked 2 sec

8:04 play barking 10sec

8:13 play barking 2 sec

8:15 play barking 15 sec

9:52 dog "alert" barked 2 sec

9:59- 11:08 dogs inside

11:08 excited barking 15 sec

11:23 playing with low muffled barks/growls that's lasted about a minute and then they stopped and drank water

11:39-1:22 dogs inside

1:48 dog "alert" barked 10sec

1:54 play bark 20 sec

1:56 play bark 35sec

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2:05 play bark 3sec
2:48- 3:47 dogs inside
Outside no barking
4:03-4:38 dogs inside
4:41 dogs "alert" barked 10 sec
4:51 -6:50dogs inside
6:52 alert bark 2 sec
7:00 play barking 30 sec
7:14 alert barking 10 sec
7:28 play barking 30 sec
7:31 dog barked 1 min brought dogs in
7:32- 8:13 dogs inside
8:13 outside no barking
8:20 dogs inside for the night

Total amount of time outside =14040/sec 234/minutes 3.9/hours
Total amount of barking =676/sec 11/minutes 0/hours

Saturday 7/23

6:36-6:38dogs out no bark
7:00 dogs out
7:12 dog barked 3 sec
7:16-7:17 dogs barked 1 min and I brought inside
7:17-7:27 dogs inside
7:27-7:33 dogs outside 1 bark
7:33- 10:26 dogs inside
Went to police 10am to file complaint
10:26 excited barking 10 sec
10:30 play growl 2 sec
10:50- 11:22 dogs inside
11:57 dogs alert barking over a min brought inside
11:59- 1:41dogs inside
1:42 alert bark 2 sec
1:51 play bark 20sec
Dogs outside from 1:51-3:30 no bark
3:30-5:00dogs inside
5:01-5:16 dogs outside no barking
5:16-5:53 dogs inside
5:54 play bark 3 sec
6:00 alert bark 3 sec
6:23 -8:07dogs inside
8:16 dog alert barked 10sec

8:17 Dogs inside for the night

Total amount of time outside = 16620/sec 277/minutes 4.6/hours

Total amount of barking = 174/sec 2.9/minutes 0/hours

Sunday 7/24

6:21-6:35 dogs outside no barking

6:35-9:42 dogs inside

9:42 excited bark 2sec

9:48 alert bark 1 sec

9:49-10:56 dogs inside

10:59 play bark 1 sec

11:26 alert barked 35 sec

12:05- 12:40 dogs inside

12:47 alert bark 1 sec

1:14 bark 1 sec

1:14-1:47 dogs inside

1:47-2:08 no bark

2:08- 4:37 dogs inside

4:39 dog barked to come inside 5 sec

4:40-5:00 dogs inside

5:07 bark to come in 3 sec

5:13 alert bark 2 sec

5:38 bark 2 sec to come inside

5:38- 6:13 dogs inside

6:13-6:45 outside no bark except to come in 2 sec

6:45-7:55 dogs inside

7:55-8:00 dogs outside no bark

Total amount of time outside = 12120/sec 202/minutes 3.3/hours

Total amount of barking = 55 /sec 0/minutes 0/hours

Monday 7/25

6-6:10 dogs outside barked 2 sec to come in

6:10-7:42 dogs inside

7:42-7:51 dogs outside no bark

7:51- 11:38 dogs inside

11:39-11:46 dogs outside no barking

11:46-1:00pm dogs inside

1:27 play bark 1 sec

1:35 play bark 3 sec

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1:43- 4:33 dogs inside
4:34-4:43 Dogs outside no bark
4:43-6:44 dogs inside
7:00 alert barked 40 sec
7:08 play bark 20 sec
7:15 play growls/bark 15 sec
7:51- dogs inside

Total amount of time outside = 8760/sec 146/minutes 2.4/hours
Total amount of barking = 81/sec 1.35/minutes 0/hours

Tuesday 7/26

6:22 -6:24 dogs outside no bark
6:24-6:36 dogs inside
6:36 -dogs outside
6:37 alert bark 25 sec
6:47 bark to come in
6:47 -10:07 dogs inside
10:06-10:16 dogs outside no bark
10:17-12:16 dogs inside
12:16 -12:39 dogs outside no bark
12:39-3:29 dogs inside
3:29-4:17 dogs outside no bark
4:17-7:30 dogs inside
7:30-7:56 dogs outside no bark
7:56-8:27 dogs inside
8:29 alert bark 1 sec
8:42 -9:14 inside
9:14-9:32 outside no bark
9:33 inside for night

Total amount of time outside = 9180/sec 153/minutes 2.55/hours
Total amount of barking = 26/sec 0/minutes 0/hours

Wednesday 7/27

6:18 alert bark 10 sec
6:32 dogs inside
7:53 dogs outside
8:00 1 bark
8:52 alert bark 15 sec

8:53- 11:16 dogs inside
11:16-11:25 outside no bark
11:25-12:03 inside
12:03 outside
12:05 play bark 1 sec
1:00- 3:16 dogs inside
3:16-3:37 dogs outside no bark
3:37-5:10 dogs inside
5:10-5:11 dogs outside no bark
5:11-7:22 dogs inside
7:22 -7:44 dogs outside no bark

Total amount of time outside = 11040/sec 184/minutes 3/hours
Total amount of barking = 26/sec 0/minutes 0/hours



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George & Carole Hersey
23 Phillip Dr.
Bellingham, MA

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Dear Board Members:

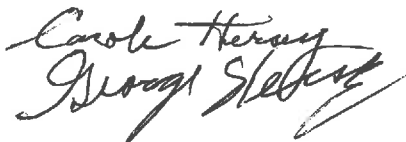
We are long time residents of our town and have lived in our home since 1969. We are writing to express our full support for Julie and Tiffany to board dogs in their home.

We understand that some in our community have voiced concern over the barking of the dogs. We live next to them and at no time did we feel that the barking of the dogs were bothersome or excessive. In fact we enjoy seeing the dogs because they bring a smile to our faces.

We are both retired and are home majority of the time. In fact there have been times Julie and Tiffany have cut our grass for us because we are at the age that it becomes overwhelming. When we go away during the winter months we know our house is safe because Julie and Tiffany keep an eye out for anything that may be troublesome. They both have always been willing to help out even if we don't ask. We feel very lucky to have them as neighbors.

We fully support Julie & Tiffany in her efforts to provide a safe and fun environment for our local community to board their dogs at her home.

Sincerely,



George & Carole Hersey

Frederick Dehmer III
46 Phillip Dr.
Bellingham, MA

8/1/22

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Dear Board Members:

I am a long-time resident of our town. In fact I've lived in my home for 58 years! and I am writing to express my full support for the pending decision for Julie to board dogs at her house.

I understand that some in our community have voiced concern over the barking of the dogs. I live directly next to them and at no time did I feel that the barking of the dogs were bothersome or excessive.

I am a retired disabled Veteran and Julie has helped me in so many ways. She has helped to maintain my yard by cutting the grass and snow blowing my driveway in the winter. At one point unbeknownst to her she removed some poison ivy that was growing up the side of my house. Unfortunately this caused a severe reaction in which she had to make multiple trips to urgent care. She does/did all of this without me even asking for any help. That's the type of neighbor Julie is. She is always willing to help out even if I don't ask. I am a very lucky person to have her as a neighbor because I know that if I ever needed anything she would be right there to help me!

I fully support Julie in her efforts to provide a safe and fun environment for our local community to board their dogs at her home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frederick Dehmer III". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Frederick Dehmer III

Tony Manibusan
46 Phillip Dr.
Bellingham, MA

8/1/22

Dear Board Members,

I have been living with Fred Dehmer III for the past year which is the next door neighbor to Julie. In this time I have been taking care of the property and maintaining the outdoor landscape. In my entire time I have been there and being outside as much as I have cutting down multiple bushes and cutting grass I had no idea that there were even dogs at Julie's house. Therefor I fully support Julie boarding dogs at her home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tony Manibusan', written over a faint horizontal line.

Tony Manibusan

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7/29/22

27 Phillip Dr.
Bellingham MA 02019

Dear Board Members,

We have been neighbors of Julie and Tiffany Griffin from 1/01/2016 to 8/28/20. In that time we have come to know Julie and Tiffany as outstanding neighbors. We always kept a look out for each other and our properties. They even gave us delicious treats at Christmas time.

During the time we were neighbors we know they had dogs. At times we could also hear the dogs outside playing. At no time did we feel that the dogs were a nuisance. Therefor we recommend that Julie and Tiffany continue to make pet owners feel safe and happy by letting them stay at their home.

Debra Francesconi
Joe Francesconi

Deb & Joe Francesconi

As a side note, we have been
retired and also home

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Allen Elliot
47 Phillip Dr.
Bellingham, MA 02019
7/29/20

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Dear Board Members:

I have lived at my current location since 1978 and have been neighbors with Julie and Tiffany since 2016. I am writing to express my full support for the pending decision for Julie to board dogs at her house.

I understand that some in our community have voiced concern over the barking of the dogs. My son walks his dog up and down the street everyday. Majority of the time I don't hear any dogs barking at all. My son has told me that the only time he hears any dogs barking is when her dogs are outside and they see his dog walking down the street. In my opinion this is typical dog behavior and myself nor my son have been bothered by it.

Julie and I have a good relationship and we help each other out as neighbors on many occasions. She is the type of neighbor you hope for and is an asset to our street. I fully support Julie in her efforts to provide a safe and fun environment for our local community to board their dogs at her home.

Sincerely,

Allen Elliot

Allen Elliot

Client list

Typical Dog	Communicative Dog		
Tucker	Perry		
Jewels	Buck		
Cody	Finnegan		
Pixie	Thibs		
Rosie	Bart		
Luna			
Luca			
Sunny & Benny			
Butter			
Samson			
Sammy & Sienna			
Harper			
Alfie			
Chloe			
Indy			
Cobalt & Rocco			
Huckleberry			
Chipper & Giggles			
Duncan			
Mojo & Mollie			
Skittles			
Sully			
Stella			
Maple			
Chewy & Rey			
George			
Bella			
Talia			

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Appendix A

Current Fencing



Additional fencing if required with Height to be determined

