

December 10, 2009

Chris Cheng
Ann Arbor Planning Commission
100 N. Fifth Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Dear Chris:

The Arbor Dog Daycare is requesting to expand its premises from 3,200 square feet to 8,800 square feet and extend its business hours, as well as increase the number of dogs on the site at one time. Before the City allows the Arbor Dog Daycare to expand on South Main St., please take the time to inspect the premises. This business site does not appear to be up to the standards one would expect.

The building the Arbor Dog Daycare resides in is a warehouse. The booming barks of dogs can be heard at a significant distance and inside the noise is even worse. If this is the sound level at 45 dogs a day, what will it be like at the requested 125? Currently, they have an average of 40-56 dogs.

Even if these requests on behalf of the animals are not enough to stop this expansion, consider the impact on the community. South Main St. is already a congested roadway, and expanding this business's lot and hours would mean increased traffic throughout the day and especially during normal business commute time. Within 100 feet of the Arbor Dog Daycare are two retirement communities, a Montessori school and many professional businesses. How will increased dog barking and more traffic noise affect the young, old and professionals in this area?

It is requested that an inspection of the Arbor Dog Daycare be carried out and the planning commission members please consider the burden this will place on members of this community.

There are many fine upscale buildings in the area and the proposed expansion would not have a positive effect.

Sincerely,

Sandy Eiler
Representative of Neighboring Property Owners