

Attachment 10

Good evening to the board, my name is Janice Awalt my business is pet Nanny Paso. I have been a resident of Paso Robles since 1990 retiring from State Service after 18 years in our community and fostering numerous dogs for a rescue group.

I am here to address my concerns as to "pet sitting with overnight stays" for the home occupation category. To prohibit overnight stays would be a disservice to our community and tourism. Pets are now becoming just as important as family members, to some us. Families make it a point to travel with there pets by car and stay in our B & B's and local hotels, but unfortunately pets are not to be left alone in those hotels, so not allowing them the option of boarding within the city limits would be very inconvenient. For several reasons :

Location could be a factor, they would possibly have to travel further which would indure more frustration for those who do not live in the area. Maneuvering through the county and city limits can be challenging to drop off a pet at the pet sitter especially at night and can be time consuming.

Locals that are new to the area and do not have any family or friends may find it harder to find overnight boarding options.

High demand for boarding due to the increase in tourism and pets in general.

Driving further out is less cost-effective. Typically clients who stay at local hotels look for pet sitters that are conveniently close to the hotels.

Let's keep in mind that everybody has their own individual needs when it comes to their pets. Some are young such as puppies which may need more attention or are older that have medical issues that need to be attended to. Others may have aggressive issues that require separation, some may have anxieties issues that require more physical contact, so finding the suitable pet sitter is very important.

I can give so many more reasons why people need overnight pet sitting services;

Special occasions:

Out of the area Weddings, funerals, birthdays, graduations, visiting family members or just traveling in general.

Events:

Dr appointments,

Concerts, winetasting,

Whether it be in or out of the city limits, let's not eliminate the option for home occupational pet sitting overnight boarding, rather let's give pet owners options and be more accommodating. Locals & tourists would appreciate that I am sure.

Thank you for your time.

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