



Saving Cats' Lives Through Community Solutions

December 4, 2019

City of Madison Zoning Office
215 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Madison, WI 53703

Re: Letter of Intent for Madison Cat Project Conditional Use of 3205 Latham Drive

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter accompanies our application for Conditional Use (Animal Shelter) of 3205 Latham Drive, Madison, WI 53713.

Madison Cat Project is a feline-only rescue organization based in Madison, WI, which has been serving the Madison and Dane County areas since 2001. We provide cat adoptions (almost 800 in 2019) to the public, as well as offer affordable spay and neuter surgeries to the public in through our partnership with the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine. We do not operate an open veterinary clinic to the public.

We have been at our current location at 627 Post Road in Madison for the past 10 years. Housed at our current site is an in-house medical facility, as well as caging and space for 22-30 cats at any given time. Seventy to eighty percent of our cats are housed in foster homes or at adoption center spaces throughout the Madison area, in conjunction with our community partners. We utilize our shelter as a holding space while cats receive medical care, with most cats most being in our shelter for three to ten days, on average, before moving to an adoption center, foster home or adoptive home.

We do not house any of our animals outside, nor do we provide any outdoor space for them. This would be consistent with our planned usage of the new space, as well. It is likely that many of our current neighbors are entirely unaware that there are cats in our building.

We do not intend to make substantial changes to the exterior of the building at 3205 Latham Drive, save for signage and the installation of a fenced area for garbage and recycling dumpsters. Our hours of operation are currently by appointment only, with volunteers providing care for our cats between the hours of 6AM and 9PM. Our appointment window for the public/medical appointments for our cats are generally between 8AM and 6PM. We currently have four full-time and four part-time staff, who will all work on site.

Thank you,

Colin M. Steinke
Director
Madison Cat Project