

Variance Request for Town Leash Ordinance

Town of Clyde Park Variance Request

Date: 05/07/2026

Request Overview

I am submitting a formal request to the Town of Clyde Park for a variance from the town ordinance regarding leash requirements. Specifically, I am asking that my dog, Bailey, be grandfathered due to the circumstances in which she has lived the majority of her life, a period during which the town was not actively enforcing the leash code.

Background on Bailey

Bailey is a very well-behaved dog who has never bitten anyone and consistently demonstrates friendly behavior toward everyone she meets. She greets people with a wagging tail and a wiggling body, signaling her desire to say hello and possibly receive some affection. Bailey has developed a routine circuit in town, which includes visiting the Tavern to see the staff at the kitchen door, where she often receives a treat. She occasionally explores the business area if she notices a crowd, seeking friendly interaction and affection from those who appreciate a good dog's companionship. At no point has Bailey posed a threat to anyone.

Considerations for Variance

The average life expectancy of a Labradoodle ranges from 8 to 12 years, and Bailey is now 13 years old. I respectfully request that Bailey be permitted to live out the remainder of her life without being restricted by the recent implementation and enforcement of the leash ordinance. Additionally, I ask that any past infractions be forgiven and cleared from her record.

Management and Supervision

We do our best to keep a close watch on Bailey and to keep her at our shop. However, with warmer weather and open doors, there are occasions when she slips outside without our immediate notice.

Bailey's Daily Routine

Bailey spends most of her hours relaxing on the rugs at our shop, enjoying the environment and the company of those around her.