

Ladies and Gentlemen of Knoxville-Knox County Planning,

I write this letter to you today not as a friend of Michael and Amanda, not as a client of the business but as a voting tax paying resident of Knox County. There is an immediate need for the services Michael and Amanda provide, especially with Paws & Badges.

Please consider allowing B&B Canine and Paws & Badges to remain operational at 5307 E. Emory Rd.

“You saved my son’s life.” This is a quote to Paws & Badges/Michael Bartleson from a mother whose son is a combat veteran and received a PTSD support K-9 from Paws & Badges. This combat veteran is less than 30 years old. He suffers from PTSD. Michael, Amanda, B&B Canine and Paws & Badges worked together to provide this young combat veteran with a service dog. He is alive and living well. Thanks to the work of Michael and Paws & Badges he is not one of the 22.

Do any of you really want to be responsible for hindering or even stopping the work this family, business and non-profit do? Think about that. Not only does B&B help families like yours and mine with their pets but their non-profit Paws & Badges provides service K-9s to the people who protect us. To the people who run towards the evil that we run away from. This isn’t just a fly by night business, these are people passionate about what they do and truly love all their clientele. I have seen it personally myself.

Please take what I have said into consideration in your meeting today.

Sincerely,

A resident of the county your are appointed to serve.