

To the Members of the Planning Commission:

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed approval of the dog kennel business located on the property owned by Jeremiah Cottle, which is located across the street from my residence behind my neighbor, Amy Pennoyer, in the Daisywood cul-de-sac of the Forest Mills subdivision. For reference, my address is 12305 Daisywood Drive, Knoxville, TN 37932. I urge the Planning Commission to consider the severe and ongoing impact this operation has had on me, my neighbors, and our overall quality of life.

1. Personal Health Impact:

As a cancer patient currently undergoing chemotherapy, I rely heavily on a quiet and peaceful environment to rest and recover. Since the dog kennel began operating, I have been subjected to near-constant barking throughout the day and often during early morning and evening hours. The volume and frequency of this noise make it difficult - sometimes impossible - to sleep, rest, or even think clearly in my own home and especially not outside of my home. I often sit on my back deck, which faces the opposite direction of the kennel and still - I cannot have a relaxing moment or peace in my outdoor space. This has had a direct and harmful impact on my health and ability to heal.

2. Disturbance to Local Residents and Pets:

The noise from the kennel has not only disrupted human residents, but has also caused significant distress to pets within our cul-de-sac. Dogs in my home and neighboring homes become agitated and anxious in response to the persistent barking, creating a ripple effect of noise and stress throughout our quiet residential neighborhood.

3. Operation Without Approval:

It is my understanding that the kennel began operations before the necessary approvals were obtained from the Planning Commission. This disregard for proper procedure is troubling, particularly given the level of disruption the operation has already caused.

4. Incompatibility with the Neighborhood:

Our neighborhood is a quiet, family-oriented residential area. The scale, noise, and nature of these commercial activities are wholly incompatible with the character of our neighborhood and threaten to erode the quality of life for all residents.

5. Precedent Concerns:

Allowing this kennel to continue operation without appropriate conditions or limitations could set a precedent that encourages similar disruptions in other residential-adjacent areas.

6. Property Value Concerns:

In addition to the serious impact on my health and day-to-day quality of life, I am extremely concerned about how the ongoing noise from the dog kennel is affecting the value of my home. Under Tennessee law, property owners are required to disclose known nuisances or neighborhood conditions that could negatively influence a buyer's decision to purchase. As a

result, I will be legally obligated to inform any prospective buyer about the persistent and disruptive noise caused by these operations. This disclosure significantly diminishes my home's marketability.

Studies have shown that homes affected by constant noise - particularly from barking dogs - can sell for 5% to 15% less than comparable properties, and they often sit on the market far longer (up to 7 months longer than comparable homes). The presence of Mr. Cottle's kennel (and his gun range nearby with the sound of automatic weapons firing regularly) raises serious concerns for families and other potential buyers who expect a safe and quiet residential environment. This situation not only threatens my investment, but it creates a lasting burden. I should not be forced to bear the financial consequences of an unpermitted commercial operation being placed so close to a peaceful residential neighborhood.

I've worked extremely hard to be able to afford to live in this peaceful neighborhood and now that I am fighting for my life I have to be concerned with losing a significant portion of that investment that I may need to liquidate at some point in order to save my life. Cancer is not fun and it's not affordable. I respectfully urge the Planning Commission to deny approval for the kennel as proposed. No one - especially someone in vulnerable health - should be forced to live under such conditions in their own home or lose equity in an investment that should be protected from something like this.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for standing up for the rights and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Kristen Gann