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Dear Mr. Kirk:

The Department of Health has completed the preliminary inspection and assessment of the housing and health condition of your horses. The complete findings and recommendations are attached.

Under the laws of the City of St. Louis, including the Charter and the City of St. Louis Revised Code 10.20.016 and 10.20.017, the Health Department and the Health Commissioner have the authority to regulate animal housing and to protect the welfare of all animals in the city. This necessarily includes the authority to set minimum standards for housing, to ensure that no unfit animal is allowed to work, and to ensure that animals are not overloaded or overworked.

Pursuant to that authority, the Health Department conducted an inspection of your animals and housing. The Department found conditions and practices that violate existing law, all of which must be ameliorated.

Accordingly, effective immediately, you must:

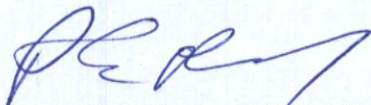
1. Not work any horse when the Maximum Heat Index reaches 100 degrees for any single day.
2. Not work each horse more than eight hours per day, five days per week. Each horse shall receive no less than five weeks of vacation or furlough every twelve months at your facility in St. Louis County.
3. Assure that the individual horse, Moose, undergo a complete respiratory diagnostic work-up and is found to be healthy and unremarkable prior to his return to the city for use as a carriage horse. He must have Bronchoalveolar Lavage performed to rule-in or rule-out Inflammatory Airway Disease (IAD) and quantify the severity of the condition if present, as a variety of management techniques and therapies may be indicated at that time. This work-up must be performed in collaboration with the City Veterinarian.

4. Assure that the individual horse, Ben, have his wounds treated by a Veterinarian and worked in a harness that does not continue to exacerbate the healing process;
5. Have a Equine Veterinarian available to respond by phone within 15 minutes and the Equine Veterinarian should be able to respond to emergencies in an urgent and timely manner upon the department reporting to you that one of your horses is in apparent distress;
6. Make all veterinary and farrier records available for inspection where the horses are housed in the city;
7. Allow for a scheduled monthly inspection and periodic unannounced inspections of your horses and barns at both your St. Louis City and County sites.

No later than July 24th, you must provide a written plan for how you will ensure that your carriage horse stables operating within the city are held to the current standards and best practices of equine husbandry including but not limited to:

- Adequate fresh air and ventilation (i.e. individual and industrial fans in good repair combined with windows, doors, grates, vents and eaves);
- Fastidious cleaning practices to minimize horse exposure to dust, debris and odor;
- Storing food and bedding materials in an area separate from the horse barn; and
- Assuring that each horse have free access to a salt block.

Sincerely,



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City of St. Louis Health Director

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Attachments: Carriage Horse
Stable Assessment Reports,
Summary, and Recommendations.

Pc: Melba R. Moore, MS, CPHA, Health Commissioner
Dr. Sarah Frei, DVM, St. Louis City Public Health Veterinarian