

Members of the Knox County Planning Commission and Knox County Commissioners,

I have lived in the Forest Mill Subdivision for 13 years and the primary reason we bought here was because of the peace and serenity of the area. Having participated in the planning and approval process in the past, I am unclear as to how this business is asking for approval after opening. Why did this not come before the planning commission prior to the opening? This kennel creates a noise nuisance at all hours of the day and night. I find it hard to believe that this man owns a business caring for someone else's dogs when his are routinely getting out and roaming our neighborhood. He has presented himself aggressively to our neighbors, even children, which represents him poorly as both a neighbor and businessman.

I understand that our area of the county is/was largely farmland, and there are in fact things one expects when buying out here such as cows and roosters as well as pets. In saying that, all of our neighbors do their best to keep pet noise to a minimum....not the kennel. There have been many occasions while walking my dog outside my home when my dog gets spooked by the barking from the kennel. I haven't noticed any measures that the applicant has taken to reduce this barking.

As a fellow veteran, I am really disgusted by the hiding behind that title as means to be deserving of this or the comments that say it is ok because it's a veteran owned business. The comments he has made to our neighbors have been rude and inconsiderate, even hostile, uncharacteristic of a military professional. These situations coupled by his routine shooting near the boundaries of our neighborhood has been cause for concern or has even intimidated our neighbors.

Ultimately, rules are in place for opening a business, especially one of this nature when in proximity of populated areas. I strongly encourage the planning commission to disapprove this request as presented. If approval is granted, it should not be without modification to the property/business to reduce noise or move the kennels away from the populated areas.

Serving on the Forest Mills HOA, I have heard many complaints with regards to this kennel. We have residents that are more drastically affected by the kennel than others, but all the residents of our subdivision deserve to have the peace and tranquility offered by our location within Knox county when they decided to relocate here. I once again urge the planning commission to disapprove this request or place significant restrictions on the business.

Very respectfully,

Norm Anderson