

CHIEF BILLY JONES
RICHLAND CENTER POLICE DEPT.
470 S. MAIN ST.
RICHLAND CENTER, WI. 53581

MAY 9, 2024

CHIEF JONES,

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, I OBSERVED THAT A DUCK WAS BEING MAINTAINED IN AN OUTSIDE PEN AT 445 N. ORANGE ST. WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF RICHLAND CENTER, WI. MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE OWNER OF THAT DUCK WAS ADVISED BY YOUR DEPARTMENT THAT THIS WAS IN VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCE 310.02. HAVING OBSERVED THAT NO CORRECTIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN, I NOTIFIED YOUR DEPARTMENT. I WAS INFORMED BY AN OFFICER THAT THE OWNER OF THE DUCK HAD OBTAINED A LETTER FROM HER DOCTOR THAT THE DUCK WAS THERAPEUTIC AND THAT NO ENFORCEMENT ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN. HAVING REVIEWED ORDINANCE 310.02, I FIND NO EXCLUSION TO ALLOWING FOR THIS.

I AM REQUESTING THAT THE OWNER BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE SPECIFIED ORDINANCE OR FACE THE PENALTIES AS OUTLINED IN THE ORDINANCE. I WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS SITUATION AND AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL ENFORCE THIS ORDINANCE.

REGARDS,

DEAN R. ATKINSON (608) 604-3606