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Dear Planning Commission Members,

Thank you for taking the time to review our request for the special use permit to own more than 4 dogs. The purpose of this request is for us to maintain compliance with Olathe Municipal Code while continuing to keep our animal family together. As citizens who have spent over 1000 hours each in the past 3 years volunteering for local and national animal rescue agencies, we have come to appreciate how very difficult the lives of abandoned and abused dogs can be. After spending a week each aiding over 500 dogs rescued by the ASPCA from fighting and hoarding situations, we found ourselves needing to act when we see a dire situation for the animals in our own area. While in the majority of cases this is just referring the person who asks us to local agencies in the area that can assist them, we have found ourselves attached to a some of the dogs that we have helped. As a current CATCH dog behavioral training academy and Penn Foster Vet Tech program student, Cindy is able to provide one on one assistance, support and training needed by a couple of our rescued dogs. We are requesting a permit with a maximum of 10 dogs, which will allow us to keep our current family together and if absolutely necessary, have a foster dog stay with us for a day or two until it can be taken to the appropriate rescue organization if needed. We acknowledge that having more than four animals can be a daunting task for some however, we have been trained by the ASPCA training program to care for animals and have experience caring for large numbers at one time. Our dogs are each walked in the morning and evening with several trips outside throughout the

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day as needed. They are fed high quality foods and have comfortable indoor sleeping areas. We firmly believe everyone has the right to keep their peaceful safe haven and we go to great lengths to do our part to ensure that we bring the dogs inside as soon as they begin to bark, and also no later than 9:00 pm nightly, minus the occasional bathroom trip. We have noticed the trend on our street to have dogs running loose. We do not do this for the safety and respect of both the dogs and neighbors. Furthermore, we have taught all dogs a "sidewalk" command to keep them from walking on or using the rest room in neighbor's yards. Waste bags are attached to several of our leashes and we always have them with us on walks for proper disposal. Our commitment to the care of our dogs and respectful environment for the neighbor are outlined in the attached documents summarizing our daily care routine. We have also included a document containing a picture and short Bio of each dog we own and why he/she is so special to us. Once again, we thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm Regards,

David and Cindy Czernik