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**TO:** Jamie Jackson, City Clerk  
**FROM:** Chief Brian W. Kohlmeier  
**DATE:** February 3, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Sex Offender Residency Appeal - Wilkes

On 01/18/2022, the Two Rivers Police Department was notified by the WI Sex Offender Registry that Everett J. Wilkes, a registered sex offender, moved into the City of Two Rivers. Address provided by the Registry was 1617 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Two Rivers. It was subsequently determined that Mr. Wilkes moved in with his daughter, Lisa Lavigne, who moved to Two Rivers and has been residing at this address since August of 2020.

Mr. Wilkes' residency in the City of Two Rivers would be in violation of the City's Sex Offender Residency Restrictions as enumerated in City Ordinance 9-9. Specifically, Mr. Wilkes was convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct-2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in 1997, in the State of Michigan. This offense requires life long sex offender registrant status. Mr. Wilkes has not previously resided in the City of Two Rivers, and Mr. Wilkes' daughter also has not resided in the City of Two Rivers a minimum of 5 years.

On 01-18-2022, Det. Lt. Wiesner contacted Mr. Wilkes and Ms. Lavigne and advised both parties that Mr. Wilkes' residency in the City of Two Rivers was in violation of ordinance. Information was requested on how to appeal for a waiver or variance to this restriction, that information was provided.

On 01-20-2022, The Two Rivers Police Department received letters from both Lisa Lavigne and Everett Wilkes. Those letters requested that the City of Two Rivers reconsider the prohibition on Wilkes residing within the City. The letters outline circumstances that both parties indicate and request be taken into consideration in providing this recommendation. Those letters were

delivered to the City Clerk for the purpose of adding this matter to the City Council's next regular meeting agenda.

A further investigation into the matter was initiated. This investigation included an examination of the case information and charges from Michigan, criminal history of Mr. Wilkes, prior residency, and physical health and care considerations disclosed in the letters. As part of this investigation, contact was also made with the complainant of the original sexual assault case resulting in the Michigan conviction. This investigation substantiated the information provided by Mr. Wilkes and Ms. Lavigne.

Based on the results of this Department's investigation, it is my recommendation that a "waiver" be provided in this case and Mr. Wilkes be allowed to reside in the City of Two Rivers without penalty as specifically and narrowly related to City Ordinance 9-9-3. This recommendation is being made based upon the fact the both the complainant and victim in the assault resulting in conviction have supported the request and recommendation. Additionally, Mr. Wilkes' health is such that his daughter's care is believed to be regularly needed and/or necessary. While the danger to the public is always of the utmost concern to this Department, a waiver under the circumstances that exist does not appear to be unreasonable and an increased risk to the public also does not appear to be present in this case.